



St. Benedict Parish St. John the Baptist Mission Church

04/27/2025 2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

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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

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Rev. William

Quiamjot (kee-yam-hot)

Confession at St. Benedict
Saturday 10AM-12:00

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter; more recently in our Church's history, it has become known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often referred to as the story of "Doubting Thomas" but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord, especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appears to them after His resurrection. The passage says that they were in hiding, cowering behind a locked door because they were afraid of what the Jews might do to them for their association with Jesus. They were paralyzed by fear and doubt.

But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? To chide them for abandoning Him when He needed them most? To call them out for being so wimpy? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them the authority to forgive sins. "Peace be with you," He says. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you.... Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift is this divine mercy.

Today is also an opportune time to examine how generously we offer the gift of mercy to those around us. When Thomas obstinately declared he would not believe in the risen Christ unless he could see for himself the mark of the nails in His hands and put his fingers into the nail marks and put his hands into His sides, our Lord does not become indignant. He offers mercy. Jesus graciously gives Thomas the very thing Thomas is asking for — a real and personal encounter with Him, the chance to literally touch His sacred wounds to heal Thomas from his doubts. When we are disbelieved or disrespected, do we respond as Jesus did, with humility and magnanimity and compassion, the very hallmarks of mercy?

Interestingly, we will find that the more deeply we embrace the gift of mercy through regular Confession, the greater will be our capacity to offer mercy to others because we will see ourselves as really truly are — forgiven sinners deeply loved by God. Let's commit ourselves to become faithful disciples, stewards of Christ's mercy 2,000 years after His Resurrection. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" — in His merciful love. Excerpts from ©Catholic Stewardship Consultants
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Today's Scripture readings are in the back of hymnal
903 Cycle C.

Beneficiaries and Channels of God's Merciful

Love!

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, we honor the Risen Christ under the title of "King of Divine Mercy." Each of us has surely experienced the infinite mercy of the Lord in so many ways, including the reception of the gift of faith and the forgiveness of our sins. We should manifest our gratitude to the Lord Jesus for his mercy toward us by being merciful toward our neighbor, we will be both the recipients and the channels of God's merciful love. And our lives will become living witnesses to Christ's resurrection and heralds of his love. Like the converted Thomas, let us approach the merciful Christ in this Eucharist and renew our profession of faith by proclaiming aloud: "My Lord and my God!"

First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
The Book of Acts tells us how the Church grew in numbers and esteem, thanks also to the healing power of Peter and the other Apostles.

Second Reading from the Book of Revelation 1:9 11.12-13.17-19
At the very beginning of his prophetic vision, John sees the Risen Christ, resplendent in his glory and full of life and power.

Gospel John 20:19-31
In today's passage Jesus appears to his disciples, sends them to continue his mission, and bestows on them the power to forgive sins.



This picture was last seen hanging over the Sacristy Door in the Parish Hall Chapel. This was donated to the church to honor Colette Burgess' parents and family. If you know where it could be or if it was borrowed please return to the office or in the church, no explanation needed. Sincere thanks!
Colette

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Week of April 17-20, 2025

\$3468.00	Collection
551.00	4/17
496.00	4/18
250.00	4/19
220.00	Maint_
150.00	Food Pantry
210.00	Holy Land
\$5342.00	TOTAL

Attendance

St. Benedict Adults/Children

Apr. 17	54	10
Apr. 18	46	11
April 19	69	11
Easter Day	145	25
	314	57

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

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| *Carla Vonderahe | *Kathy Ogata | *Mahina Kaupiko | *John Sanchez | *Susan Keen |
| *Kamala Galletes | *Drew Sanbei | *Keiki San Filippo | *Hank Silva | |
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| *Joevelyn Delas Reyes | *Kathy Wood | *Gwen Menchaca | *Deb Reed, | *Gloria Grapa |
| *William Anderson | *Elizabeth Awa | | *Johnny Koene | |

**WEEK AT A GLANCE:
NO DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK**

Mass Intentions

**Saturday April 26,
2025**

4:00 +Aurora Impinna

6:00 +Bernardine
Luksic

Sunday April 27, 2025

8:00 AM +Joe Canzoneri

10:00 AM Billy & Karlie, Kayla &
Thadd

NO WEEKDAY MASS



MON. April 28
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23–31 Jn
3:1–8

TUES. April 29
St. Catherine of
Siena, Virgin and
Doctor of the
Church
Acts 4:32–37 Jn
3:7b–15

WED. April 30
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17–26 Jn
3:16–21

THURS. May 1
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27–33 Jn
3:31–36

FRIDAY May 2
St. Athanasius,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Acts 5:34–42 Jn
6:1–15

SAT. May 3
Sts. Philip and
James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1–8 Jn
14:6–14

SUNDAY May 4
Third Sunday of
Easter Acts 5:27–
32, 40b–41 Rv
5:11–14, Jn 21:1–
19 or 21:1–14

GOOD NEWS FR. JOSEPH
JUKNIALIS

**FROM ANGER TO
PEACE**

At this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way? Saint John writes that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith” (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God’s presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world. ● Printed with permission of Liguori Press



Do I bring my faith to the news
of the day; do I pray for peace?



Divine Mercy Sunday

[John 20:19-31, Acts 5:12-16 and

Rev. 1-9-11, 12-13 & 17-19]



Treasure Hunt

1. In the 1930s, **who** had 14 visions directing her to petition the Church to establish a feast to honor Our Lord's *Divine Mercy*.
2. What **two (2) sacraments** and **two (2) prayers** are required for us to receive the grace of *aple-nary indulgence* on Divine Mercy Sunday?
3. In the picture (above right), **what** are Jesus' **right hand, left hand, and the rays of light** extending to us?
4. **Why** was Thomas (called Didymus) so defiant in his disbelief that the other disciples had seen the Risen Lord?
5. When Jesus invited Thomas to put his hands into Jesus' side, what was Thomas' **response**?
6. In the *Acts of the Apostles*, we see that Jesus, the Risen Lord, has conferred on His disciples **what powers**?
7. In the *Book of Revelations*, John has a vision of Jesus who tells him not to be _____ and to _____ what is happening and what will happen.

Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt

- Easter Sunday-1-** Simon Peter and the other disciples; **-2-** Jesus' body was stolen; **-3-** John, burial clothes, for us to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead; **-4-** F (false); **-5-** as witnesses they were commissioned by Jesus to preach and testify; **-6-** what is "above"; **-7-** Easter Season, 50, hope.

DEAR PADRE

How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs? I would respond to your question with one of my own: "When has it ever been different?" In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple. Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary. Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. • Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org Printed with permission by Liguori Press



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