



St. Benedict Catholic Church

October 31, 2021

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Take to Heart These Words



“Hear, O Israel!” (Deuteronomy 6:3) are the first words of the most important declaration of faith for Jewish people, a declaration that is the centerpiece of the morning and evening Jewish prayer services. It is a kind of “pledge of allegiance” that observant Jews say even today, reminding themselves of the uniqueness of their God and the covenantal relationship they have with this God. In it they confess that the Lord is their God, their only

God. Out of reverence, they do not pronounce God’s personal name. In its place they substitute the word Lord. Behind this act of faith is the covenantal promise of God: “I will be your God and you shall be my people” (Jeremiah 7:23). This covenant carries mutual responsibilities. God will be their God and will be faithful to all that this blessing entails. As God’s people, they will live according to the standards set by God, witnessing to the world the holiness in life lived for and with God. They are to love God with all their heart, soul, and strength. Jesus did not change this declaration in any way. It is at the heart of the Christian way of life as well. What he did was throw light on the meaning of living for and with God, of loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength. He insists that to love God is to love others, and to love them as we love ourselves. “Hear, O Israel!” “Take to heart these words” (Deuteronomy 6:6).

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WEEKEND MASSES

St. Benedict Hall, Honaunau
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. John the Baptist
Saturday 6:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Benedict Hall, Honaunau
7:00 a.m. Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday
St. John the Baptist
Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

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For Reflection

- * How in your family or workplace might you show love by being kinder, more patient, and willing to forgive slights?
- * How open are you to changing your understanding when a new point of view is offered to you?

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading: "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!" **Dt 6:2-6**

Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength. **Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51**

Second Reading: ...but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. **Heb 7:23-28**

Gospel: "Which is the first of all the commandments?" **Mk 12:28b-34**

OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

BULLETIN: Articles and photos (with caption) for the bulletin must be *emailed* to st.benedict@rcchawaii.org Submission deadline: **TUESDAY at 5:00pm.**

WEBSITE: thepaintedchurchhawaii.org

HOSPITALITY



ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME

In compliance with Bishop Silva's directives, our Masses are being held at St. Benedict Hall Chapel. Social distancing and masks are required. We welcome all to celebrate The Eucharist with us.

BISHOP SILVA ENDED THE DISPENSATION

from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which had been in effect since mid-March, 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

SACRAMENTS

Funerals may now take place again in St. Benedict Hall Chapel according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses, i.e. following all health and safety precautions. Funerals at this time may not include visitation times, only the Vigil for the Deceased, a Funeral Mass and Committal may be held.

Baptisms may take place according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses. They will be done in such a way that the same water is not poured on more than one person or stored in the font after use.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

At this time Father Sieg is available for Confessions by appointment, observing all proper precautions. Call the office 328-2227.

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospitalized

Call the office to arrange for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASS

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace-Oahu
Sunday: 10am; Mon-Sat: 12pm Sat: 5pm.
<https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live>

"If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death."

- Saint Paul of the Cross

ENTRUST THEIR SOULS TO GOD'S MERCY

Praying for the souls in Purgatory is a long-standing tradition in the Church. It is a way to honor those who have died as we pray for them to achieve the holiness needed to enter God's heavenly kingdom.

Our prayers for deceased family members and friends express our trust that God will grant them forgiveness of their sins and that He will fulfill his promise of eternal life in heaven.

For us, death is not the end, but the beginning of the new and perfect life in Christ. This is why we turn to God in prayer, especially on All Souls Day and during the month of November, that our loved ones may rejoice in the presence of God together with all the Angels and Saints.

ALL SOULS DAY REMINDERS

Please get your All Souls Day Remembrance envelopes in as soon as possible. You can find one in the back of your offering envelope box. If you have none or need more, they will be at the entrance of the hall this week going forward. **Father will bless them on the weekend of October 30th & 31st**

We will be adding only the names of those who have passed away in the last year to the Holy Souls List. If you know someone who has died in the past year, please call the office, as some deaths may not have been recorded in our books due to the pandemic.

You are welcome to bring pictures of your deceased loved ones as we have done in the past.

Mass and Cemetery Blessings:

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 7:00 am, St. Benedict—Mass with blessing of St. Benedict Cemetery to follow.

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 6:00 pm, Blessing of St. John Mission Cemetery

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Vanity never heals. Rather, it is poisonous, it goes on bringing the disease in your heart, bringing you that hardness of heart that tells you: "No, do not go to the Lord, do not go. Stay by yourself." Vanity is precisely the place to close ourselves to the call of the Lord. HOMILY, MARCH 10, 2020



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

§ DECEMBER 2020, TO § DECEMBER 2021

Most glorious St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may accomplish the will of God all the days of my life.



PRAYER

Pray a Rosary for **November**
a Poor Soul in Purgatory

Pray
the
Rosary
Daily

Ask for
Our
Lady's
Intercession



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Dear Jesus our Lord,
We ask you to have mercy on all who are sick. Give them your strength and your love, and help them to carry their cross with great faith in you. May their sufferings be one with yours. Help them to overcome the power of evil, and lead others to our Father in heaven. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer, for you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

**FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH,
KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

Michelle Paopao-Skillern, William Anderson, Lionel Gaspar, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Cheryl Ono, Mary Bunao, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Tony Dias, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Robin Crusat, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess Jr., Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Venancio Mendoza, Keiki San Filippo, Dottie Combs

***Call the office to add your loved one or yourself

PRAYER

CALENDAR

Monday NOVEMBER 1
All Saints Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday NOVEMBER 2
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Wis 3:1-9 Rom 5:5-11 Jn 6:37-40

Wednesday NOVEMBER 3
Weekday Rom 13:8-10 Lk 14:25-33

Thursday NOVEMBER 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Rom 14:7-12 Lk 15:1-10

Friday NOVEMBER 5
Weekday Rom 15:14-21 Lk 16:1-8

Saturday NOVEMBER 6
Weekday Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Lk 16:9-15

Sunday NOVEMBER 7
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



"I would give up my life a thousand times, not only for each of the truths of Sacred Scripture, but even more for the least of the ceremonies of the Catholic Church."

-Saint Teresa of Avila,
Doctor of the Church

*An Act of
Spiritual Communion*

*My Jesus,
I believe that You are
present in the Most
Holy Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least
spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You
were already there
and unite myself
wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be
separated from You.*

Amen.

*Thank God...
for the gift of Jesus
in the Eucharist!*

*When I am in pain,
I will think about all the pains Our Lord
Suffered for me*



All Saints Day
(November 1)
&
All Souls Day
(November 2)
Treasure Hunt

Throughout November the Treasure Hunts will be about SAINTS of the Church. Today, our focus is the feasts commemorating our saints and departed souls.

1. **T/F:** In the Catholic Church, the veneration of the **Communion of Saints** only refers only to canonized saints, unknown saints and the souls in purgatory.
2. What is the liturgical color for *All Saints Day*?
3. **T/F:** A sheaf of wheat and the Manus Dei (hand of God) are two (of several) symbols of All Saints Day.
4. Three (3) masses take place on All Souls Day: the first is for the faithfully _____, the second is for the intentions of the _____, and the third is for the intentions of the _____.
5. From November 1-8, what are **TWO** (2) ways to earn **plenary indulgences** on behalf of the suffering souls in Purgatory? [Plenary indulgences are given by God's grace because of Jesus' sacrifice for us.]
6. Fill in the missing words to the "Eternal Rest" prayer: Eternal rest _____ unto them, O Lord, and let _____ light shine upon them. May they rest in _____. Amen.

Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt
Month of the Holy Rosary: #4

- 1-** St. Dominic; **2-** Ottoman Empire; **3-** T (true); **4-** family; **5-** novena; **6 -** have the rosary blessed by a priest

SAINT OF THE WEEK FEAST DAY OCTOBER 26
Blessed Rupert Mayer 1876-1945

In deference to his father, this German was ordained a diocesan priest first, then entered the Jesuits in 1900. He led parish missions in Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands, and was wounded as a chaplain in World War I. After the war, he worked in Munich with the poor and unemployed, directed a men's sodality, and spoke out against the rise of Adolf Hitler. The Nazis arrested him three times, imprisoning him at Sachsenhausen and in an abbey. He was freed in May 1945, but had a heart attack while saying Mass November 1st.

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Dear Padre,

Does the Church have a position on cosmetic surgery?

For clarity, we understand cosmetic surgery to be a medical intervention that's purely optional and not required to maintain or restore physical health. For example, we aren't considering here plastic surgeries in response to serious injuries from fire or trauma. It's impossible to give a single response about all cosmetic surgery, and the Church has no explicit teaching on the matter. Perhaps some general suggestions will help guide our thinking. We must first ask what the goal of the surgery is. Face lifts, "nose jobs," "tummy tucks," and such are elective surgeries usually pursued because persons are unhappy with their appearance. While there may be instances where people are so distraught over these matters that cosmetic surgery would help them attain some peace and comfort, often these surgeries are motivated by vanity. When these feelings are present, one might ask whether more profound issues about self-acceptance should be addressed, rather than resorting to changing one's appearance. One should ask how this particular cosmetic surgery would enhance our dignity as one made in God's image. In a broader context, we might consider how much is spent on "looking better" when many have neither food, shelter, nor proper clothing. A good meditation is to think first of Jesus' concern for the poor and then how he wishes to work through us to take care of his poor as the body of Christ.

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SERVICE

MAHALO FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!!



A number of parishioners have recently given generously of their time and talent. Thank you to everyone who has helped us with several tasks around St. Benedict Church and St. John Mission. Your stepping up to help is gratefully accepted and greatly appreciated.

KEALAKEHE HIGH SCHOOL IS SEEKING DONATIONS ...for its Kokua Closet, which is available to students in need of clothing, school supplies, toiletries, and snacks. New or gently used clothing is welcome. Pencils, pens, small calculators, and erasers are the most popular school items. Requested toiletries include toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner. Scented Suave products are especially popular. Kids appreciate any kind of pre-packaged, individually wrapped snacks.

If you'd like to make a donation, contact Kealakehe High School Parent-Community Networking Coordinator Cassi Vigil-Alip @ 808-640-2147 or email her @ cassandra.vigil-alip@k12.hi.us

Mahalo for your consideration.