



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

### “All Generations Will Call Me Blessed”

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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 Hall, Honaunau**  
**7:00 a.m. Tuesday,**  
**Thursday & Friday**  
**St. John the Baptist**  
**Wednesday 7:00 a.m.**

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Today's readings help us see why Mary should be called blessed. The first reading depicts a woman as gloriously “clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet” (Revelation 12:1). This image is captured in well-known Marian statues. However, this woman is wailing “aloud in pain as she labored to give birth” (12:2). In fact, here and in the Gospel, women are depicted as pregnant. When a woman is in labor, she is both at her most vulnerable and her strongest. When giving birth she faces the real possibility of death. Yet, she places herself in such jeopardy to bring another to life. Her steely inner resolve is matched with remarkable physical

strength when she is called upon to “Push!” The labor pains that precede birth became a striking metaphor, in both ancient Israel and the early Church, for the struggle experienced in bringing forth the reign of God (see Isaiah 21:3, Matthew 24:8, Mark 13:8, and Romans 8:22). Such suffering came to be known as “the birth pangs of the Messiah.” Certainly, Mary is blessed because of her physical birthing of the Messiah. However, the Magnificat, her revolutionary prayer in the Gospel, describes the birthing of the reign of God when the powerful are brought down and the lowly uplifted, the hungry filled and the rich “sent away empty” (Luke 1:53). This is not a feast of a plastic statue but of a woman willing to give her life for the reign of God. She certainly deserves to be “clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet.”

- Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

#### **FOR Reflection**

- \*Where does the Magnificat throw light on issues in our own society?
- \*Pray for the courage you need to be faithful to your calling in life.

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#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet... **Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab**

**Psalm:** The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold. **Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16**

**Second Reading:** The last enemy to be destroyed is death... **1 Cor 15:20-27**

**Gospel:** “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”  
**Lk 1:39-56**

**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

*Welcome...*  
may all who enter as guests  
leave as friends ☺

### 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, 4/04/2020**

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

"At the time of your examination (of sins) beware of the devil that ties your tongue."

--Saint Josemaria Escriva

### 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/](https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live)

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### YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

8 DECEMBER 2020, TO 8 DECEMBER 2021



**St. Joseph and  
the Christ Child**

Oil on canvas by  
Martino Altomonte,  
Born circa 1658 in Naples  
Died 1745 in Vienna

*Most glorious St. Joseph, pray for me, that I  
may accomplish the will of God all the days  
of my life.*

### WORD OF LIFE - BULLETIN QUOTE

"In times of suffering, the human person should be able to experience a solidarity and a love that takes on the suffering, offering a sense of life that extends beyond death... In the family a person can count on strong relationships, valued in themselves apart from their helpfulness or the joy they bring. It is essential that the sick under care do not feel themselves to be a burden, but can sense the intimacy and support of their loved ones" (SB 4-5).

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Samaritanus bonus: On the Care of Persons in the Critical and Terminal Phases of Life © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

### **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**



## PRAYER

### DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August is the Month of

*The  
Immaculate  
Heart of Mary*

*Pray the Rosary  
Daily,  
Ask for Mary's  
Intercession!*



### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Think, o God, of our friends and loved ones who are ill, whom we now commend to Your compassionate care.

Comfort them upon their sickbeds, and ease their suffering. We beg for their deliverance and we believe that no healing is too hard for the Lord if it is His will.

We pray that You bless all of them with Your healing grace. Renew their strength, and heal them in Your loving name.

Thank You, Lord.

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

William Anderson, Lionel Gaspar, Susan Pegelow, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Cheryl Ono, Mary Bunao, Gary Whitaker, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Tony Dias, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Robin Crusat, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess Jr., 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.

**Give God your weakness  
and He will give you His strength**

-unknown

## 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 mo-  
ment receive You sacra-  
mentally, 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** AUGUST 16

Weekday Jgs 2:11-19 Mt  
19:16-22

**Tuesday** AUGUST 17

Weekday Jgs 6:11-24a  
Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday** AUGUST 18

Weekday Jgs 9:6-15 Mt  
20:1-16

**Thursday** AUGUST 19

Weekday Jgs 11:29-39a  
Mt 22:1-14

**Friday** AUGUST 20 St.

Bernard, Abbot and Doc-  
tor of the Church Ru 1:1,  
3-6, 14b-16, 22 Mt  
22:34-40

**Saturday** AUGUST 21 St.

Pius X, Pope Ru 2:1-3, 8-  
11; 4:13-17 Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday** AUGUST 22

Twenty-first Sunday in  
Ordinary Time Jos 24:1-  
2a, 15-17, 18b Eph 5:21-  
32 or Eph 5:2a, 25-32 Jn  
6:60-69



*"Heaven and earth  
will pass away, but*

*my words will not  
pass away.*

Mark 13:31



## *The Assumption Of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

(August 15, 2021)

### Treasure Hunt

- 1. T/F:** The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a *Holy Day of Obligation*.
- In today's Gospel, what happened to Elizabeth when Mary greeted her?
- How many months did Mary stay with Elizabeth?
- Who** wrote the dogma declaring an infallible teaching of our faith—that the Virgin Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven?
- We believe that **adoration** is given to God alone; \_\_\_\_\_ is given to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the saints and the beatified.

**Bonus:** There are **four** Marian Dogmas (infallible teachings about Mary). Name **two** (2) of them.

#### Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt

##### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1-** murmuring or grumbling; **2-** "I am the bread that came down from heaven"; **3-** they knew his mother and father; **4-** Israelites / Hebrews, desert; **5-** Jesus; **Bonus:-** angel's touch, jug of water, hearth cake

### **SAINT OF THE WEEK**    **Feast Day August 13** **ST. JOHN EUDES**            **1150—1224**

For 20 years, this Oratorian priest preached the basics of the faith to unschooled Catholics across northern France, distinguishing himself especially by serving the sick during epidemics of the plague. But in 1643 he left the French Oratory and with companions founded a new congregation of priests whose charism was the training of priests. The Congregation of Jesus and Mary, also called Eudists, was reconstituted after the French Revolution and today specializes in secondary education. John, devout from childhood, helped spread devotion to the Sacred Heart and was the first to call for an official feast day. He also organized an order of nuns to care for former prostitutes. He was canonized in 1925.



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## *Dear Padre,*

### **Why do Catholics believe in Mary's assumption into heaven?**

Mary's assumption to heaven is a belief shared by Eastern Christians and Roman Catholics, although the explanations of this dogma have different emphases in the two traditions. While there is no biblical or historical record of this event, the first explanation of this doctrine is found in a document from the late 300s. Mary's assumption was considered a pious opinion until 1950, when Pius XII defined it as dogma (an official Church teaching). The Pope made the declaration after bishops and he found overwhelming consensus throughout the Church. The definition of Mary's assumption—body and soul—to heaven reaffirmed that God had not only created humans, but also redeemed and claimed them. Mary's assumption reminded the world of the goodness of God's creation and that Christ redeems us from the evil around us (and in us) and made us a new creation. Perhaps the best explanation can be found in St. John Paul II's 2004 homily at Lourdes. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be," he said, quoting John 14:3. He explained that Mary's assumption is the pledge that Christ's promise will be fulfilled. The Pope's words echo the teaching of bishops at the Second Vatican Council, which described this dogma as "a sign of sure hope and solace" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [Lumen Gentium], 68).

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### **A WORD FROM *Pope Francis***



Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble, she is the first to receive the highest glory. She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home. Indeed, the people of God invoke her as the Gate of Heaven.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION, AUGUST 15, 2019

### **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 distribution on August 27, 2021.

### **TIME—TALENT—TREASURE**

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"We can lose our souls, not only by doing evil,  
but also by neglecting the good. "I was hungry and  
you gave Me not to eat."

-Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen-