



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

Future Gazing



Some spiritual writers and psychologists tell us how important it is to live in the present. Still, many of our decisions are made with an eye toward the future. Life commitments are always future oriented. Each newborn child carries promises for the future. Because we are part of the emerging universe, we are always called into the future. Today's readings also carry implications for the future. Isaac was not only Abraham's beloved son; he was Abraham's legacy and future

dynasty. Isaac's death would have put an end to Abraham's memory in the future. Consequently, this was more than a test of obedience. Abraham was presented with a choice: Choose Isaac and all that the future might bring to your family and memory through him. Or, trust that the promise God made—that your descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky—would be fulfilled even if Isaac dies. God asked Abraham to place his future in God's hands. Some scholars believe that the real meaning of Jesus' transfiguration lies in its effects on the disciples who witnessed it. In this experience they came to see Jesus in a significantly new way. They saw that he has somehow associated with Moses, an agent of the law, and Elijah, a great prophet. In other words, Jesus was somehow associated with the very core of Jewish religion. The disciples did not understand how, nor did they

grasp what "rising from the dead meant." Still they placed their future in his hands.

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA
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I will bless you and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore.

GENESIS 22:17

FOR REFLECTION

- ☪ *Have you ever felt like your whole world has collapsed? How did you get through it?*
- ☪ *True disciples must place their lives in God's hands. Pray for this grace.*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "...because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly" **Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18**

Psalm: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. **Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19**

Second Reading: If God is for us then who can be against us? **Rom 8:31b-34**

Gospel: ...from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." **Mk 9:2-10**

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The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

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Kealahakua

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
Kealahakua

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 -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.



“The Sacraments are the manifestation of the Father’s tenderness and love towards each of us.”

-Pope Francis

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

Daily Inspiration for Your Lenten Journey

Second Sunday of Lent As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is “a witness to fraternal charity” and “a work of justice pleasing to God.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462) Consider making a recurring gift to your parish.

Monday March 1 Jesus said to his disciples: “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.” (Lk 6:36-37, Lectionary)

Tuesday March 2 “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.” (Lk 6:36-37, Lectionary) “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Pt 4:10) How can you use your time and talents to help others today?

Wednesday March 3 On the memorial of St. Katharine Drexel, who gave up her wealth to be a missionary, we are reminded, “As a Church, we are called to be missionary disciples who know and live the faith and confidently share the Gospel.” (Living as Missionary Disciples, USCCB)

Thursday March 4 Rededicate yourself to prayer. Set aside time every day, even for just a few moments, to sit with Jesus.

Friday March 5 Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1397) Learn more about the roots of Catholic Social Teaching

Saturday March 6 Only by identifying with the least [will we] come at last to be the brothers of all. May God inspire that dream in each one of us.”

(Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, no. 287)



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.

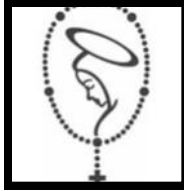
- Saint John Chrysostom



PRAYER

DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mother of Our Savior, help me to open my heart to the Father's will in my life.



Generous and loving God, like your daughter Mary, help me to know and do your will in this life and in the next. Grant me wisdom as I ask... (mention your petitions here).



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...

Ronald Pegelow, 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.



"Believe that He loves you, He wants to help you Himself in the struggles which you must undergo. Believe in His love, His exceeding Love." - St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

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 MARCH 1 Lenten Weekday Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday MARCH 2 Lenten Weekday Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday MARCH 3 Lenten Weekday Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday MARCH 4 Lenten Weekday Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31

Friday MARCH 5 Lenten Weekday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday MARCH 6 Lenten Weekday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday MARCH 7 Third Sunday of Lent Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25



"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work."

-2 Timothy 3:16-17



The Transfiguration of the Lord

Lenten Treasure Hunt #3

1. On what **two** occasions did the voice of God call Jesus His “Beloved Son”?
2. During the Transfiguration, the Law was represented by the appearance of _____ and the Prophets, by _____.
3. Which disciple wanted to set up tents for Jesus and His holy companions?
4. Jesus instructed the disciples to keep His Transfiguration a secret until His _____.
5. The Transfiguration is commemorated in the _____ Mysteries of the Rosary..

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: Lenten Symbols

1. violet (purple); **2.** fish; **3.** incense; **4.** almsgiving (charity); **5.** 40 & **one** of the following: Moses fasted 40 days before receiving the 10 Commandments; Noah and his family survived 40 days & nights of rain in the ark; or the Hebrews wandered 40 years in the desert before reaching the Promised Land.

SAINT OF THE WEEK ST. KATHARINE DREXEL 1858—1955 Feast Day March 3rd

Katharine Drexel was born in Philadelphia, the daughter of a wealthy banker who was devout in the practice of the Catholic faith. When Katharine traveled with him to western states she was deeply affected by the poor and troubling situation of the Native Americans. Upon her father’s death she and contributed to the St. Francis Mission of South Dakota’s Rosebud Reservation. She decided to become a missionary herself. She professed her religious vows in 1891 and started a religious congregation of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored, whose members would work for the betterment of those they were called to serve. At the time of her death she had more than 500 Sisters teaching in 63 schools throughout the country and she established 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 different states. She is the patron saint of racial justice and philanthropists.



Dear Padre,

Was Lent always associated with sacrifice, sin, and penance? Did Lent have some other purpose in Church history?

A set period of Lent was not observed during the first centuries of Christianity. Rather, Christians prepared for the Easter celebration with an all-night vigil and a fast. This vigil concluded with a morning Eucharist. Gradually, Christians extended this celebration to include Jesus’ own Passover (the supper on Holy Thursday and the death of Jesus on Friday). By the end of the second century, baptism became linked to the Easter Vigil, and the time leading to Easter became a period of intense preparation for baptism. At first, this preparation period lasted only three weeks. This baptismal preparation program eventually extended to forty days. The idea of forty days came out of Mark’s Gospel (1:13), where we read about Jesus going into the desert for forty days to prepare for his ministry. Today the Lenten period serves a double purpose. It is still a time of intense preparation for the catechumens, as they anticipate celebrating the sacrament of baptism at the Easter Vigil. But Lent also has become a time for baptized Christians to reflect on their own baptism. During Lent, the baptized are challenged to turn away from sin and choose again the deepest meaning of their baptism: the fact that they have died and risen with Christ and are now alive anew in Jesus. This renewal is done through the traditional penitential practices of fasting, prayer, and works of charity. *From Dear Padre: Questions Catholics Ask © 2003 Liguori Publications*

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS...

We learn from Abraham to pray with faith, to dialogue, to argue, but always ready to receive the word of God and to put it into practice. We learn to talk with God as a child with his father: to listen to him, respond, argue, but transparent, as a child with his father. GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 3, 2020

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 **March 12, 2021.** Mahalo to those who continue to serve.