



St. Benedict Catholic Church
Sunday November 8, 2020
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven, but Nobody Wants to Die

This is the title of a bluegrass song as well as a book on bioethics. It's a clever title, and there is some profound truth in it. Death, which is so natural for living things, seems so unnatural to human beings, who cling tenaciously to life. One would think that believers who hold that Christ conquered death would be comforted by that faith. However, that isn't always the case. It's not that they don't believe; it's that they don't understand what they believe. But that is the difference between understanding and believing. This is the problem described in Paul's letter today. The Thessalonians believed that, through his resurrection, Christ conquered death. Then why did some among them begin to die? Did those dying lack faith? No, Paul insists. Jesus, who died and rose, embraces those who have died and who will rise with him. Did the people fully understand this? Do we? Isn't this a question of faith—and trust? Paul thought that he and other believers could still be alive when the rising would happen, and they were not. Or were they? Doesn't our faith give us hope that we—both the living and the dead—will be embraced by God's mercy? Doesn't something wondrous occur when those who have "fallen asleep" wake up in the glory of God? Still, we might not understand all of this, but we are called to believe, and in believing we are told to "console one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

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—*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*



FOR REFLECTION

- ☯ What about death frightens you?
- ☯ At such moments, remind yourself that God loves you and that the risen Christ will embrace you.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence... [WIS 6:12-16](#)

Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. [PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8](#)

Second Reading: We do not want you to be unaware...about those who have fallen asleep... [1 THES 4:13-18 OR 4:13-14](#)

Gospel: 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' [MT 25:1-13](#)

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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Kealahoukua

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
 Kealahoukua

7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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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

Bishop Larry Silva has issued the following directive, **"I am hereby extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation through December 31, 2020. As I do so, however, I urge everyone who is able to return to Mass, without undue risks to their health or the health of others, 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.

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 or
YouTube channel: 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.

MAHALO FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

Thank you to all parishioners who have helped with our current needs for lectors and ushers (we need more ushers!) and we are also grateful for your donations of Clorox wipes, hand sanitizers, etc. Mahalo!

*All the Holy Souls...
Pray for Us as We Pray for You*

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

AS THIS PANDEMIC GOES ON...

We are so thankful for the cooperation of all our parishioners, for your patience and understanding as the months pass. We remain grateful for your generosity, and we ask that you please continue to support St. Benedict and St. John the Baptist Churches to the extent you are able.

Your many prayers and sacrificial generosity toward St. Benedict Parish throughout the years have always been appreciated, but particularly during this difficult time in our lives. Please know that each of you remain in our daily prayers as well. Stay safe!



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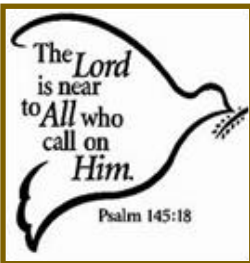
DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



Prayer to Mary for the Souls in Purgatory

Immaculate Mary, Queen of Heaven, hear the cries of your suffering children in purgatory and in this month of the Holy Souls, we ask that you intercede for them at the throne of God. See in them, dear Mother most faithful, the suffering of your Divine Son Who gave Himself for their salvation. Remember His poignant and bitter Passion and Death, and see in them the suffering that He endured. With faith and confidence, O Mother of Mercy, we pray that you will obtain their release from such suffering, so that they, in union with you and all the Choirs of Heaven, may contemplate the Beatific Vision in heaven forever. Amen.

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.

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

Alfred Medeiros, 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 NOVEMBER 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Rome) Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 10 St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 11 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Ti 3:1-7 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday NOVEMBER 12 St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr Phmn 7-20 Lk 17:20-25

Friday NOVEMBER 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin 2 Jn 4-9 Lk 17:26-37

Saturday NOVEMBER 14 Weekday 3 Jn 5-8 Lk 18:1-8

Sunday NOVEMBER 15 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30

***** I find joy in the way of your decrees more than in all riches. I will ponder your precepts and consider your paths. In your laws I take delight; I will never forget your word.



Can You Name These Three American Saints?

1. I was the first Pope in 400 years to come from a place other than Italy. In 1981, an assassin tried to kill me; I forgave him. I was a strong advocate of human rights. Many credited me for the fall of communism in my homeland.

2. Until 2020, few people knew about me. My name and my birthplace, a tiny Italian town hit heavily by Covid-19, unofficially earned me the title of ‘patron saint of pandemics.’ My martyrdom was cruel, but my vision of heaven moments before my death was wondrous.

3. A ‘Blessed’ and a millennial, I was an Italian teen who died from leukemia at age 15. A soccer player and *Pokemon* fan, I used the internet to create a ‘pathway to heaven’ for us. My website contains 160 panels of Eucharistic miracles performed throughout the ages.

We are hoping to have weekly or bi-weekly “Treasure Hunts” like this. To participate, write your answers on a piece of paper and bring them to Mass. Please include your name. Or, email your answers to the church.

SAINT OF THE WEEK c. 400–461
ST. LEO THE GREAT Feast Day November 10



A Roman deacon who advised two popes, Leo was elected pope in 440 while on a diplomatic mission to Gaul, now France. He is one of three popes called “the Great.” His title was earned for his teachings, which are found in 143 letters and nearly 100 sermons that survive, and for his administration. Under his leadership, church governance was consolidated, the primacy of Rome stressed, and liturgical, pastoral, and canonical uniformity urged. He also persuaded Attila the Hun not to sack Rome. Leo the Great was named a Doctor of the Church for his contribution to Christian doctrine.

Dear Padre,

A non-Christian friend asked if Catholics read the Bible. What can I say about Catholics and the Bible?

Yes. Catholics consider the Bible to be the inspired word of God by which he revealed to the Jewish and early Christian people who he is and how they can attain salvation. The Bible comprises many shorter works collected together. The books of the Bible were written at different times by different people. There are two parts to the Bible: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament talks about God’s relations with the Jewish people before the coming of Jesus. The Old Testament consists of the first five books, which are sometimes called the Pentateuch; the histories, which tell about the conquest of the Holy Land; the prophets, which record the words of those sent to Israel to call it back to the true belief in God; the writings, containing sacred songs (the Psalms), advice on everyday living, and other explorations of religious issues. In the Greek tradition, which Catholics follow, the Old Testament contains forty-six books. The New Testament, a collection of twenty-seven shorter books, talks about Jesus and his followers. It consists of the four Gospels, which are about Jesus’ life on earth, his death, and resurrection; letters, which are written to newly established Christian communities to guide them in their faith; the Acts of the Apostles, which is a history of the activities of the early Church; and a book of prophesy, called Revelation.

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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. Next open for distribution on **Friday, November 13 , 2020.**

MAHALO FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

Thank you to all parishioners who have helped with our current needs for lectors and ushers (we need more ushers!) and we are also grateful for your donations of Clorox wipes, hand sanitizers, etc. Mahalo!

He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his good deed.

Proverbs 19:17