



St. Benedict Catholic Church

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

God's Call

The story about Cornelius shows that God's call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God, and his fundamental faith opened him to the gift of the Holy Spirit. All those who were listening to Peter's words were then baptized. They were then one with the community of believers. Faith, baptism, and incorporation into the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The issue is not who does God favor, but who favors God. The Gospel story reinforces this point. It insists that God's love for us is the foundation of everything. We are told: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). God's love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God's love is for all, it follows that we are all favored by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God's love requires that we will bring goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm.

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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.
St. John the Baptist
Saturday 6:00 p.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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FOR REFLECTION

- ☞ Pray that you might be able to accept the goodness of people with whom you disagree socially, politically, even religiously.
- ☞ You belong to a believing community. Think of how this has strengthened your faith.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality..." [Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48](#)

Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. [98:1, 2-3, 3-4](#)

Second Reading: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; [1 Jn 4:7-10](#)

Gospel: If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, [Jn 15:9-17](#)

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

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.

FROM BISHOP LARRY SILVA:
EFFECTIVE EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, I am **ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass**, which has been in effect since mid-March, 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

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.

RECONCILIATION

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.*

-Father Mike Schmitz

LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASS

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Oahu
Sunday: 10am (Bishop Silva) Mon—Sat: 12pm Sat: 5pm. <https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live>

SAINT OF THE WEEK - Feast Day May 10

St. Damien De Veuster 1840—1849



Born in Tremelo, Belgium, Joseph de Veuster left school at 13 to work on the family farm. Six years later he joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, taking the name Damien. He volunteered for a mission to the Hawaiian Islands and was ordained in Honolulu in 1864. He served on the island of Hawaii for eight

years, then volunteered in 1873 to work at the leprosy colony on Molokai (leprosy is now called Hansen's disease). Father Damien was priest, doctor and counselor to 800 patients before he contracted the disease in 1884. He stayed on Molokai, ministering until a month before his death. Considered a model and martyr of charity, he was canonized in 2009. "His missionary activity, which gave him such joy, reached its peak in charity. Not without fear and repugnance, he chose to go to the Island of Molokai to serve the lepers who lived there, abandoned by all. Thus he was exposed to the disease from which they suffered. . . He invites us to open our eyes to the forms of leprosy that disfigure the humanity of our brethren and still today call for the charity of our presence as servants, beyond that of our generosity."

—Pope Benedict XVI, October 11, 2009

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YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH 12/08/20 to 12/08/21

"Do not lose hope; St. Joseph also experienced moments of difficulty, but he never lost Faith and was able to overcome them, in the certainty that God never abandons us." *-Pope Francis*

FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL

**** IF YOU FEEL SICK PLEASE STAY HOME! ****

WE MUST CONTINUE TO:

- 1-WEAR MASK**
- 2-SOCIAL DISTANCE –SIX FEET**
- 3-SANITIZE OUR HANDS BEFORE ENTERING OUR HALL CHAPEL**
- 4-SANITIZE YOUR SEATING AREAS BEFORE**



PRAYER

MAY, THE MONTH TO HONOR MARY



Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your Mother." John 19:27

Pray the Rosary Daily

Holy Mother of God pray for us

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, we stand before you in Your abundant grace and mercy. It is only by Your holy will that we're here today to offer this prayer, and by Your grace, we have peace of mind that you will answer us. Oh Lord, we pray for all of the sick and dying, that You be with them in health, in illness and for all eternity. Keep their souls within Your sight, and take their hands in Yours as a father would. Lord God, be with them in all their goals of life. In your heavenly dwelling, nurture their souls for all eternity. We thank You for safeguarding them in this world and continuing to do so in the next. Amen.



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

Gloria Grapa, Francisco Javar, Tamayo Hanato, Cheryl Ono, Mary Bunao, Bill Myers, Gary Whitaker, Alex Cadang, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, Tony Dias, 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, Eddie Navas, Dottie Combs.

***Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.



God had one son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering.

-Saint Augustine of Hippo

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 MAY 10 Easter Weekday Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday MAY 11 Easter Weekday Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday MAY 12 Easter Weekday Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday MAY 13 Easter Weekday Acts 18:1-8 Jn 16:16-20

Friday MAY 14 St. Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17

Saturday MAY 15 Easter Weekday Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday MAY 16 Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 Mk 16:15-20

***** Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

Jeremiah 23:29

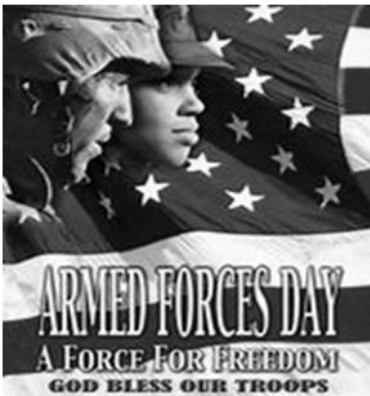


1. In Scripture, who said, “Hail, full of Grace, the Lord is with you”?
2. In Scripture, who said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb”?
3. On the occasion of what **miracle** did the prayer “Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins...” originate?
4. What is the **Latin name** for the prayer to Mary said at the closing of the Rosary?
5. Who introduced the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary and when were they introduced?

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
Jesus, the True Vine
1. John knew Jesus. Called the “favorite” disciple, John wrote his Gospel for the Church; Luke, Mark & Matthew’s emphasis was conversion; **2.** God the Father; **3.** attached to the vine; **4.** word spoken; **5.** 12

ARMED FORCES DAY -MAY 15, 2021



Armed Forces Day is a special holiday for people all over the world to come together and thank the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. First conceived by President Harry S. Truman, the holiday was established in 1949. The creation of a single day

celebration for all five branches of the United States military made sense due to its recent unification under the Department of Defense. Today, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday of every May, this year falling on May 15. Be sure to mark your calendar & support our military!

Pray for world peace !!

Dear Padre,

How does a priest keep the confession of a grievous sin by someone he knows from affecting their personal relationship?

One of a priest’s most sacred responsibilities is the confidentiality of the confessional. This confidentiality encompasses everyone—even the priest and penitent outside the confessional. A priest is not allowed to discuss the confessed sin with the person outside the confessional unless permission is granted for further counseling. The confessor is also forbidden to use any knowledge gained through the sacrament of reconciliation to restrict the penitent. For instance, if a pastor’s bookkeeper confessed he was embezzling money, the pastor could not use the knowledge acquired in the confessional to fire the person. Priests generally try to forget the specific sins parishioners confess to us, and it really isn’t that difficult. Contrary to what many think, a parishioner’s sins do not rush into my mind when I speak to him or her. We have all sinned, done things we are ashamed of, things we wouldn’t want anyone to know about, things we wouldn’t want others to define us by. This knowledge and the grace of the sacrament help us look past the mistakes of others and recognize Christ within them.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Let us not forget that the Our Father is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our entrustment to God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life’s uncertainties.

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

SERVICE

******SPECIAL NOTICE****MONTH OF MAY****
ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry distribution will be suspended on May 14, 2021. The May 28th distribution is tentative at this time and will be decided later in the month. Please pray for Francisco Javar as he undergoes knee surgery on Oahu, accompanied by Debra. Normal distribution is every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 9:00—10:00 am. Thank you for your understanding.

MAHALO FOR THE FRUIT!

Thank you to all who share their abundance of fruit with our Painted Church visitors. We can always use more donations.