



St. Benedict Catholic Church
May 21, 2023
The Ascension of the Lord

Power Unmasked
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the Lone Ranger and Tonto rode across our TV screens in days of old, someone would often ask, “Who was that masked man?” Folks never learned his identity, and it didn’t matter. For that man had saved them from evil, restoring their lives. In a sense, the Ranger, with Tonto, had passed on to them the power to live safely and productively.

As he was about to return to his Father, the risen Lord said to the apostles, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8). Yet being blessed with the power that raised the Lord Jesus does not always feel much like a blessing. At times it can feel more like a burden that falls upon our shoulders, one to heal and mend as we try to bring peace and a better world. We wonder why we always must be the one who says, “I’m sorry.” Why must we always be the one who plans the evening out or writes the Christmas cards or calls Mom or spends time with the children or listens to someone’s tale of woe? Yet such is the power of Jesus for bringing about healing to both spirits and bodies, for creating joy, for designing bridges into the hearts of others, all because the Messiah rode off on a cloud of silver to be welcomed to the right hand of God. Thus, he empowers us.

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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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For Reflection

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Have you ever been surprised by the good God has brought about through you?

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading: ...He was lifted up and a cloud took him from their sight. **Acts 1:1-11**

Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord. **Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9**

Second Reading: May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened ...**Eph 1:17-23**

Gospel: “...I am with you always, until the end of the age.” **Mt 28:16-20**

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.

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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**

A disciple follows the Master daily and shares the joy of discipleship with others.

Not by conquering, mandating, proselytizing, but by witnessing, humbling oneself alongside other disciples and offering with love the love that we ourselves received. This is our mission...to show by our lives ...that God loves everyone and never tires of anyone.

HOMILY, ROME, OCTOBER 20, 2019



Regina Caeli

*O, Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia·
For He whom thou didst merit to bear,*

Alleluia,

Hath arisen as He said, Alleluia·

Pray for us to God, Alleluia·

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary· Alleluia·

For the Lord hath risen indeed· Alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life· Through the same Christ our Lord· Amen·

SAINT OF THE WEEK - FEAST DAY MAY 26 ST. PHILIP NERI, 1515—1595

Born in Florence in 1515, one of four children of Francesco Neri, Philip was known as a cheerful and obedient child. His schooling was at the Dominican Monastery in Florence. At age 18 he went to live with a wealthy family to help them in their business and to possibly inherit it. Soon after arriving there he had a mystical encounter with the Lord which he later referred to as his 'Christian conversion' and it changed the course of his life. He traveled to Rome and spent two years there as a hermit, praying and fasting. At age 35 Philip began 3 years of studying theology and philosophy at St. Augustine's Monastery. After this he decided against ordination and set out to help the poor in Rome. The city had fallen away from Christianity and he was determined to re-evangelize the people. His personality won over many people who gathered around him. In 1544, at Pentecost, Philip had another encounter with the Lord as a ball of fire appeared and entered into his mouth. His heart expanded and he shouted, "Enough Lord, I can bear no more!" His heart was swelled, but with no pain. In 1548 he started the Confraternity of the Holy Trinity to serve the poor. He was finally convinced that he could do more if he were a priest, so in 1551 he was ordained. He also started, with friends, the Congregation of the Priests of the Oratory and kept up the fast pace for years until his health declined. On May 25, 1595, as he headed for bed, he said, "Last of all, we must die." Around midnight he suffered a hemorrhage and died at age 80. He is patron saint of Rome, U.S. Special Forces, humor and joy. He was canonized March 12, 1622 by Pope Gregory XV.



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



*I want people who have a devotion
To my Rosary
To have my Son's Grace and blessing
During their lifetime
And at their death.*

Our Lady to Blessed Alan de la Roche

PRAYER FOR HEALING

O God who are the only source of health and healing, the spirit of calm and the central peace of this universe, grant to us such a consciousness of your indwelling and surrounding presence that we may permit you to give us health and strength and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Ronald Pegelow, Joby Kanda-Alvarez, 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**

*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 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday May 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday May 25
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday May 26
St. Philip Neri, Priest
Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19

Saturday May 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday May 28
Pentecost
Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23





The Ascension of the Lord

[Matt 28:16-20]

Treasure Hunt

1. According to *Matthew's* gospel, **where** did the Ascension of Our Lord take place?
2. **How many** of the disciples witnessed Jesus' Ascension?
3. What was **The Great Commission** described in *Matthew's* gospel?
4. **T/F:** *Matthew's* gospel describes Jesus' actual Ascension into heaven.
5. *Matthew* does **not** allude to *the Second Coming*. Instead, he gives us Jesus' parting words to His disciples. What did Jesus say to them?
6. Name the two (2) **CREEDS** of the Catholic Church that affirm the Ascension of Jesus.

Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt

Sixth Sunday of Easter

~~-1-~~ by keeping His commandments; ~~-2-~~ it neither sees nor knows Him; ~~-3-~~ they **know** Him and He **remains** with them; ~~-4-~~ the Father; ~~-5-~~ Peter and John; their prayers were needed to call upon the Holy Spirit to descend upon Philip's converts; ~~-6-~~ doing good, will of God.

"I HAVE NO TASTE FOR THE FOOD THAT PERISHES NOR FOR THE PLEASURES OF THIS LIFE. I WANT THE BREAD OF GOD WHICH IS THE FLESH OF CHRIST, WHO WAS THE SEED OF DAVID; AND FOR DRINK I DESIRE HIS BLOOD WHICH IS LOVE THAT CANNOT BE DESTROYED."
— St. Ignatius of Antioch

Dear Padre

Why should I be confirmed?

In baptism, God calls you to be a priest, prophet and king. In confirmation, you receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live out those vocations. A priest offers prayer and sacrifice. In confirmation, you are moved to make your everyday life a sacrifice that you join to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross (Romans 12:1).

Prophet is from *prophētēs*, a Greek word meaning "spokesperson." In confirmation, you are compelled to preach the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:16), just as the apostles were when they received the Holy Spirit on the original day of Pentecost (Acts 2:2-4). When you were baptized, you were made a member of the royal family of God (1 Peter 2:9). Just as Jesus showed what it means to be a Servant King, so are we called to serve others in love. In confirmation, we are inspired by the love that God pours into us in his Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

In his first public preaching, Jesus quoted from Isaiah the prophet: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me" (Luke 4:18). That was the beginning of his public ministry. When the bishop anoints you with chrism, you can say the same. Your confirmation is the beginning of your own public ministry.

Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSSR DearPadre.org

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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.**

Many thanks to all who donate your time, talent and treasure to serve those who are unable to provide adequate food for their families or themselves.

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.



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