



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday June 14, 2020

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

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MISSION CHURCH:

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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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TAKE AND EAT

Many of us are little different from the Jewish crowds who cried out: "How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?" (John 6:52). Jesus does not explain how the bread was really his flesh. What he did was underscore the importance of eating this bread, which was his flesh. He then goes on and insists that we must drink his blood as well. If these were hard sayings for the people of Israel, who in their ancient past might have shared the flesh and blood of a sacrificed animal, what are we "sophisticated" contemporary Christians to make of it? The people of Jesus' time would have recognized several elements from their traditions in Jesus' discourse, but his re-interpretation of them would have startled them. Like the victim of an ancient holocaust offering, Jesus' blood is shed. However, it is not poured around the altar; it is to be consumed. Bread from heaven recalled the manna that fed their ancestors in the wilderness. However, the manna lasted for only a day; it then rotted. The bread Jesus gives is living bread that enables those who eat it to live forever. This is a lot to believe. But then, that is exactly what we are asked to do. We might have correct theological language to explain how this transformation takes place, but we still will not understand the mystery to which it points. So what are we to do? Very simply: take and eat!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



For Reflection :

□ The Eucharist is one of the foundational mysteries of our faith. A good Eucharistic prayer might be: "I believe; help my unbelief."

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Do not forget the LORD, your God..." [DT 8:2-3, 14B-16A](#)

Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. [PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20](#)

Second Reading: Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body...
[1 COR 10:16-17](#)

Gospel: "This is the bread that came down from heaven...whoever eats this bread will live forever." [John 6:51-58](#)

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



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. Due to limited space it would be best to arrive early. No one has been turned away yet, however more are attending each week. Thank you for your understanding.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

At this time, all Masses are being celebrated at St. Benedict Hall Chapel. Times are as follows:
Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am

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 make arrangements for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

*****WEEKDAY MASSES HAVE RESUMED*****

Mass is now being celebrated every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at St. Benedict Hall and Wednesday at St. John Mission— All at 7:00 am. Praising God first thing in the morning is the most important thing on our daily calendar. Receiving Christ in the Blessed Eucharist gives us the strength to fight selfish pride and sin. In accepting the challenge of meeting Jesus daily, we will find more joy than ever.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week Ending June 8, 2020

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!	
St. Benedict 4 pm Attendance: Adults 36 children 0	\$ 857.00
St. Benedict 8 am Attendance: Adults 24 children ?	\$ 442.00
St. Benedict 10 am Attendance: Adults 17 children ?	\$ 750.00
Offerings mailed in: Restricted Funds: ↓	\$ 915.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 250.00
Community Outreach	\$ 208.00
Total Offering	\$3,422.00

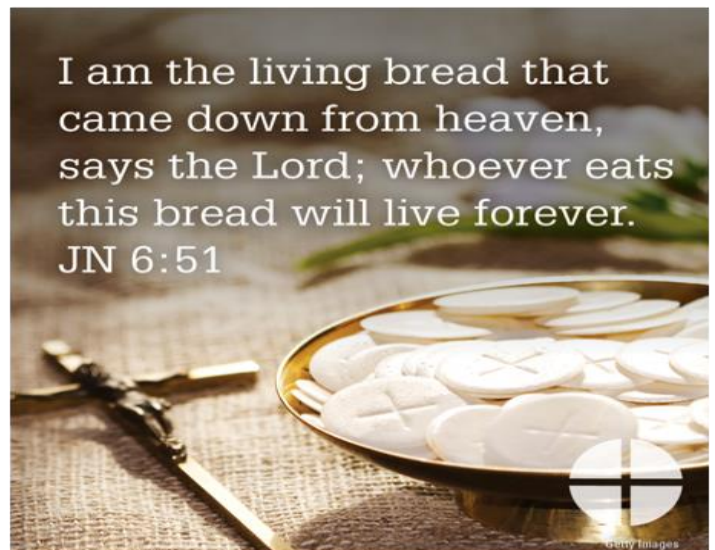


MAHALO FOR HELPING!

We want to thank everyone who volunteered to help set up, organize, instruct, sanitize, usher, and donate disinfectant products. It could not have been done without you! Thank you!

ALONG THE SAME LINE...

As you know, sanitizing products are hard to find these days. Usually they fly off the shelves and you have to be lucky to be there when they are stocked. We would greatly appreciate parishioners bringing their own hand sanitizer and also donating Clorox wipes, alcohol for sanitizing or any other products you may find available when you shop. Mahalo!





PRAYER

FAITH FORMATION

**Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay
For the Sanctification of Priests**

Date: Friday, June 19, 2020
Time: 11:30 Local prayer time
Lead Location: The Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace
Mysteries: Sorrowful

To join, go to www.hictv.com

Or join with Zoom at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7045737662>
Meeting ID: 704 573 7662

Pray the Rosary, unite with your country from wherever you are located on June 19th and Help encircle the world in prayer.



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

Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, 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, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, Keiki San Filippo, Michael Suber, 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.

CALENDAR

Monday JUNE 15
Weekday 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday JUNE 16
Weekday 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday JUNE 17
Weekday 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday JUNE 18
Weekday Sir 48:1-14 Mt 6:7-15

Friday JUNE 19
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Dt 7:6-11 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30

Saturday JUNE 20
Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Chr 24:17-25 Lk 2:41-51

Sunday JUNE 21
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:10-13 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33



After communion today, reflect on the gift of the Eucharist and thank God for His presence here. You could offer this prayer or something similar: "God, may the grace of this sacrament strengthen me to love you more faithfully."



*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 re-
ceive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this mo-
ment receive You sacra-
mentally, 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!*

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 especially during this Covid-19 crisis. Next open for distribution on Friday, **June 26, 2020.**

HAVE YOU HEARD ANY OF THESE MYTHS ABOUT CORONAVIRUS? (cont'd)

Myth #5 It isn't safe to receive a letter or a package from China.

This simply isn't true, according to the WHO. "People receiving packages from China are not at risk of contracting the new coronavirus. From previous analysis, we know coronaviruses do not survive long on objects, such as letters or packages. This kind of thinking is also harmful since it only helps perpetuate the stigmatization of specific populations linked to the coronavirus. This stigma— which can force people to hide their illnesses, prevent people from getting health care immediately, and discourage people from following healthy behaviors—can lead to more severe health problems and ongoing transmission, per the WHO.

Myth #6 Pneumonia vaccines can protect you against the new coronavirus.

Currently there is no vaccine to protect you against coronavirus—including pneumonia vaccines, such as pneumococcal vaccine and Haemophilus influenza Type B (Hib) vaccine. "The virus is so new and different that it needs its own vaccine," the WHO explains. That said, researchers are trying to develop a vaccine for the new coronavirus ASAP – it just may not be ready in time to battle the current outbreak. the WHO explains. Still WHO suggests getting vaccinated against respiratory illnesses to protect yourself from those specific illnesses.

Myth #7 The new coronavirus only affects older people.

Unfortunately, people of all ages can be infected by the new coronavirus. However, "older people and people with pre-existing medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease) appear to be more vulnerable to becoming severely ill with the virus," WHO explains.

(To be continued)

FAITH FORMATION

Dear Padre,

Why have many Christian religions been divided over the question of Christ's Body and Blood?

When Jesus said, "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world," the reaction was, "How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?" (John 6:51–52). When Jesus continued, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him," his hearers shrugged: "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" (John 6:56, 60). John's inclusion of this incident in his Gospel indicates that some of his contemporaries also denied Christ's Real Presence. Since then, some Christians have broken away from the Catholic Church because they could not accept the reality of Christ's eucharistic Presence. Some contend that Christ was speaking metaphorically—that the bread and wine merely symbolize the spirit of Jesus. Others say that Christ is present only as a result of the faith of the community and doesn't remain after the worship service. The Catholic Church teaches that when Jesus pronounced, "This is my body...this is my blood," he meant exactly what he said. For Jews of Jesus' time, "body" meant the person, and "blood" was the source of life identifiable with the person. Jesus was saying over the bread and wine, "This is my very self." Church teaching couldn't be more clear: in the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1374).

-Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, CM

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



Eucharistic worship also teaches us the right balance of values: not to put earthly realities in first place but heavenly goods; to hunger not only for material food, but also for "food that endures for eternal life" (John 6:27).

—ADDRESS TO THE DIOCESES OF CESENA AND BOLOGNA, APRIL 21, 2018