

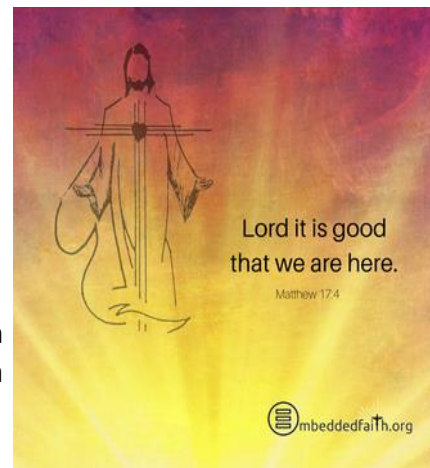


St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

What a Blessing!



Today's readings don't seem Lenten. They are uplifting, not penitential. God makes promises to Abram of extraordinary good fortune, political protection, and international status. The man must have been thrilled. Paul reminds Timothy that the life of holiness and blessing to which we have been called is a gift from God; always available to us, and not a reward for any good works we might have performed. And then we hear of Jesus' transfiguration in the sight of a few disciples. They were so overwhelmed by that spectacular experience they wanted to pitch tents so they wouldn't have to leave the place. How are such wondrous ideas penitential? While God's marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram's blessings were not simply for him and his family. "All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open a door to others—other nations, other ethnic groups, other religious communities. Abram was not simply chosen by God. He was chosen so that others might be blessed through him. Timothy was instructed to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8). The blessing might be a gift, but it carried the responsibilities of discipleship. The voice from heaven told the disciples: "Listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Being chosen by God or having seen the glory of Jesus calls for a change of mind and heart. This change isn't easy to accomplish. It is the reason for penance.

FOR Reflection – In what ways might you be a blessing for others? – Listen to Jesus. What is he saying to you?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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 Kealakekua

WEEKEND MASSES
St. Benedict, Honaunau
 Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:15 a.m.
St. John the Baptist
 Kealakekua
 Saturday 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
St. Benedict, Honaunau
 7:00 a.m. Tues., Thurs. & Friday
St. John the Baptist Kealakekua
 7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "I will make of you a great Nation..." [Gn 12:1-4a](#)

Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us [Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.](#)

Second Reading ...but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior, Jesus Christ Jesus. who destroyed death [2 Tm 1:8b-10](#)

Gospel: ...from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." [Mt 17:1-9](#)

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.**

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HOSPITALITY



ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME

We welcome all visitors this weekend, and hope you will enjoy being part of our liturgical celebration. If you are living here, we invite you to become a member of our parish family. You may register by coming to our Parish Office during the week or by calling us at (808) 328-2227. There are also registration forms at the entry of the church.

IN OUR DAYS OF LENTEN JOURNEY...

Lent is an excellent time to pray the holy rosary. We can ask the Mother of our Lord to accompany us as we follow the Way of the Cross. St. Louis de Monfort said, "The rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, who loves His Mother." Our traveling Virgin Mary would like to be welcomed into your home for the week so that you can take part in this special devotion. Just place your name on the sign up sheet at the back of Church.

"The family that prays together stays together."

-Fr. Patrick Peyton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father Sieg will be available to hear confessions 20 minutes before each of the weekend Masses or by appointment.

EUCCHARIST TO HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITALIZED

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

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

We continue with our Coffee, Snacks and Conversation Fellowship after Sunday Mass. It has been



successful. We have the first and third Sundays at St. John Mission and 2nd and 4th Sundays at St. Benedict. Bring snacks if you want. Your joining in our fellowship can be part of your stewardship of time. Come, and be happy stewards!!

**** UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES****

- ◆ **3/14/2020** Annunciation Church, Waimea, repeat of Stewardship Retreat, 7 am to 1:30 pm. Please RSVP to Annunciation office at 808-887-1220 or email to: merickson@rcchawaii.org
- ◆ **3/24/2020** 5:30 pm Chrism Mass with Bishop Silva presiding, at St. Michael the Archangel.
- ◆ **3/25/2020** 6:00 pm Penance Service at St. John Mission. Several priests to hear confessions.
- ◆ **3/26/2020** 6:00 pm Penance Service—Honoka'a
- ◆ **3/31/2020** 6:00 pm Penance Service—Waimea
- ◆ **4/01/2020** 6:00 pm Penance Service—Hawi
- ◆ **4/02/2020** 6:00 pm Penance Service—Kailua
- ◆ **4/09/2020** 7:00 pm Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. Benedict Hall, with adoration to follow in the church.
- ◆ **4/10/2020** 3:00 pm Good Friday. Outdoor Stations of the Cross at St. Benedict.
- ◆ **4/10/2020** 7:00 pm Good Friday of the Lord's Passion. Adoration of the Holy Cross, St. Benedict.
- ◆ **4/11/2020** 7:00 pm Saturday, Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter. St. Benedict.
- ◆ **4/12/2020** 10:00 am Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord. Mass at St. Benedict with pot-luck brunch. More info to follow...

COMING WEEK AT A GLANCE / PARISH CALENDAR

MON 3/09	TUES 3/10	WED 3/11	THUR 3/12	FRI 3/13	SAT 3/14	SUN 03/15
No Masses <i>Father's Day Off</i>	7:00 am Mass at St. Benedict	7:00 am Mass St. John Mission *Cruise Ship: Pride of America	7:00 am Mass St. Benedict 7pm St. John Prayer Group Meeting	7:00 am Mass St. Benedict Stations of the Cross +++++ St. B. 3:00 pm SJB 7:00 pm	4pm: Mass St. Benedict 6pm Mass St. John Mission	7:15 am Mass St. Benedict 9:30 am Mass St. John Mission



PRAYER

FAITH FORMATION

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



As a spiritual devotion to Mary, our Blessed Mother and the Patron Saint of the U.S., the Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary are prayed at approximately 35 minutes before all weekend Masses at St. Benedict and St. John. Join in this powerful prayer to our Mother who intercedes for us.

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

Rudy Crusat, Elizabeth Awa, Bill Myers, Johnny Koene, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Chickie and Tony Dias, Phyllis Blank Leathead, Robin Crusat, Davies Lynn Carstens, Charles Tripoli, Dolly Primacio, Danny Burgess, Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Stephen Texeira, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, Keiki San Filippo, Michael Suber, Bobbie and Eddie Navas, Theresa Flemming. Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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.

"If you have lost the taste for prayer, you will regain the desire for it by returning humbly to its practice."

-Pope St. Paul VI

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Throughout Lent, we will walk the Way of the Cross at St. Benedict outdoor stations at 3 p.m. on every Friday. At 7:00 p.m. we will pray the stations indoors at St. John Mission. Join us wherever it is convenient for you. (# small sacrifices)

KEIKI MUSIC MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

BRAD LEE AOKI



I am 13 years old.
I am in 8th grade.
My favorite thing about church is playing the guitar.
My favorite color is green/black.
When I grow up I want to be in the Air Force.
My favorite book is Harry Potter Book 2.
My favorite movie is "The Blind Side."
A food I really like is Pho.
My favorite animal is a wolf.
I would like to travel to Oklahoma.

Brad Lee has done an amazing job of learning guitar chords within 6 months and playing at Mass. He's in his 2nd year of doing weekly practices, continues to get better each week and is our 2020 Keiki Music Musician Leader. Also a special thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Cadang for being Brad Lee's music sponsors.

Keiki Music Ministry started in November 2018, currently has 16 active kids and is in need of volunteers. If you're an adult who knows music and would like help volunteer with practices, interested in learning music as you teach beginner music lessons or has a child that wants to learn music please send a text to Carlo Mireles at [\(808\) 333-9338](tel:8083339338).

A MUSICIAN'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
You hear us, our words in prayer, our silent thoughts and pleas and each note or melody we sing and play. May our praises today connect with heaven and unite our hearts with the sound of eternity.
Lord, may the gifts of our voices and melodies of our instruments move with the work of your Holy Spirit. May we bring light into dark places, restore hope and vision to all who are oppressed, and well-being and health to all those who suffer.
Today Lord, we give you our worship. May it be a platform for you, Lord Jesus, to touch our lives afresh and build your church.
Amen.

-Prayer courtesy of www.living-prayers.com

SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on **every 2nd and 4th Friday** of the month.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Food Pantry, with monetary or food donations, or volunteering your time. Next open for distribution on Friday, **March 13, 2019**.

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

March 14, 2020 —St. Benedict: Peter.

St. John: Marjorie Fujimoto, Damon & Heather Ogata. We appreciate all of you who labor faithfully to keep our churches clean.

IF YOU ARE ABLE to join any of the church cleaning groups, or start a new one, please contact Ramona Ciriaco or the church office.

More volunteers are needed!

MAHALO FOR YOUR FRUIT DONATIONS!!

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate fruit to our gift shop. We are grateful for all. The tourists love the abundance of your tropical farm produce. Your continued sharing is very much appreciated.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!!



We greatly appreciate Jim Morton, Bruce Hashimoto, Sydney and company, the Pohnpei community, Vincent Alvarado, and all those who helped prepare and transfer the original church steeple to a visible place on St. Benedict grounds. Re-

pairing and bringing it back to its original condition is our next course of plan and action. Mahalo to all!!

LENT

A time to remember God



FAITH FORMATION

Dear Padre,

March 8, 2020

Is the new life that Jesus promises available now for the taking, or is he talking about life in heaven? The transfiguration seems to give Jesus new life and spirit immediately.

I remember preparing an ecumenical prayer service to commemorate the life and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I came across a statement he made on April 3, 1968, the night before he was assassinated. Utilizing the Gospel of Jesus' transfiguration, Dr. King said, "I just want to do God's will. He's allowed me to go up to the mountain....I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord." Indeed, Jesus went to the mountaintop centuries ago and was transfigured. In the glory of God's voice and vision, Jesus came back down, fearing no one as he faithfully preached God's word, even as he went to another mountaintop, that of Calvary. Only then, in his moment of obedient death, was God's earthly glory fulfilled in him. "It is finished," he proclaimed (John 19:30). Yet even here, there is still more: the wait in hope and expectation of God's ultimate vindication three days later in the resurrection. So my hope for you, for me, for everyone, is that we also have mountaintop experiences of God's grace and blessing. Such moments of prayer, obedience, and service are there for the taking whenever we receive God's courage to act with integrity, justice, or forgiveness. Still, the culmination of our own bearings of the cross always awaits its ultimate completion beyond the grave in the kingdom of heaven.

—Fr. James A. Krings
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - GRADES 2 - 12 WEST HAWAII VICARIATE EVENTS

Saturday, March 14, 2020: Lenten Retreat,
St. Michael the Archangel 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 4, 2020: Passion Retreat,
St. Benedict 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

"If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself."

—St. Augustine—