

St. Benedict Parish

St. John the Baptist Mission Church

03/16/2025 1st Sunday of Lent

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Honaunau

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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Kealakekua

WEEKEND MASSES

*St. Benedict

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Second Sunday Hawaiian
Mass 8:00 a.m.

*St. John the Baptist

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday Pohnpei Choir

Confession before Masses

Please call the Office to
schedule

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Benedict, Honaunau

7:00 a.m. Tuesday- Friday

PASTOR /Administrator

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Rev. William

Quiamjot (kee-yam-hot)

In last week's Gospel, we followed Jesus into the desert where He fasted and prayed. This week, He leads us up a mountain to witness His Transfiguration. Why both of these experiences?

He is preparing us to go with Him in a few short weeks to a hilltop — Golgotha — where He will lay down His life for our sake, and then finally to take us to an empty cave where He triumphed over sin and death once and for all.

Jesus perfectly understands our humanity. He knows we need desert experiences — times of self-denial and testing — in order to arrive at mountain-top moments when we see and feel His glorious presence in our lives. The purpose of these two types of experiences is summed up in the description of the Apostles who were with Jesus at that mountain-top experience in today's Gospel: "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory...."

The reason for all of our fasting and prayer and almsgiving during lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity, and to all that He has done for each of us personally. It is all too easy to get lulled into complacency in our daily routines, to "sleepwalk" through life, getting up and getting ourselves out the door, going to work, returning home for dinner and dishes, meetings, or sports activities, and finally flopping on the couch to watch TV until bedtime. While there is nothing inherently sinful in this routine, as Christian stewards, we are called to so much more!

This lent, let us train ourselves, or more precisely, allow Him to train us to say "Yes" to His will and to offer our lives back to Him in gratitude. In so doing, we, too, will become "transfigured." This is what it means to live fully awake; this is a stewardship way of life and it is glorious indeed. ©Catholic Stewardship Consultants www.CatholicSteward.com

Opening: #362 In these Days of Lenten Journey

Resp. Psalm: #69 Be With Me Lord (Common Ps. during Lent)

Offertory: #678 O God You Searched Me

Communion: #726 Transfigure Us O Lord

Going Forth: #535 Change Our Hearts



God's Graciousness & Generosity

This Second Sunday of Lent is like a breather in our Lenten pilgrimage, which is characterized by penance and greater awareness of our sinfulness. Weak and wounded in many ways, we fix our gaze on the transfigured Christ, to derive from him the inspiration we need to undertake or continue our quest for the values of the Kingdom and the splendor of a holy life. A key word to reflect on today is **GENEROSITY**. Let us remember that Jesus was transfigured while he was praying. His relational stance before the Father speaks of mutuality (relationship) and deep love. And it was in his dialogue with the Father that the glory of his true self was revealed. God's faithful response to His Son shone at his transfiguration. May our own response of fidelity in and through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, along with our participation in this Eucharistic celebration bring about the same effect in us, both as individuals and as individuals and as a community.

First Reading from the Book of Genesis 15:5-12.17-18
To a discouraged Abram, the Lord not only reiterates His promise of a numerous progeny, but also that of a spacious and fruitful homeland for his descendants.

Second Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Philippians 3:17-4:1

The Philippians loved Paul very much. Knowing this, Paul made an emotional appeal which concerns also us: to live as "citizens of heaven," and not to follow the bad example of those who live as "enemies of the cross of Christ."

Gospel: Luke 9:20b-36

The event of Jesus' Transfiguration while he was praying and the "Voice" from the cloud were a source of joy and strength for Peter, James, and John. They should be the same for us as we recall that memorable event in the life of Jesus.

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH, LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...

*Kamala Galletes * Marguerite Naito *Drew Sanbei *Miriam Janczak *Kelii Lovell,
*Joevelyn Delas Reyes
*Kathy Wood, *Gwen Menchaca
*Deb Reed, *Gloria Grapa
*William Anderson
*Elizabeth Awa *Johnny Koene

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you for your generosity!

March 9, 2025

3316.00 Collection

1009.00 Ash Wed.

10.00 Fr. Ely

25.00 Maint. -

350.00 Food Pantry

\$4710.00 TOTAL

Attendance

Adults/Children

St. John 77 14

St. Benedict 84 3

161 18

DEAR PADRE

Does the Church teach how we should dress to go to Mass? Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but the way some people dress seems very disrespectful. Church teaching, dogmas, doctrines, and creedal formulations are not the specific resources to consult in order to answer this question. It is properly a matter of discipline and practice, although the Catechism of the Catholic Church does direct that "bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey respect" (1387). There are many commentaries on what exactly "respect" might mean. It would be very difficult to establish a universal dress code. The many different cultures, climates, and particular circumstances of a specific Catholic community make a dress code unmanageable. It seems that you judge the local practice not up to your standards. Your judgment may be correct, or you may have unreasonable expectations. There was a time when "Sunday best" was the established norm. In other communities, the expectation would be "business casual" as a bare minimum. Now, it seems standards and practices are very fluid and flexible. All of this being said, it is ultimately a pastoral concern, not doctrinal or dogmatic. Try not to allow how other people dress distract you from your purpose at Mass. While they may not look like you imagine they should, their prayer might be genuine and heartfelt. ●Fr. Thomas M. Santa Printed with permission by Linguori Press

WEEKEND Prayer Intentions

Saturday 3/15/2025

4:00 PM Poli Olorvida Family

6:00 PM +Annamary Myers

Sunday 3/16/2025-3/21/2025

8:00 +Mary Neill

10:00 AM Peace in our world & a return to our Democracy

4:00 PM Diana Tekanoff, Healing

Weekdays March 18th-21st

7:00 Tues. +David Allen Amato

7:00 Wed. +Jolawte Reffesty

7:00 Thur. Sierra & Lydia, Healing

7:00 Fri. +husband and for the intentions of my family

Mass Request forms are available at the church entrance. The usual stipend is \$10 or more. You may place it in the collection or mail to the office. You may also submit via PayPal through our website at: thepaintedchurchhawaii.org. Please include the name and the

Gift Shop:
Black St. Benedict
Knotted Cord Rosary.
\$5 Minimum Donation



I have several oversized photographs of Our Lady of Lourdes (our garden statue). For those who donate \$25 for the Food Pantry, I have your copy in the office.

BUSINESS MANAGER

Susan Keen

Office Secretary

Carolyn Craven

Religious Education

Angie Tabieros

Music director

Ariel Hadap

Wed. 5:30 St. John Church,

Choir Practice

Food Pantry

Kenneth & Gloria Ciriako

Tom & Vicky McLoughlin



Monday March 10
Lenten Weekday Lv
19:1-2, 11-18 Mt
25:31-46

Tuesday March 11
Lenten Weekday Is
55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday March 12
Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1-10 Lk
11:29-32

Thursday March 13
Lenten Weekday Est
C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Mt 7:7-12

Friday March 14
Lenten Weekday Ez
18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26

Saturday March 15
Lenten Weekday Dt
26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

Sunday March 16
Second Sunday of
Lent Gn 15:5-12,
17-18 Phil 3:17-4:1
or 3:20-4:1
Lk 9:28b-36

Mahalo for your attractive arrangement and donations of fruit to the Fruit Stand. Our visitors are always interested in the fruit and what it is!

GOOD NEWS

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The darkness can be unsettling. As a child, my nightly bedtime ritual included checking beneath my bed as well as in the dark hall closet. One could never know what denizens of harm might be lurking there, hidden in the shadows. As adults, the darkness we fear is no longer what lies hidden about our home. Rather, the darkness we attempt to escape is the unknown forces that have the power to overturn our lives. It is the death of someone we love that plunges us into fear and loss, forcing us to somehow make our way, alone and unsure. It is the frightening medical diagnosis that has the ability to dismantle our planned future. It is the financial security that dissolves before our very eyes. In such darkness, we grope blindly to find our way. The Book of Genesis notes that a trance came upon Abram, a terrifying darkness that enveloped him. The gospel relays how Peter, James, and John became frightened atop Mt. Tabor when they found themselves in a cloud that obscured their sight. Yet, the darkness became for each of them a place in which they came to know their God in a totally new way; it set them on a new path of faith. It is then that we, too, are forced to surrender trust in our own wisdom. Unable to see clearly what is in store for us, we can only rely on a new path, trusting that we will be accompanied by our God. Printed with permission by Linguori Press

Reflect: What about my life do I struggle to accept ?



Second Sunday of Lent

[*Luke 9:9-28, Genesis 15: 12 & 17-19 & Phil. 3:17-4:1*]

Treasure Hunt

1. In last week's Gospel, Jesus was led to the desert, a low place, to face temptation; this week He and His disciples go to _____ to _____.
2. What is the **symbolism** of the appearance of Moses and Elijah at Jesus' Transfiguration?
3. Peter wanted to construct three tents so that they could stay in this glorious moment. **Why** does Luke then tell us, "But he (Peter) did not know what he was saying"?
4. God's voice in the cloud tells us, "This is my chosen Son; listen to Him." What can **you** do this week to listen more closely to God's son?
5. In the *First Reading*, **what** is the covenant God made with Abram?
6. In the *Second Reading*, St. Paul tells the Philippians that our "citizenship" lies **where**?
7. St. Joseph's Feast Day is on March 19th. In the *Gospel Reading*, Luke recalls what **mystery of the Rosary** to show Joseph's role as the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary? [Please research this answer.]

Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt

The First Sunday of Lent

-**1**- prayer, Scripture, Holy Spirit; -**2**- satisfy His hunger, amass riches & power, commit suicide; -**3**- temptation is a never-ending part of our lives; -**4**- T (True); -**5**- Call upon the Lord to be with us through temptation and hardships; -**6**- We must proclaim that Jesus is Lord and that God raised Him from the dead.

Thank you for supporting our Parish!

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Monday

Jubilee Cross St. Benedict 9:00-5:00

Tuesday

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Wednesday

Jubilee Cross goes to St. Michael

7:00pm **Thursdays**, Stations, St. John

Noon **Fridays**, Stations, St. Benedict

6:00 March 25th, Tuesday: Lenten Reconciliation Prayer Service at St. John the Baptist Church

Register for: Marriage and Family Life Enrichment: Clergy, Couples, and Singles are invited to attend a **Five Love Languages** enrichment on Saturday, 4/5/2025, 10:00 - 4:00pm at **St. Michael the Archangel Parish**, Kailua-Kona. Register <https://tinyurl.com/4uz45mju>. For more information or assistance with registration email WWMEBigIsland@gmail.com or text **808-478-6071**.

DEAR VISITOR TO ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, THANK YOU FOR VISITING US TODAY! WE WISH YOU A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE AND THAT YOU LEAVE ST. BENEDICT'S, TODAY, REFRESHED IN SPIRIT AND WITH PEACE IN YOUR HEART!

SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH, IT HAS BEEN A CATHOLIC TRADITION TO OFFER A "MASS INTENTION". THIS IS A WAY OF REMEMBERING A PERSON AND LIFTING THEM UP IN PRAYER. YOU MAY ASK THE GREETER FOR A FORM AND ENVELOPE.

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