



St. Benedict Catholic Church

April 24, 2022

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY Second Sunday of Easter

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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 Honaunau

7:00 a.m. Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday

St. John the Baptist

Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

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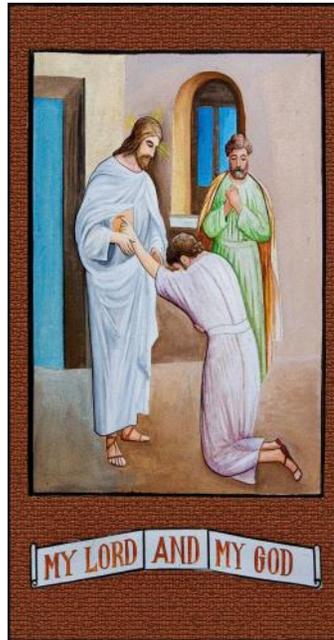
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Take My Word for It

This is easier said than done. Growing up, we insisted on doing things ourselves, learning from our own experience, developing a sense of our own ability. We soon came to know that there are times when we should—in fact, we must—take someone else’s word for something. If we refused to do this, we might be called a “doubting Thomas.” Is that fair to us? Is it fair to Thomas? As today’s Gospel passage reports, gathered in a room, several disciples of Jesus experienced him truly among them. Thomas was absent. When the others told him what had occurred, he refused to take their word for it. To believe, he also would have to experience Jesus. It is unfair to credit them with faith and label him a doubter. After all, their experience probably convinced them, an event Thomas did not enjoy with the other disciples. The point of this story is not Thomas’ eventual visit by Jesus or his subsequent profession of faith. Rather, it is the source of such a confession. Thomas was unwilling or unable to accept the truth of the resurrection unless he saw Jesus and touched him. Jesus told him: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). Blessed are you and me, who have come to know Jesus and the truth of his resurrection on the word of others—our parents and teachers, pastoral ministers and friends, those who have come to know him and who witness to this in their lives.

Sr. Diane Bergant, CSA

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For Reflection

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☪ *If you lack faith, as seems to be the case with Thomas, pray for it.*

☪ *What do you do to learn more about the faith?*

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading: This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us ... **Acts 5:12-16**

Psalms: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. **Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

Second Reading: “Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. **Rev 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19**

Gospel: “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? **Jn 20:19-31**

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: theaintedchurchhawaii.org

HOSPITALITY



ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME

UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

***IF YOU ARE FEELING ILL OR HAVE OUTWARD SYMPTOMS PLEASE STAY HOME! ***

Masks are now optional.

Safe distance is no longer required in Church or in meeting places. Food can be shared only if served by designated persons wearing masks or if individually pre-packaged.

Exposed (close contact) to COVID-19 is defined as being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (regardless of mask use).

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. Please contact the office for most current guidelines.

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.

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[Lectio divina] is first of all a matter of reading the biblical passage attentively—even more, I would say with “obedience” to the text, to understand what it means in and of itself. One then enters into dialogue with Scripture, so that those words become a cause for meditation and prayer.



GENERAL AUDIENCE, JANUARY 27, 2021

Easter Prayer of Saint Hippolytus

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate.

Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen.

Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing.

Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty.

**Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,
the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever.**

- St. Hippolytus of Rome

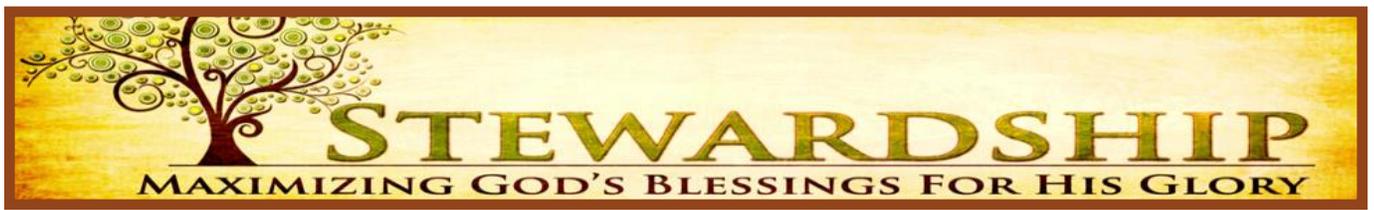
SAINT OF THE WEEK—Feast Day April 25th ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST—Died c. 68



Painting by
Cristobal Almanza
'Soul Painter'

St. Mark is the author of the second gospel and is believed to be the ‘John Mark’ in Acts of the Apostles. He traveled about with Paul and Barnabas as they went to Antioch in 44 A.D. Paul and Barnabas also journeyed to Asia Minor and Cilicia without Mark. There was an apparent disagreement between Paul and Mark for a time. The troubles seemed to end when Paul was imprisoned, as Mark visited him there. During Paul’s second imprisonment he wrote to Timothy at Ephesus to bring Mark to Rome with him. Mark was probably there at the time of Paul’s martyrdom. Tradition says Mark was also a close companion of St. Peter and that Peter referred to Mark as his “son” in letters he sent to Asia Minor churches. According to writings of Irenaeus and Cyril of Alexandria, Mark was an interpreter for Peter. He founded the episcopal see of Alexandria, a very important see in early Christianity.

Mark’s gospel was most likely written between 60 - 70 A.D. and was based on the teachings of St. Peter. He also is thought to have given Matthew and Luke the basics for their gospels. He lived in Alexandria for many years and was martyred in 68 A.D. by being dragged through the streets. His relics were stolen from Alexandria in 828 A.D. when two Venetian merchants were told that they were in danger of desecration. The relics were stolen, taken to Venice and placed in a stunningly beautiful Cathedral of San Marco. Most of what is known about St. Mark the Evangelist is from Catholic tradition. Mark’s symbol is a winged lion.



STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

PRAYER

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DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



QUEEN OF HEAVEN

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
 R. The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.
 V. Has risen, as He said, alleluia.
 R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
 V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
 R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.
 O God, who through the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ gave rejoicing to the world grant, we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Catholics striving for Holiness -

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Lord Jesus, you are the Master of life and death. Everything we have is your gift. We trust in you. With only a touch you heal the sick, restore the broken and brighten the darkness. Only You can do this. We ask you to be with our loved ones who suffer now. Let them feel your presence and your power. May they know your love, light and truth. Cover their bodies with wellness, if it is your will. We thank you for overcoming the world, holding all of heaven and earth in your loving hands, and mostly Lord, for giving us the promise of eternity. Amen.

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

Emily Griego, Johnny Kai, Jeanette Laris, Finnan Sambursky, Gwen McKinney, Rafael Ramirez, Tamo Wong, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, Cheryl Ono, Michelle Paopao-Skillern, William Anderson, Lionel Gaspar, Gloria Grapa, Mary Bunao, Tamayo Hanato, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Charles & DeeDee Tripoli, Linda Adkins, Guy Miranda, Keiki San Filippo, Dottie Combs. * Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

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!*

CALENDAR

Monday APRIL 25 St. Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday APRIL 26 Easter Weekday Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday APRIL 27 Easter Weekday Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21
Thursday APRIL 28 Easter Weekday Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36
Friday APRIL 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15
Saturday APRIL 30 Easter Weekday Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21
Sunday MAY 1 Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Reading the Bible keeps us from sin.

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you".

Psalm 119:11



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24, 2022

Treasure Hunt

1. On April 30, 2000, the day of the c _____ of St. Faustina, Pope _____ renamed the Second Sunday of Easter, *Divine Mercy Sunday*.
2. Jesus told St. Faustina, “My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the *Feast of Mercy* be a refuge and shelter for all s _____, and especially for poor s _____.”
3. What **sacraments** and **prayers** are required of us to receive the grace of a *plenary indulgence* on Divine Mercy Sunday?
4. In the picture above, what are Jesus’ ***right hand***, ***left hand***, and ***the rays of light*** extending to us?
5. The prayer for Divine Mercy in Polish is “*Jesu ufam Tobie.*” In English, it is “_____.”

Bonus: **Who** was the **artist** that St. Faustina pestered until he portrayed Jesus in the precise likeness of her vision?

Answers to last week’s Treasure Easter Sunday

1- Simon Peter; 2- She fears that Jesus’ body was stolen; 3- John, burial clothes, to help us to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead; 4- F (false); 5- Easter Season, 50, hope. **Bonus:** T (true).

SEVEN REASONS TO ATTEND MASS

- 1) It lets us express our gratitude.
- 2) It allows us to give back.
- 3) We become part of a diverse community.
- 4) Our prayers are strengthened.
- 5) We receive insight into the Word of God.
- 6) Our minds are enriched.
- 7) Our souls receive nourishment.

Dear Padre,

My friend is doing a Bible study, and part of the program is something called lectio divina. Is that a Catholic practice?

This method of listening to Scripture has the Church’s approval. In fact, Catholic bishops have recommended lectio divina as an easy way for Catholics to become more familiar with the Bible. The practice of lectio divina is quite simple: First, ask the Holy Spirit to help you listen. Then slowly read a short Scripture passage aloud. Listen for a word or phrase that strikes you. Next, think about why this word or phrase is so striking at this moment. Does the word or phrase touch your life right now? Then, ask God’s help in making an important choice, or ask what the word or phrase that struck you in the first step means in your life. Finally, close your eyes, let go of all thoughts, and remain silent before God. These parts have a logical progression, but it’s not a hard-and-fast method. People who have been doing lectio divina for a long time sometimes move back and forth between parts. If you practice lectio divina regularly, over time your understanding of God’s word will deepen.

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SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The regular St. Benedict Food Pantry schedule continues to be the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 9 am to 10 am.

Next open on Friday, May 13th.

SHARE YOUR HARVEST WITH OUR VISITORS

If your harvest is bountiful, please bring a portion to St. Benedict Gift Shop where we offer it to visitors as part of their “aloha experience” at the Painted Church.

THE HOLY MASS...

“Let us return from that Table,
like lions
breathing out fire,
terrifying to the devil!”

-St. John Chrysostom
Father and Doctor of the Church