



St. Benedict Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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.

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St. Benedict, Honaunau

7:00 a.m. Tues., Thurs. & Friday

St. John the Baptist Kealakekua

7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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Matters of Life and Death

Sheep are a lot smarter than some people think. They recognize the voice of their particular shepherd and follow that voice alone. However, that is not the point of Jesus' teaching today. Because most of us don't raise sheep or know much about them, we don't realize that the situation described in the Gospel passage is a matter of life and death. It's similar to the relationship between a military squad leader and the troops he leads, another life- and-death matter. In both, unquestioning obedience is required, and absolute trust in the other is presumed. That's what Jesus is describing. He's suggesting: "Listen to me. Follow my lead. Trust in me. I want only what is good for you, so I will be your sure protection." It sounds so easy, as parables and metaphors usually do. What does it mean to follow this Shepherd? In the first reading, Peter announces the answer in one word: "Repent!" There is that challenging word—the word we might associate with Lent, not with Easter. If we do so, we miss the point of following the Shepherd, for to follow him means to be like him. It means: "Repent! Stop taking advantage of other people. Open your minds and hearts to newcomers. Respect those who observe different religious traditions. Help those less fortunate than you." All of this is captured in the final words of the Gospel reading: do what you can so that all "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Clearly, that's smart.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

On what path might the Shepherd be leading you? In what area is he calling you to repent?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "...God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." [Acts 2:14a, 36-41](#)

Psalms: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. [Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6](#)

Second Reading: "...but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls." [1 Pt 2:20b-25](#)

Gospel: "...I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." [Jn 10:1-10](#)

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

The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

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HOSPITALITY



ONLINE MASS CELEBRATIONS

- ◆ Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis Mass go to **“Pope Francis-Holy Mass”**
- ◆ Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Sundays at 9:00 am, Mon-Sat at 8:00 am—go to **catholichawaii.org**
- ◆ Catholic TV Network—Daily Mass—go to **watchthemass.com**
- ◆ Daily Mass with Bishop Robert Barron—go to **wordonfire.org**

Dear Padre,

How will it happen that Jesus will come again and lead us “through the gates”?

We have it from the best of authorities that the date of the world’s end is hidden. Jesus said, “But of that day and hour no one knows...but the Father alone” (Matthew 24:36). In spite of Christ’s admonition that the day of his Second Coming is known but to God, there have been countless false prophets who have confidently but incorrectly predicted a date for the end of the world. Most of these foolish forecasters based their claims on misinterpretations of the Book of Revelation. The main purpose of the Book of Revelation is to assure us that God’s power will prevail. In the ongoing struggle between good and evil, there are times when evil seems to have the upper hand. No matter. Evil will be conquered and God’s rule will extend over all creation. The world might end tomorrow, or next year, or in five billion years. Jesus tells us we can’t know for sure. We are sure, however, that this world will pass away. And for each one of us the world will end at the moment of death. What matters is that we should always be ready to meet Christ. And we shall be ready if we follow Christ, our Shepherd, whom we meet in today’s Gospel. Jesus leads us safely through this life by his teaching, his example, and his grace.

—Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, CM

Rx for Body and Spirit

For Your Body

Wash your hands often.

Avoid close contact with other people.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

Stay home if you’re sick (except to get medical care).

Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.

For Your Spirit

Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

Pray the Rosary.

Participate in a televised or live-streamed Mass.

Take time for family prayer.

Practice Lectio Divina.

Don’t forget to help your parish with donations.



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, **May 8, 2020**. Mahalo to our Pantry volunteers for continuing this service as our island continues to take precautions against the COVID-19 pandemic.

STEWARDSHIP DURING A PANDEMIC

Just as so many aspects of our lives have been impacted by the coronavirus, our parish is feeling the impact, too. We sincerely appreciate our ever-generous parishioners who are sending donations by mail or through www.thepaintedchurchhawaii.org via PayPal. Our parish relies greatly also on the revenue received from those who come to visit and are, at this time, unable to come. With this, we are always grateful should you continue to practice your ‘stewardship of treasure’. Please pray for me as I continue to pray for you. May God bless you. Stay well and safe.

- Fr. Sieg



PRAYER

FAITH FORMATION

MAY—MONTH OF MARY

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



“She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us.”

—Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 176

Give some thought to praying a rosary **each day** for the needs of our families and friends, for peace and healing in the world, for a foreseeable end to the novel corona virus (COVID-19).



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

Rudy Crusat, Elizabeth Awa, Johnny Koene, Ruby Ann Kaho’onei, Chickie and Tony Dias, Phyllis Blank Leathhead, Robin Crusat, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess, Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Stephen Texeira, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, 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

Almighty God, You are powerful and strong. You are the creative force behind all that is. You are the energy that flows through us all. I willingly believe Your strength is bigger than the weaknesses we may feel. I believe you can heal them. If it be Your will, Lord, we ask You to heal us, our families and our friends. Provide peace and comfort to those in need of it, in Your mercy. Amen.

THIS CALENDAR IS PROVIDED SO THAT WE MAY READ AND MEDITATE EACH DAY ON THE MASS READINGS DURING THE SUSPENSION OF OUR PARISH EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS.

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.

Monday MAY 4 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday MAY 5 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday MAY 6 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 12:24-13:5a Jn 12:44-50
Thursday MAY 7 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20
Friday MAY 8 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6
Saturday MAY 9 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14
Sunday MAY 10 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12



“I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord; I know my
sheep, and mine know me.”

(JN 10:14)

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The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the Apostles’ Creed, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The Our Father, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the Hail Mary is the angel’s words announcing Christ’s birth and Elizabeth’s greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the Hail Mary. The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ’s life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and—added by Saint John Paul II in 2002—the Luminous.

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ’s spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately or with a group.

Praying the Rosary

Familiarize yourself and/or your group with the prayers of the Rosary.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Holding the Crucifix, say the Apostles’ Creed.
3. On the first bead, say an Our Father.
4. Say one Hail Mary on each of the next three beads.
5. Say the Glory Be.
6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery (perhaps followed by a brief reading from Scripture) then say the Our Father.
7. While holding each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten Hail Mary’s while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a Glory Be.

(After finishing each decade, some say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.)



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We should never forget: the Church is not a static reality, inert, an end in herself, but is on a continual journey through history, towards that ultimate and marvelous end that is the kingdom of heaven, of which the Church on earth is the seed and the beginning.

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GENERAL AUDIENCE, NOVEMBER 26, 2014

Reflection on Sunday’s Readings

We spend most of our days going about the things we think we’re supposed to do in order to get to the place we think we’re supposed to go. We check off the accomplishments along the way, assuming that with each item marked “done” we’re that much closer to success or happiness or whatever goal we’ve set for ourselves. But today’s readings remind us that the path is much simpler and, at the same time, much more challenging than what we’ve dreamed up. Over and over, we hear that God is calling us, which is a comfort that comes with sacrifice. Following God’s call does not guarantee a life free of heartache or a life filled with riches or a life marked by ease. What it does guarantee is that no matter where that call takes us, we will not have to weather any of it alone. The Lord will shepherd us, seeking us out when we stray, pulling us back when we want to rush ahead, soothing our hearts and souls with a voice that is as familiar as our own breath—if we would just take the time to stop moving and doing and achieving and just listen for the One who has the answers to all the questions we’re asking. We want to trust, to fall back into God’s arms and rest, but it’s so difficult because the world has told us that we’re the ones in control. Today, stop grasping and let go. Trust. Listen. You are called, chosen, beloved.

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