



St. Benedict Catholic Church

May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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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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Apron Strings

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There are moments when we realize the baton has been passed to us, and now we must conduct the symphony of our lives. One such moment may be when both parents have died. "They" say we never fully grow up until that occurs, for from that time on we can no longer go home. I know of a daughter who received a gift from her mother when the daughter moved out on her own. Inside, the daughter discovered a pair of apron strings, a symbol of her break with home. At various times, life hands us a bountiful serving of responsibility as we commit to a vocation, or for many, become parents for the first time. On such occasions, the future may weigh heavily upon us.

This week's Gospel is a farewell speech of sorts. Given to the Twelve on the night before his passion and death, Jesus promises he will not leave us orphans and that the Spirit will be given to us to do what we must do.

There have been any number of times when life has unfolded for me into new circumstances and life roles, occasions often filled with anxiety and sometimes even fear. I usually found I could deal with such realities by asking myself what would be the worst that could happen, and if it did, could I handle it? Every time, I found myself realizing I *could* handle the worst. Importantly, the ability to do what needs doing always seems to flow from God's Spirit that is given to each of us. If our faith in God is alive in us, our spiritual apron strings are never severed.

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For Reflection

Has the Spirit of God ever helped you face a daunting responsibility?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: ... they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

Second Reading: For Christ also suffered for sins once, 1 Pt 3:15-18

Gospel: "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you." Jn 14:15-21

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 Submission deadline: TUESDAY at 5:00pm.

WEBSITE: thepaintedchurchhawaii.org

ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME!



Updated Covid-19 Liturgical Directives and Cold & Flu Guidelines

Bishop Larry Silva has decided to allow parishes to restore Holy Communion under both kinds, on Holy Thursday, April 6th, at the pastor's discretion. 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. Call the office 328-2227.

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital

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

A WORD FROM *POPE FRANCIS*

[The Holy Spirit] is the Gift of God; he is God himself, who helps us to be free people, people who want and know how to love, people who understand that life is a mission to proclaim the wonders that the Lord accomplishes in those who trust in him.



REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 17, 2020

Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, thank you
for all the mothers in the world,
those who are living and
those who are in heaven.
Bless them so that they may always
give life and nourishment
to their children
through their firm faith,
generous and selfless love,
good example and constant concern
for their bodily and spiritual health.
Grant that we, their children, may
honor them always with a spirit of
profound love,
respect and
thanksgiving.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



SAINT OF THE WEEK - FEAST DAY MAY 10 ST. DAMIEN de VEUSTER

Jozef de Veuster was born January 3, 1840 on his parents' farm in Belgium. He was the youngest of seven children. He was expected to take over for his parents on the farm but his desire was to follow his brother and two sisters into consecrated life. When he was old enough, like his brother Auguste, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. In 1864 he took his brother's place on a mission to Hawaii because of Auguste's poor health. When the Bishop asked for volunteers to minister to the leper colony in Kalaupapa, he was the first to go. Arriving on May 10, 1873, he found conditions were inhumane and lawless. By his leadership he helped in many ways to improve the lives of the exiled people. His time to be replaced by another missionary came, but Damien would not leave. He had grown attached to the people. In 1865 Fr. Damien contracted the disease himself. He continued to labor as his body was ravaged by leprosy. He passed away peacefully on April 15, 1889. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009. **Last Wednesday, May 10, 2023 marked the 150th anniversary of the day Father Damien disembarked on Molokai.**



MAY DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Through the month of May we will be honoring the Virgin Mary by praying a **rosary** together before each Mass. The power of the rosary prayer is beyond description. In these times there are countless needs to pray for... peace, health, loved ones who have died, our families, solutions to violent crime and moral issues, etc. **Please join us twenty minutes before Mass** to ask our Mother to intercede for us.

*Pray the
Rosary
Daily*



"May Her Rosary be found in the hands of all. May She gather together small groups, or great multitudes, of Christ's faithful in churches, in homes, in hospitals, and in prisons to sing Her praises. May the name of Mary, which is sweeter than nectar and more precious than any jewel, be given the highest honor."

His Holiness Pope Pius XII (Ad Caeli Reginam).

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Almighty God, You are powerful and strong. You are the creative force behind all that is. You are the energy that flows through us all. I willingly believe Your strength is bigger than the weaknesses we may feel. I believe you can heal them. If it be Your will, Lord, we ask You to heal us, our families and our friends. Provide peace and comfort to those in need of it, in Your mercy. Amen.

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

Joby Kanda-Alvarez, Lily Leslie, 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 May 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26–16:4a

TUESDAY May 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22–34 Jn 16:5–11

WEDNESDAY May 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22–18:1

Jn 16:12–15

THURSDAY May 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:1–8 Jn 16:16–20

FRIDAY May 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9–18 Jn 16:20–23

SATURDAY May 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23–28

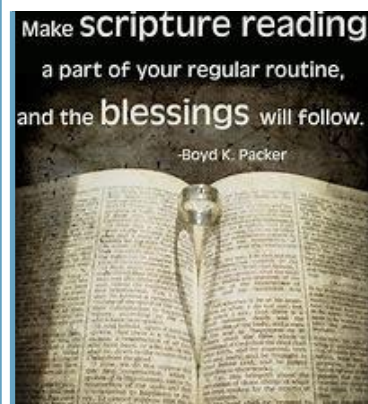
Jn 16:23b–28

SUNDAY May 21

Ascension

Acts 1:1–11 Eph 1:17–23

Mt 28:16–20





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[John 14:15-21
Acts 8:5-8 & 14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18]

Treasure Hunt

1. In John 14:15, **how** does Jesus want us to express our love for Him?
2. **Why** can't the world accept the Spirit of Truth?
3. Jesus tells His disciples that they will "see" Him after the world can no longer "see" Him. **How can this be?**
4. Jesus tells His disciples (and us) that "whoever loves Him will be loved..." **by whom?**
5. In this week's Acts of the Apostles, **who** is sent to Samaria to help Philip? **Why** does Philip need their prayers?
6. In Peter's first letter, he writes, "It is better to suffer for _____ if it be the _____."

Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt

Fifth Sunday of Easter

-1- dwelling places; -2- to prepare a place for us; -3- I am the way and the truth and the life; -4- b; -5- believes, greater; -6- Jesus' Ascension into Heaven.

In Holy Communion...

Jesus changes us, makes us new, and unites us.

"THE CHURCH HAS RECEIVED THE EUCHARIST FROM CHRIST HER LORD NOT AS ONE GIFT — HOWEVER PRECIOUS — AMONG SO MANY OTHERS, BUT AS THE GIFT PAR EXCELLENCE. FOR IT IS THE GIFT OF HIMSELF, OF HIS PERSON IN HIS SACRED HUMANITY, AS WELL AS THE GIFT OF HIS SAVING WORK."

— St. John Paul II, April 17, 2003



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Dear Padre

If the Catholic Church recognizes baptisms from other Christian denominations, why not confirmations?

Baptism signs us with an indelible mark. It defines our character and can never be repeated. A baptism is always held to be valid if a person is baptized with water using the Trinitarian formula (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1256). If a priest is unsure of the validity of a person's baptism, he would baptize the person conditionally, recognizing the earlier baptism if it happened and was valid. The minister of baptism is usually an ordained minister, but in necessity anyone can baptize, including a non-Christian, if the person intends what the Church intends.

Confirmation also leaves an indelible mark, as does holy orders, and they also cannot be repeated. What makes confirmation different from baptism is that the minister of confirmation is ordinarily the bishop because this expresses the apostolic unity of the Church (CCC 1312). If someone had been confirmed in a Church that has apostolic succession, their confirmation would be considered valid, and the person wouldn't be reconfirmed.

Most Christian churches have a common understanding of what the sacrament of baptism is, but while other churches might have communion, confirmation, and ordination, their celebration of those sacraments may not include all the requirements necessary for the Catholic Church to consider them valid.

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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 May 26, 2023.**

MAHALO FOR THE FRUIT!

Please continue to donate your extra fruit to our Painted Church gift shop. The visitors are excited to sample our tropical varieties.