



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## Sunday October 11, 2020

### Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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#### MISSION CHURCH:

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
Kealakekua

#### WEEKEND MASSES

St. Benedict Hall, Honaunau  
Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday 10:00 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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### Our Invitation from the King

When people think of heaven, they often imagine a place up in the sky. Episodes of Star Trek should challenge that notion. The Bible usually speaks of heaven as an experience. According to our first reading, it is like a banquet, "a feast of rich food and choice wines" (Isaiah 25:6). Such a meal is an extraordinary event for hardworking people who seldom get to enjoy such luxury. According to today's Gospel account, the kingdom of heaven is like a wedding banquet, a feast of "calves and fattened cattle" (Matthew 22:4), a celebration of love and new life. Some people might prefer an image that thrills the ear rather than the palette, like a Handel concerto or a Beethoven symphony. Whatever image is favored, heaven is an incomparable phenomenon that cannot be described. It is an experience that will thrill us to the core of our being. To be invited to such an astounding experience might well be the event of a lifetime. This is, after all, an invitation from the king. Who would possibly turn it down? And yet, some do. As the Gospel recounts, some are too busy with work. Others would rather watch "the game." Still others who might accept the invitation minimize it by refusing to dress appropriately. How can people be so foolish? Yet, you and I often are. God's invitation to the heavenly feast simply asks that we realize the magnitude of the honor extended to us, that we accept it graciously, and that we enjoy the experience.

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



#### FOR REFLECTION

☞ So often our invitation to the heavenly banquet is shrouded. What keeps you from recognizing this invitation?

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!" [IS 25:6-10A](#)

**Psalms:** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. [PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6](#)

**Second Reading:** I can do all things in him who strengthens me. [PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20](#)

**Gospel:** "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son." [MT 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10](#)

**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](mailto:st.benedict@rcchawaii.org) Submission deadline: **TUESDAY at 5:00pm.**

**WEBSITE:** [thepaintedchurchhawaii.org](http://thepaintedchurchhawaii.org)

## HOSPITALITY



### 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.

### SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Larry Silva has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass to all the people (and visitors) of the Diocese of Honolulu through October 31, 2020. All who are able to attend Sunday Mass without putting themselves or others at serious risk of infection, are encouraged to do so, but are not obliged to do so.

### 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 arrange for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

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All the sacraments have a deifying purpose: Baptism introduces the Divine Life into us. Confession restores it when it’s lost through sin. Confirmation strengthens it. Matrimony and Holy Orders give it vocational direction. Anointing of the Sick prepares us for the transition to our heavenly homeland. And the Eucharist is meant to Christify us.

*-Bishop Robert Barron*

## LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASSES

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Oahu

Sunday: 10am (Bishop Silva) Mon—Sat: 12pm  
<https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live>  
St. Michael 9am English and 11am Spanish:  
[www.facebook.com/onecatholicohana/live](http://www.facebook.com/onecatholicohana/live) or  
YouTube channel: [bit.ly/stmichaelkonayoutube](http://bit.ly/stmichaelkonayoutube)

### OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the South Kona Catholic Church, comprised of St. Benedict, Honaunau and St. John, Kealahou; united in the Baptism of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, are committed to grow in understanding of and live as the people of God. Together we seek to create a warm and loving community of the Lord in our Church and families. We affirm our faith in the Living Body of Christ and reach out to our brothers and sisters in our community to share the Good News.

***I KNOW YOU ARE IN MY HEART, JESUS. I KNOW YOU ARE CALLING ME THIS DAY, BUT MY HEART IS NOT ALWAYS OPEN TO LISTEN. HELP ME TO ANSWER YOUR CALL TODAY. AT THE END OF THIS DAY, HELP ME TO BE JOYFUL IN ANSWERING YOUR CALL THROUGH THOSE IN MY LIFE.***

**OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

### ALL ARE WELCOME, COME AND PRAY

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Beginning October 3rd we will be praying the rosary before each weekend Mass. We will start at 3:40 pm Saturdays and 7:40 am and 9:40 am on Sundays.

“Say the Holy Rosary. Blessed be that monotony of Hail Mary’s which purifies the monotony of your sins!”  
-St. Josemaria Escriva

### A PRAYER FOR LIFE

Father and maker of all,  
You adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.



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**OCTOBER –Month of the Holy Rosary**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA, OCTOBER 13, 1917**

**Miracle before a crowd of more than 50,000 and the three shepherd children.**

**A reporter from the Lisbon news, O Dia saw it this way:**

“The silver sun, enveloped in the same gauzy grey light, was seen to whirl and turn in the circle of broken clouds ... The light turned a beautiful blue, as if it had come through the stained-glass windows of a cathedral, and spread itself over the people who knelt with outstretched hands ... people wept and prayed with uncovered heads, in the presence of a miracle they had awaited. The seconds seemed like hours, so vivid were they.”

**Dr. Almeida Garrett, Professor of Natural Sciences at Coimbra University described it as follows:**

“The sun's disc did not remain immobile. This was not the sparkling of a heavenly body, for it spun round on itself in a mad whirl, when suddenly a clamor was heard from all the people. The sun, whirling, seemed to loosen itself from the firmament and advance threateningly upon the earth as if to crush us with its huge fiery weight. The sensation during those moments was terrible.”

**A PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

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.

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

Angie Camello, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, Rudy Crusat, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho’onei, Johnny Koene, Chickie and Tony Dias, Robin Crusat, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess Jr. , Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, Keiki San Filippo, Michael Suber, Eddie Navas, T.Kathy Flemming, 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** OCTOBER 12  
Weekday Gal 4:22–  
24, 26–27, 31—5:1 Lk  
11:29–32

**Tuesday** OCTOBER 13  
Weekday Gal 5:1–6  
Lk 11:37–41

**Wednesday** OCTOBER 14  
Weekday Gal 5:18–25 Lk 11:42–46

**Thursday** OCTOBER 15  
St. Teresa of Jesus,  
Virgin and Doctor of  
the Church Eph 1:1–  
10 Lk 11:47–54

**Friday** OCTOBER 16  
Weekday Eph 1:11–  
14 Lk 12:1–7

**Saturday** OCTOBER 17  
St. Ignatius of An-  
tioch, Bishop and  
Martyr Eph 1:15–23  
Lk 12:8–12

**Sunday** OCTOBER 18  
Twenty-ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time Is  
45:1, 4–6 1 Thes 1:1–  
5b Mt 22:15–21



**YOUR WORD IS A  
LAMP TO MY FEET AND  
A LIGHT TO MY PATH"**

(Ps 119:105; cf. Is 50:4).

## Prayer for the Family

Dearest FATHER in Heaven,  
Bless our FAMILY and  
Bless us with new beginnings,  
Smile upon our PARENTS  
and surround our CHILDREN  
with the soft mantle  
of your love.

Teach every CHILD of ours  
To follow in your footsteps  
And to live life in the ways of  
FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY.

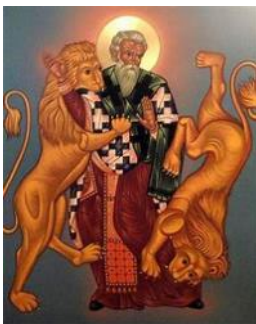
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.  
Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.  
St. Joseph, pray for us.  
St. Benedict, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, pray for us.  
St. Damien, pray for us.  
St. Marianne Cope, pray for us.



### SAINT OF THE WEEK Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Died c. 110 FEAST DAY: October 17



This Syrian-born martyr, who gave himself the nickname “God-bearer” because of his certainty of God’s presence within him and who may have been a disciple of St. John the Evangelist, became bishop of Antioch about 69. Eventually he was arrested and sent to

Rome, where his strong desire for martyrdom was fulfilled when he was thrown to the lions in the Colosseum. In seven letters written to Christians in Asia Minor and Rome, he stressed the need to heal church conflicts, the authority of local bishops and the Eucharist as a source of unity.



#### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Do good works, don’t just say words that are gone with the wind...Through the good works that we carry out with love and joy towards others, our faith emerges and bears fruit. Let us ask ourselves...Is our faith fruitful? Does our faith produce good works? Or is it sterile instead, and therefore more dead than alive?  
—Angelus, JULY 10, 2016 2020 Liguori Publications,

## Dear Padre,

### What is the Catholic Church’s position on grace versus works?

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works” (Ephesians 2:8–9). The Catechism of the Catholic Church attests that we have merit in God’s sight only because “God has freely chosen to associate man with the work of his grace” (CCC 2008). After God acted first on his own initiative, it then follows that we’re free to act through his collaboration, “so that the merit of good works is to be attributed in the first place to the grace of God, then to the faithful” (CCC 2008). In other words, it’s only through God’s empowering Spirit in each of us that makes our good works for salvation pleasing to the Lord! Moreover, Catholics believe these good works “contribute to growth in grace, so that the righteousness that comes from God is preserved and communion with Christ is deepened. When Catholics affirm the ‘meritorious’ character of good works, they wish to say that...a reward in heaven is promised to these works. Their intention is to emphasize the responsibility of persons for their actions, not to contest the character of those works as gifts, or far less to deny that justification always remains the unmerited gift of grace” (Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church, 38). Christian prayer provides us with the grace that’s needed for meritorious actions (CCC 2010).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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### 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, October 23, 2020**

**If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then light shall rise for you in the darkness and the gloom shall become for you like midday...**

Isaiah 58:10