



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

March 12, 2023

## Third Sunday of Lent

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### MISSION CHURCH:

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
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### WEEKEND MASSES

#### St. Benedict

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:15 a.m.

#### HAWAIIAN MASS

Every Second Sunday  
7:15 a.m.

#### St. John the Baptist

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.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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### A Fountain of Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

only by coming to God as the  
fountain of living waters can  
we be satisfied fully and  
become His expression today!

The lovelorn column in the local newspaper shared a letter from someone who felt adrift. She had everything she needed or wanted — a marriage, a job, a home. Yet she felt there had to be more to life, but she didn't know what it was or where to go. She wondered, Could anyone help me? Like the woman from Samaria who happened upon Jesus when she came looking for water at the local well, she and the letter writer were both eager for "living water." The woman at the well would then no longer need to come each day for her household needs, and the letter writer would have her deeper thirsts quenched. Both wanted something more out of life, not unlike most people at one time or another. Long before Jesus encountered the woman at the well, the people who were led by Moses through the desert grumbled to him about their thirst, which triggered Moses to grumble to God about the people. The result was finding water in the desert, the most unlikely of places. As a result, they realized that God was taking care of them, that God was ultimately their source of life. We may decide what will bring new life—a new relationship, a new job, a new home. Yet just as often the answer comes from totally unexpected sources: the deserts of our lives. Also just as often, we somehow miss the answer. When we do recognize it, however, we say, "Thanks be to God."

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### For Reflection

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☪ *When and where have you found grace in an "unexpected place"?*

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** "Is the LORD in our midst or not?" Ex 17:3-7

**Psalm:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

**Second Reading:** And hope does not disappoint... Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

**Gospel:** "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Mt 17:1-9

**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday 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)

## ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME!



### Updated Covid-19 Liturgical Directives and Cold & Flu Guidelines

All remaining Covid-19 liturgical restrictions are lifted except for the suspension of the distribution of the Precious Blood to the congregation.

As always, you are reminded to use common sense for your health and safety during the annual cold and flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from coming to Mass. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. A smile and a heartfelt "Peace be with you" should suffice. All of us must be aware of such sensitive matter in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from a physical expression of the sign of peace out of care of our well-being and not out of unkindness or lack of piety.

### SACRAMENTS

**Funerals** Please contact the office for information about available dates *before* making arrangements with the mortuary or cemetery.

**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

We all have the right to be forgiven. All of us....Forgiveness is a "right" in the sense that God, in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, has given it in a total and irreversible way to every person willing to accept it with a humble and repentant heart.



ADDRESS AT A COURSE ORGANIZED BY  
APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 25, 2022

## Prayer for the Third Sunday of Lent

*Loving Father,  
So many times I turn away from you  
and always you welcome me back.  
Your mercy and love gives me confidence  
Thank you for the invitation  
to share, fast and pray  
so that you can form a new heart within me.  
Your powerful compassion for my weaknesses  
leads me to ask for mercy  
and await with great hope the  
Easter joy you share with us.  
Amen.*



### SAINT LOUISE DE MARILLAC 1591-1660 FEAST DAY MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

Louise de Marillac was born in France and was educated by Dominican nuns. She had thought her vocation was to become a nun herself, however her confessor advised her to marry Antony LeGras in 1613. He was an official in the Queen's service. Louise lived a comfortable life until Antony died in 1625. After his death Louise met St. Vincent de Paul who became her spiritual advisor. Under his guidance, she became devoted to working with the sick, the poor and those neglected by society. He let her join the Ladies of Charity, an organization of aristocratic women who raised funds for him to help the needy. These ladies were eager to help with money to support his good deeds but did not have the proper disposition for working closely with Vincent's poor. Louise joined Vincent in his Confraternities of Charity in 1629 and together they formed the Daughters of Charity in 1633 and Louise took her vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in 1634. She was made superior of the order and traveled throughout France attracting many women and establishing her sisters in hospitals, orphanages and other institutions. Louise stayed busy in helping wherever she saw need even though her health was failing. At the time of her death, March 15, 1660, the congregation had established 40 houses in France. St. Vincent de Paul died six months after Louise. She was canonized March 11, 1934 by Pope Pius XI and was declared Patroness of Social Workers by Pope John XXIII in 1960.

*"All the virtues are to be found in prayer... you will always do quite enough if you go to it [prayer] in the spirit of obedience and humility... ask God to give you the grace of prayer."*

— Louise de Marillac

# STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

## DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In his classic work *True Devotion to Mary*, St. Louis de Montfort lists the “ten principal virtues of the most Holy Virgin Mary.”

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**LIVELY FAITH.** Faith is one of the three theological virtues—faith, hope, and charity. Faith is believing in God and His Word without seeing with our eyes. Jesus gently reproved the doubting Thomas with these words: “*Blessed are those who believe without seeing.*” (Jn 20: 29) Mary is the woman of faith par excellence. Even though Mary witnessed the passion, suffering, and death of Jesus, she believed that He would conquer death. Therefore, when we are tempted to doubt, let us turn to Mary, the woman of faith, and beg for her most powerful intercession.



*Pray the Rosary Daily*

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK

May God, the Father of all, bless His children who are sick and give comfort to their families. May they have good **health**, protection and strength.. May God, Our Creator, take away all their **health** related problems and worries and may the Holy Spirit give them peace, freedom, strength and protection. We humbly ask this through Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

**PRAY**

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

Maureen Stibil, Clifford Chow Jr., Patsy Sabarre, Bernard Labasan, Azarias Dosdos, John Herman, Janet Katakura, Merton Ogata, Carol Crusat, Henry Borges, Jim Shrewsbury, Emily Griego, John Sanchis, Rafael Ramirez, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, William Anderson, Linda Adkins, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Ruby Best, Jimmy Best, Keiki San Filippo. Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing 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!*

## PRAYER

### CALENDAR

**MONDAY** March 13 Lenten  
Weekday 2 Kgs 5:1–15ab Lk  
4:24–30

**TUESDAY** March 14 Lenten  
Weekday Dn 3:25, 34–43  
Mt 18:21–35

**WEDNESDAY** March 15 Len-  
ten Weekday Dt 4:1, 5–9 Mt  
5:17–19

**THURSDAY** March 16 Len-  
ten Weekday Jer 7:23–28 Lk  
11:14–23

**FRIDAY** March 17 Lenten  
Weekday Hos 14:2–10 Mk  
12:28–34

**SATURDAY** March 18 Len-  
ten Weekday Hos 6:1–6 Lk  
18:9–14

**SUNDAY** March 19 Fourth  
Sunday of Lent 1 Sm 16:1b,  
6–7, 10–13a Eph 5:8–14 Jn  
9:1–41

“Thus faith comes  
from what is heard,  
and what is heard  
comes through the  
word of Christ.”

Romans 10:17





### Third Sunday of Lent

[John 4:5-42]

and

### The Stations of the Cross Treasure Hunt

1. **Why** was the Samaritan woman surprised when Jesus said, "Give me a drink."
2. **What** is Jesus' promise to those who 'drink of the living water'?
3. **What** did Jesus reveal to the Samaritan woman about herself that convinced her to tell the people in her town about him?
4. **T/E**: Many Samaritans came to believe that Jesus is the savior of the world based solely upon the testimony of the Samaritan woman.
5. In 1731, **Pope C** \_\_\_\_\_ **XII** set the number of the Stations of the Cross at \_\_\_\_\_. [Before that the number of stations varied.]
6. The Stations of the Cross are a symbolic **p** \_\_\_\_\_ to the scenes of Christ's suffering and death. [**Hint**: 10 letter word.]
7. At each Station, when the leader says "We adore you O Christ and we praise you," what is our **response**?

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

##### Second Sunday of Lent

-1- - Moses represented the Law; Elijah, the prophets ; -2- Booths or Tabernacles; -3- a bright cloud cast a shadow over them and they heard God's voice ; 4- - the Son of Man had been raised from the dead; -5- *Personal responses*.

**BONUS**: : (a) prayer, fasting and almsgiving; (b) to depend completely on God.

"God never tires of forgiving us;  
we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." -Pope Francis

#### INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES

Please take a look at these two. The first is everything about the Holy Eucharist. The second is about a very holy pilgrimage taking place in 2024.

[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)



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Congress**

[eucharisticcongress.org](http://eucharisticcongress.org)

## Dear Padre.

I have done some really terrible things in my life. When I did them, I didn't think anything about them, but now I feel very guilty. Can God really forgive me? As we Redemptorists like to say, "With God there is plentiful redemption." God's mercy is everlasting and overflowing in its abundance. As we continue in Lent, let's remember that Easter is the sign that God forgave even the great sin of the crucifixion of his only Son. Time and time again throughout the Scriptures, Jesus demonstrates this bountiful mercy. He forgave Zacchaeus, the tax collector. He forgave the woman caught in adultery. He was tender with the Samaritan woman we hear about in today's Gospel. He spent his days living among and forgiving all manner of sinners. He even forgave Peter's great denial. The Church has named a multitude of saints, but note that in 2,000 years it has never declared anyone to be definitively condemned to eternal punishment. There is hope and mercy for all. No matter how great the sin, God will forgive it. All you have to do is ask for mercy sincerely. All that takes is a repentant heart. From the tone of your message, you are truly sorry. Find a priest with whom you are comfortable and ask him to celebrate with you the sacrament of reconciliation. If you don't know how to go to confession, just ask. The priest will help you. Be at peace.

Rick Potts, CSSR / DearPadre.org  
The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES



Classes for those preparing to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation are being held at St. John the Baptist Hall every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. If you have questions please contact Edwina at (808) 895-8105 or attend the 9:30 Mass at St. John.

#### SERVICE

##### ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The **regular** St. Benedict Food Pantry schedule continues to be the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. **Next Distribution will be on Friday March 24, 2023.**