



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## Sunday February 21, 2021

### First Sunday of Lent

#### Lost at Sea



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**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**  
**Kealahou**  
**7:00 a.m. Wednesday**

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We often think that Lent is a time to concentrate on the sufferings of Jesus. Actually that is the theme of Holy Week. The other readings of Lent suggest another theme, covenant-making. God initiates an intimate relationship with us and calls us to be faithful. This is the good news. Moreover,

when we are unfaithful, God gives us another chance. The first reading recounts God's graciousness in saving humankind from destruction. Noah and his family must have felt that they really were lost at sea. However, God's protection was always there. In fact, the waters they so feared were destructive only to what was evil. They had been saved and now, through the covenant, all of creation was given a second chance. One might think that Jesus wouldn't have struggled with temptation. After all, he was God. However, today's Gospel says that he was tempted. He was in the wilderness, a place long known to be a place of temptation because there the supports of normal life are gone. After forty days of fasting, one's defenses would be significantly weakened, if not broken down. In such a situation, the primary thought is survival. This Gospel does not describe the temptation itself, but it does present Jesus as someone like us— weakened, tempted, and perhaps even "lost at sea." However, God's protection was with him, in the guise of angels. Both stories assure us that God's covenantal care is there supporting us, regardless of the difficulty or our apparent weakness.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*  
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#### FOR REFLECTION

- ☪ When you feel "lost at sea," recall that through baptism you have a close covenant relationship with God who is always there for you.
- ☪ How do you strengthen yourself when you face temptation?

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant... **Gn 9:8-15**  
**Psalms:** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. **Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**  
**Second Reading:** Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. **1 Pt 3:18-22**  
**Gospel:** "...Repent and believe in the gospel". **Mk 1:12-15**

**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 -COVID-NEW**

Bishop Larry Silva has issued a new directive extending the dispensation for Sunday and Holy Day Mass to **April 1, 2021, Holy Thursday. I would urge all our parishioners who can safely do so to return to worship at Sunday Mass.**" The Bishop also urges anyone who is unable to attend Mass to engage in some form of prayer or worship, especially during the penitential season of Lent.

### **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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**"When we go to Confession we are not telling God something He doesn't already know and we're not showing Him something He doesn't already see. We are giving Him something He doesn't already have: Your broken heart."**

-Fr. Mike Schmitz

## 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)

### **MEET ME IN THE DESERT**

*Lord of Lent, Lord of Easter,*

*As you went into the desert*

*So do I follow*

*Putting aside that which distracts me*

*Grabs at me*

*Falsely claims me.*

*To search inside*

*To confront myself*

*My best, my worst*

*My good works and my sins.*

*And each time,*

*I find you there*

*To call to me again*

*With words of challenge and*

*Words of mercy.*

*And as I fall to my knees,*

*In prayer, in fasting*

*In sacrifice and penitence*

*Somehow, you have it in yourself to reach*

*out and gently lift me*

*To renew me*

*To claim me as nothing of this world can*

*claim me.*

*Meet me in the desert, Lord.*

*Claim me anew. Amen.*

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Let the mouth also fast from disgraceful speeches and railings. For what does it profit if we abstain from fish and fowl and yet bite and devour our brothers and sisters? The evil speaker eats the flesh of his brother and bites the body of his neighbor.  
*Saint John Chrysostom*



PRAYER

MARY, MOST PURE

O Lord Jesus Christ, who has said, "In my Father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you". Grant us, we ask you, so to copy in our lives the holy virtues of your blessed Mother, Queen of Heaven, that through her glorious intercessions with you, we may attain the place prepared for us in your kingdom from the foundation of the world. Amen.



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...

Alex Cadang, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Tony Dias, Robin Crusat, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess Jr., Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Venancio Mendoza, Keiki San Filippo, Michael Suber, Eddie Navas, Dottie Combs. \*\*\*Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.



*Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you, and uphold you with my right hand of justice.*

Isaiah 41:10

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** FEBRUARY 22  
The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle 1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday** FEBRUARY 23  
Lenten Weekday Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday** FEBRUARY 24  
Lenten Weekday Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday** FEBRUARY 25  
Lenten Weekday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12

**Friday** FEBRUARY 26  
Lenten Weekday Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday** FEBRUARY 27  
Lenten Weekday Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday** FEBRUARY 28  
Second Sunday of Lent Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10



**"The New Testament is hidden in the old, and the old is made manifest in the new."**

*-St. Augustine-*



**Lenten  
Symbols  
Treasure Hunt  
#2**

1. This **color** signifies humility, sorrow for our sins, and a willingness to repent.
2. This **food** reminds us of abstinence from meat on Fridays *and* of several of Jesus' miracles.
3. This **symbol of prayer** and **solemn offering** is referenced in Psalm 141:2.
4. What **Lenten penitential practice** is at times shown as a 'cupped hand with a heart in it'?
5. This **number** represents Jesus' time of fast and prayer in the desert and **at least three** other events in the Old Testament. Identify the number and **ONE** of the OT events.

**Write your answers to this week's treasure hunt on a piece of paper and bring them to Mass. Or, email your answers to the church. [Please include your name.]**

**Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt:**

**Ash Wednesday** Lenten #1

- 1.** previous year's palms from Palm Sunday; **2.** sacramental;  
**3.** 51; **4.** Sundays; **5.** (choice of 1) 1598, 1693, 1761, 1818

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**ST. MARGARET OF CORTANA** c. 1247– 1297

**Feast Day February 18<sup>th</sup>**



This Italian penitent was the daughter of Tuscan peasants and, for nine years, the mistress of a young nobleman near Montepulciano. After her lover died violently, Margaret and her illegitimate child

were given a home by the Franciscans in Cortona. She became a Franciscan tertiary and practiced severe self-denial. Until her son grew up, she earned their living and performed works of charity. In one vision, Christ told her she was "the third light" of the order, after Francis and Clare. Her prayers and counsel prompted many conversions, and she was considered a living saint.



**As long as I can remember, our parish has offered the Stations of the Cross as a special devotion during the Lenten season. How ancient is this practice?**

Over the centuries, many pilgrims would visit the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus. When they returned to their home churches, many of these pilgrims paid for shrines to be built that represented the holy places they visited. In 1342, the Franciscans became the official guardians of the holy places, and they would guide pilgrims along the Way of the Cross. In 1668, Pope Innocent XI gave permission to the Franciscans to place Stations of the Cross in all of their churches. The number of these early stations varied, from as few as seven to as many as thirty-seven. Finally, in 1731, Pope Clement XII defined fourteen stations as the official devotion. In recent years, two modifications of the Stations of the Cross have become fairly common. Some churches have a fifteenth station representing Jesus' Resurrection. Other churches have scriptural accounts that are not in the traditional station devotion. In more recent years, a popular Lenten devotion is the "Living Stations of the Cross." This is a play with music, singing, and dramatic speaking parts. Regardless of their format or the liturgical season of the year during which they are celebrated, the Stations of the Cross are a gentle reminder that we journey with Jesus on his way to Calvary. *From Dear Padre: Questions Catholics Ask © 2003 Liguori Publications*

**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS...**

Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength... He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies. EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MARCH 27, 2020 © 2021 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057

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 each month. Next open for food distribution on **February 26, 2021**. Mahalo to those who continue to serve those in need during these difficult times.