



St. Benedict Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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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Times Are a-Changin'



Today's Gospel expands a theme mentioned on the fourth Sunday of Easter, namely, change in religious practice. Many good people find some Second Vatican Council changes difficult to accept. For example, they may not like the new Mass form or leniency in Church discipline. They prefer Latin chants and the organ rather than folk music with guitars. This dissatisfaction is not necessarily because they are stubborn or unbending. It could be they

were taught that the truth of the Church is eternal and unchanging, and want to see that reflected in the liturgy. Actually, such understanding of the unchanging Church is only partially correct. The fundamentals of our faith as expressed in the Creed have not changed. It is the ways we understand or practice our faith that have gradually developed. For instance, the Mass is still the Mass, with three essential parts. Yet, the wording of some prayers have changed, and at Mass we stand more and kneel less. Most are cultural changes, but there are some changes in theological understandings too. We now recognize the religious value of other faith traditions; interfaith marriage is allowed with special permission; and we understand the teachings of the Bible in new ways. Today's reading from Acts shows that, from its beginning, the Church changed. Paul and Barnabas did not require Gentile believers to conform to circumcision—a Jewish practice, not Christian. Dissention arose. But the Holy Spirit helped the leaders in Jerusalem move beyond long-standing past practices and into a new way of being faithful. We believe the Holy Spirit continues to work through believers to ensure that the gospel is always faithful, yet newly meaningful.

Diane Bergant, CSA

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For Reflection

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☪ *In what ways have changes made your faith more meaningful to you?*

☪ *As we move toward Pentecost, pray to be open to the working of the Spirit in your parish.*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right." **Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**

Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you! **Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8**

Second Reading: I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. **Rev 21:10-14, 22-23**

Gospel: 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' **Jn 14:23-29**

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

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

We are living in a time of experimentation with life. But it is harmful experimentation. Making children, rather than accepting them as a gift, as I said. Playing with life. Be careful, because this is a sin against the Creator: against God the Creator, who created things this way.



ADDRESS TO ITALIAN CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS,
NOVEMBER 15, 2014

The Regina Caeli

(From Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday—prayed standing)

QUEEN of Heaven rejoice, alleluia,
For the Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia,
Has risen as He said, alleluia;
Pray to God for us, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. Because the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray —

O God, who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the whole world: grant, we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINT OF THE WEEK—FEAST DAY MAY 25th

Saint Bede the Venerable 673 AD - 735 AD

Priest and Doctor of the Church



When very young, Bede was sent to the care of the abbot of the Monastery of St. Paul, [Jarrow, England](#). He was a

genius who was instructed by scholarly and saintly monks. He was considered the most outstanding scholar of his time, expert in all the sciences, philosophy, the principles of Aristotle, astronomy, arithmetic, grammar, church history, lives of the saints and especially Holy Scripture. He became a deacon at age 19 and was ordained a priest when he was 30 years old. Until his death in 735, Bede was diligent in learning, writing and teaching. He copied many books of this time and composed forty-five books of his own, which included 30 commentaries on books of the Bible. He wrote his *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* which was considered of decisive importance in the art and science of writing history. He was sought after by kings, nobles and even Pope Sergius but remained in his own monastery until his death, leaving only one time for a few months in order to teach in the school of the Archbishop of York. The saintly man died while praying his favorite prayer: "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As in the beginning, so now, and forever."

PRAYER

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things...

From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone...

From Mary we learn to love Christ her son and the Son of God...

Pray the Rosary Daily



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake,
or watch, or weep tonight,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.
Rest your weary ones.
Bless your dying ones.
Soothe your suffering ones.
Pity your afflicted ones.
Shield your joyous ones.
And for all your love's sake. Amen.
-Saint Augustine-

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

Emily Griego, 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 MAY 23 Easter
Weekday Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday MAY 24 Easter
Weekday Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday MAY 25 Easter
Weekday Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday MAY 26 St. Philip Neri, Priest Acts 18:1-8 Jn 16:16-20

Friday MAY 27 Easter
Weekday Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday MAY 28 Easter
Weekday Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday MAY 29 The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 Lk 24:46-53 Do you have a question for the Padre?

*"Before beginning
to READ: ...raise
your mind to the
Lord and implore
Him to GUIDE
your mind Himself,
to SPEAK to
your heart and
MOVE your will."*

-Padre Pio-



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus Prepares His Disciples for His Ascension

[John 14: 23-29]

Treasure Hunt

1. **How** do we know that Jesus' message to "keep My word" (in John 14: 23-24) is to be taken **seriously**?
2. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit **A** _____, the One who will **t** _____ us and **r** _____ us of what we were told.
3. What is the **difference** between the *PEACE* Jesus leaves with us and words like "shalom" or "farewell"?
4. **Why** does Jesus tell His disciples to **REJOICE** in the news that He is leaving them?
5. Jesus tell His disciples about His upcoming Ascension so that they will **b** _____ when it happens.

Answers to last week's Treasure Fifth Sunday of Easter

-1-Love one another, all, disciples; 2- liar, never seen; 3- hate, pray, persecute; 4- good, reward, children, kind, wicked. **Bonus:** Pope Francis.

WE ARE ONE WITH YOU

O God, we are one with you. You have made us one with you. You have taught us that if we are open to one another, you dwell in us.

Help us to preserve this openness and to fight for it with all our hearts. Help us to realize that there can be no understanding where there is mutual rejection.

O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly, fully, completely, we accept you, and we thank you, and we adore you, and we love you with our whole being, because our being is your being, our spirit is rooted in your spirit.

Fill us then with love, and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways, united in this one spirit which makes you present in the world, and which makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love.

Love has overcome. Love is victorious.

-Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

Dear Padre,

God gave humanity the skills for a child to be born to those suffering from infertility. So why does the Church oppose in vitro fertilization (IVF) after a couple has exhausted other options to conceive?

While the Church views having, raising, and educating children as a primary purpose of marriage, it also teaches that the means to achieve that goal must be morally appropriate. The Church considers in vitro fertilization (Latin for fertilization "in glass" or a laboratory) to be a morally inappropriate means for attaining that goal for two main reasons: First, in practice, the IVF process almost always results in the destruction of living human embryos that do not get implanted in the woman, which the Church considers morally equivalent to abortion. Second, just as the Church teaches contraception is wrong because it entails the willful separation of the natural ends of the marital act, it also teaches that IVF is wrong because it replaces the dignity of the marital act with a technical procedure. In other words, IVF supersedes the act God willed to be the genesis of new life. In addition, IVF demeans the dignity of the spouses and their parental role (and the dignity of a third-party sperm or egg donor, if one is involved). All of this deprives the resulting child of a true filial relationship with his or her parents, turning the child into a technological commodity rather than a gift from God. Couples must be careful not to become so obsessed with pregnancy that they lose perspective and fail to see other expressions of marital generativity, such as adoption, that expand marriage and provide a home to children who wouldn't otherwise have one.

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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 27th.

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.