



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

March 27, 2022

## Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday

### Rejoice!



Today is Laetare Sunday, the Lenten Sunday to rejoice. We are encouraged to rejoice, not because Lent is half over, but because something extraordinary has occurred. All three readings for today applaud some wondrous and joyous occasion. The reading from Joshua notes the end of the Israelites' grueling Egyptian and wilderness experience.

They settled in Canaan and now celebrated the anniversary of their deliverance by offering to God in gratitude the fruits of their own harvest. The people who once were landless have now been made anew. This is surely a reason to rejoice. Paul's words to the Corinthians were reason for great rejoicing. He assured them that, because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, their sinfulness was not held against them. Instead, they were now reconciled with God. They were a new creation. This too is reason to rejoice. Jesus' story about the merciful father touches every life. The young son turned away from his home and his family, yet it was the father's actions that brought about the reconciliation. The story did not explicitly say that he simply forgave his son. More than that, it says that he was filled with deep compassion for him—a compassion that restored the bond between them. This compassion brought the son who was dead back to life. There is no greater reason for rejoicing. God has brought us into a new land, has made each of us a new creation, has brought us back to the embrace of our Father. And so, we rejoice.

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Kealakekua

#### 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. Tuesday,**

**Thursday & Friday**

**St. John the Baptist**

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

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#### For Reflection

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☪ *Think of a time when a severed relationship was repaired. Be grateful.*

☪ *What might you do to repair a situation of alienation in your life?*

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." **Jos 5:9a, 10-12**

**Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. **Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7.**

**Second Reading:** So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. **2 Cor 5:17-21**

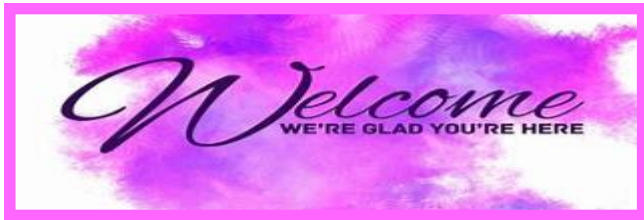
**Gospel:** 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you;' **Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**

**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.**

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**ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME**

Social distancing and masks are required.  
We welcome all to celebrate The Eucharist with us.

**BISHOP SILVA ENDED THE DISPENSATION**

from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which had 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.

\* Exposed (close contact) to COVID-19 is defined as being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (regardless of mask use).

**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. Please contact the office for most current guidelines.

**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**

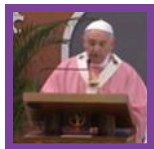
At this time Father Sieg is available for Confessions by appointment, observing all proper precautions. Call the office 328-2227.

**Eucharist to Homebound and Hospitalized**

Call the office to arrange for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

***A WORD FROM Pope Francis***

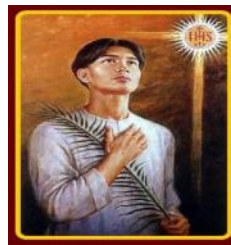
- Prayer often coexists with distraction.
- Indeed, the human mind struggles to dwell for long on a single thought. We all experience this constant whirlwind of images and illusions in perpetual motion, which accompanies us even during sleep. And we all know that it is not good to follow this inclination toward disorder.



**Reconciliation...It's a Great Idea!**

We must always remember what happens in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our sins are forgiven! They are taken away! We can start fresh! We have a clean slate, unencumbered by regrets and mistakes. God pours out His mercy and, once this total forgiveness happens, deep and lasting healing and peace in our hearts and souls can also happen. We really don't like disorder, negativity, selfishness, injustice, dishonesty—or **anything** that separates us from God. We long to return to our Father in righteousness and integrity. We long for the grace and love which only this sacrament can offer. We long for communion with our Creator and Savior. There's no time like the present. Prepare. Examine. Repent.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK -FEAST DAY APRIL 2**



Saint Pedro Calungsod (July 21, 1654 – April 2, 1672), also known as Pedro Calonsor, is a young Filipino Saint and was a migrant, a sacristan and a missionary catechist, who along with the Spanish Jesuit missionary, Diego Luis de San Vitores,

suffered religious persecution and martyrdom in Guam for their missionary work in 1672. While in Guam, Calungsod preached Christianity to the Chamorro people through catechism, while baptizing infants, children and adults at the risk and expense of being persecuted and eventually murdered. Through Calungsod and San Vitores' missionary efforts, many native Chamorros converted to Roman Catholicism. Calungsod was formally beatified on March 5, 2000 by Pope John Paul II. Calungsod was officially canonized by Pope Benedict XVI at Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City on October 21, 2012.

*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.*



# Stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given

## PRAYER

### DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



As you continue your journey through these forty days with Mary, try ever harder to live Mary's faith, hope and love. Remember her fiat, her obedience and service, even as she faced such horrifying anguish. Hold in your hand her

beads and live her sorrowful memories deeply contemplating the Sorrowful Mysteries. Ask for her intercession to help you unite intimately in Jesus' Passion. Maybe you can offer to share in her pierced heart for stronger love of God and neighbor. Accompany her in her distress along the Via Dolorosa and perhaps console her in her affliction.

*Pray the Rosary Daily*

### PRAYER FOR HEALING THE SICK

**Lord God, we dwell in your house, drink in your presence and find peace and rest in your arms.**

**We believe in your name, ask for your healing, and believe and trust in your love.**

**We thank you for your sacrifice, receive all you have for us and pray and ask for restoration.**

**We need your touch. We wait on you. You are our savior, our friend, and our hope. Amen.**

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

Gilbert Henriques, Jeanette Laris, Finnan Sambursky, Gwen McKinney, Rafael Ramirez, Tamo Wong, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, Cheryl Ono, Michelle Paopao-Skillern, William Anderson, Lionel Gaspar, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Mary Bunao, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Charles & DeeDee Tripoli, Linda Adkins, Guy Miranda, Keiki San Filippo, Dottie Combs. \* Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

## PRAYER

### The Fast Life

**Fast from judging others;  
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.**

**Fast from fear of illness;  
Feast on the healing power of God.**

**Fast from words that pollute;  
Feast on speech that purifies.**

**Fast from discontent;  
Feast on gratitude.**

**Fast from anger;  
Feast on patience.**

**Fast from pessimism;  
Feast on hope.**

**Fast from negatives;  
Feast on encouragement.**

**Fast from bitterness;  
Feast on forgiveness.**

**Fast from self-concern;  
Feast on compassion.**

**Fast from suspicion;  
Feast on truth.**

**Fast from gossip;  
Feast on purposeful silence.**

**Fast from problems that overwhelm;  
Feast on prayer that sustains.**

**Fast from anxiety;  
Feast on faith.**

*Thank God...  
for the gift of Jesus  
in the Eucharist!*

### CALENDAR

#### Monday MARCH 28

Lenten Weekday Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54

#### Tuesday MARCH 29

Lenten Weekday Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16

#### Wednesday MARCH 30

Lenten Weekday Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30

#### Thursday MARCH 31

Lenten Weekday Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47

#### Friday APRIL 1

Lenten Weekday Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

#### Saturday APRIL 2

Lenten Weekday Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53

#### Sunday APRIL 3

Fifth Sunday of Lent Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11



**"The pages of the Word of God cannot be flipped through! Ask yourself instead: "What does that say to my heart? Through these words, is God speaking to me? Is He perhaps arousing in me a yearning, a deep thirst? What should I do?"**

**-Pope Francis-**



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

[Luke 15: 1-3 & 15: 11-32]

### A Self-Reflection Treasure Hunt

1. In Luke's Gospel, the Pharisees and scribes are complaining because Jesus welcomed s \_\_\_\_\_; Jesus response was to tell them a p \_\_\_\_\_ about the c \_\_\_\_\_ a father has for his lost son.
2. In this parable, **what** does the "distant country" the younger son went to **represent**?
3. Jesus tells us that hunger and thirst persuaded the younger son to "c \_\_\_\_\_ to his s \_\_\_\_\_."
4. For us, what is the **importance** of the younger son's cry, "Father, I have sinned **against heaven** and against you."?
5. When we, like the older son, are angry about the injustice of a situation, Jesus reminds us that we are "a \_\_\_\_\_ w \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_ (because) e \_\_\_\_\_ He has is o \_\_\_\_\_."

In your personal life or in your acceptance of people who return to the church, reflect upon how you can become more like the father in The Parable of the Prodigal Son.

#### Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt The Third Sunday of Lent

1— tower of Siloam, sinners; 2— repent, perish; 3— God gives us what we need to bear fruit, but if we fail to produce fruit, we will perish, **Challenge** Gen 9:11-17 (Noah) and Gen 18:16-33 (sparing Sodom and Gomorrah); 4— living water, eternal life; 5— She relates her story to the townspeople who in turn go to "see for themselves" and believe.

### PARISH COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Our Lenten Reconciliation Service will be at St. John the Baptist Mission on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 6 p.m. There will be five priests available from the West Hawaii Vicariate. Please mark your Lenten Calendar. Confession is the gift of Jesus that holds a treasure of grace. Most Catholics believe they are morally pretty good. We measure ourselves not against the standards of the Lord, but against the standards of our fallen, secular society. Satan tempts us to deny responsibility for our sins. Our best weapon to defeat the Prince of Darkness is bringing our sins to light as we confess them to the priest who is 'in persona Christi' in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, granting absolution.

## Dear Padre,

**When I'm trying to pray, I can't stop thinking about my to-do list. How do I keep my mind from racing when I pray?**

Most spiritual directors encourage a person to enter gently into solitude and prayer. Real conversation with any friend begins with warm acknowledgment of that friend's presence, so as you sit or kneel, acknowledge that you are in a sacred place and that God is present. Several techniques can help us find interior silence and solitude. Many people find it helps to sit in a comfortable position and pay close attention to their breathing. Taking slow, deep breaths relaxes our minds and hearts. When repeated, a sacred word like Jesus or Abba can focus our attention and help us let go of the distractions that can so easily crowd our consciousness. Another technique is to take a few moments to find quiet, then read a passage from Scripture. Many people choose the Gospel passage of the day; others read a Gospel through from beginning to end by reading a short passage each day. Other excellent techniques to focus your praying include the Church traditions of lectio divina as well as the imaginative prayer method advocated by St. Ignatius. True conversation goes both ways. One way God speaks to us is through the word. Reading Scripture as part of our conversation with God is a good way to be sure we don't do all the talking

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### SERVICE

#### ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The regular St. Benedict Food Pantry schedule continues to be the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 9 am to 10 am. **Next open on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

#### SHARE YOUR HARVEST WITH OUR VISITORS

If your harvest is bountiful, please bring a portion to St. Benedict Gift Shop where we offer it to visitors as part of their "aloha experience" at the Painted Church.

#### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Today's 'second collection' is for Catholic Relief Services. Your generosity will help with their many programs, including the USCCB Office for International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.