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# Welcome to St. Benedict Parish & St. John the Baptist Church

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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

PASTOR /Administrator  
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Rev. William

Quiamjot (kee-yam-hot)

Confession at St. Benedict

Saturday 10AM-12:00 Noon

## The Ascension

The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.



**Thank God**, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

**While it is true** that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin.

**It is only in heaven** that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

**Look up to heaven today.** See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say: Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.

**It was written**, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too must accept the hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if not all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare. Through him he is giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.

## ASCENSION, OUR HOPE AND OUR CHALLENGE

Today, Ascension Sunday, we recall the glorification of Jesus Christ who, as a man, has been called to share in the glory of God. His ascension also reminds us that heaven is our destiny. That is what we have been created for. That is where we will find the perfect fulfillment of all our aspirations. But before we reach such a glorious destination, we have to do our share in the fulfillment of God's plan for ourselves and the rest of humankind. Jesus wants that we become more and more involved in the building of the Kingdom. That's why Jesus' ascension is also the indispensable premise for the beginning of the evangelization of the world through the Church. Today is also "World Communications Day," an observance that emphasizes the importance of communications in the work of evangelization and catechesis, the need to pray for all those involved in the field of social communications. Let us include them in the intentions for which we offer this Eucharist.

### First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

The Book of the Acts of the Apostles begins where the Gospels of Mark and Luke end: the ascension of Jesus into heaven. He leaves his disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit and the mission to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.

### Second Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23

The truth of Christ's glorification and the call of his followers to share in his glory were among the basic convictions of the early Christians. Here is how the apostle Paul professes this belief in the form of a prayer of petition.

### Gospel Luke 24:46-53

The episode of Jesus' ascension into heaven brings to a close his visible presence among his disciples and is the indispensable premise, in God's plan, for the period of universal evangelization

**Fr. William** had surgery Tuesday and returned to the Rectory on Wednesday afternoon. The short minute I saw him today, Thursday, he seemed to be doing well. Parish members may bring him meals so he can rest and recover. There is a cooler outside his door, so for now, please don't knock on his door. Low fat foods, fruits (likes papaya) and vegetables, fish, non-fat yogurt, tofu, legumes are preferred for his recovery. **Fr. William appreciates your prayers and good wishes. I do let him know by text when you have called the office or let me know on my phone.**

Let's continue to pray as he recovers!  
Carolyne Craven, Church Secretary

## Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you  
for your generosity!

Week of May 25, 2025

<b>\$1956.00</b>	<b>Collection</b>
<b>32.00</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>
<b>45.00</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>50.00</b>	<b>Feast of Ascension</b>
<b>55.00</b>	<b>Communications</b>
<b>\$2138.00</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Note:** Those of you who give through PayPal are not included in this total.

They do get recorded at a different time, as your contribution and if it is a regular contribution, maintenance, food Pantry as you have designated.

If for a Mass intention, please include the persons name and for what the intention is, such as Special Intention, Deceased, Health or healing, Birthday or Anniversary.

### Attendance

<b>St. Benedict</b>	60	9
<b>St. John</b>	70	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>24</b>

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

\*Fr. William Quiamjot      \*Paul Ruskey      \*Carla Vonderahe  
 \* Kathy Ogata      \*Mahina Kaupiko      \*John Sanchez  
 Susan Keen      \*Kamala Galletes      \*Drew Sanbei      \*Keiki San  
 Filippo      \*Hank Silva      \*Marguerite Naito      \*Jerry  
 Sheehan      \*Miriam Janczak      \*Joevelyn Delas Reyes  
 \*Kathy Wood      \*Gwen Menchaca      \*Deb Reed, \* Gloria Grapa  
 \*William Anderson      \*Elizabeth Awa      \*Johnny Koene



MONDAY May 26  
 St. Philip Neri,  
 Priest Acts 16:11–  
 15 Jn 15:26—16:4a

TUES. May 27  
 Easter Weekday  
 Acts 16:22–34 Jn  
 16:5–11

WED May 28  
 Easter Weekday  
 Acts 17:15, 22—  
 18:1 Jn 16:12–15

THURS. May 29  
 Easter Weekday  
 Acts 18:1–8 Jn  
 16:16–20

FRIDAY May 30  
 Easter Weekday  
 Acts 18:9–18 Jn  
 16:20–23

SAT. May 31  
 The Visitation of  
 the Blessed Virgin  
 Mary  
 Acts 28:16–20, 30–  
 31 Jn 21:20–25

SUNDAY June 1  
 The Ascension of  
 the Lord  
 Acts 1:1–11 Eph  
 1:17–23 or Heb  
 9:24–28; 10:19–23  
 Lk 24:46–53

### GOOD NEWS

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is said that we never grow up until both parents have died, when we can no longer go home. Yet, for each of us, there may also be a symbolic moment that moves us from childhood into adulthood. It may be achieving financial independence, graduating from school, or moving out on our own. Whatever it may be, we say to ourselves, “I am now grown up.” Whenever such moments occur, we feel empowered to shape our lives and our future. The feast of the Ascension is that sort of marker: God has empowered us to shape the world in the image of Jesus. Just as our parents empower us into an adulthood that contributes to life, it is now God who empowers us with the very same power by which he raised Jesus from the dead. It is a power and a presence by which God makes the world new through us. There are those who say they no longer believe in God, because if there is a good God, then he would not allow violence, the death of children before their time, and all sorts of evil that mars human life. Perhaps the greater question is not “Why doesn’t God do something?” but rather “Why do we not do something?” To pass on the responsibility to God is to abdicate our own responsibility and deny the fact that God continues to empower us as adults and expects us to utilize that power and presence to make all things new. ●

### REFLECT

In times of frustration and doubt we can feel unseen, forgetting the value of our small actions toward both people and the creatures of the earth.

### PRAY

Dear God,  
 when I feel invisible, unworthy, or unheard in the clamor and uproar of the world, help me return to the truth of how precious and alive even the smallest acts are.

There’s holiness in every action,  
 especially in the gentle repetition of caring for all those we love.

Help us see that everything we do matters.

And touches you. Amen

“Whatsoever You Do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me”

**DO**



## *The Ascension of the Lord*



*[Luke 24:46-53, Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 and Ephesians 1:17-23]*

1. **What** did Jesus seek to accomplish in the 40 days between His Resurrection and Ascension?
2. In *Luke 24:47*, **what** did Jesus tell His disciples to preach to all nations in His name?
3. According to *Luke 24:49*, **how long** were the disciples to remain in Jerusalem?
4. **Where** did the Lord's Ascension take place?
5. **What happened** as Jesus raised His hands and blessed His disciples?
6. In the *Acts of the Apostles*, **what** was **the purpose** of the "two men dressed in white garments" standing beside the Lord as He ascended?
7. St. Paul tells the Ephesians, that the "Spirit" will enlighten their hearts with **h**\_\_\_\_\_, the richness of glory in his **i**\_\_\_\_\_, and the surpassing greatness of His **p**\_\_\_\_\_ for 'those who believe.'

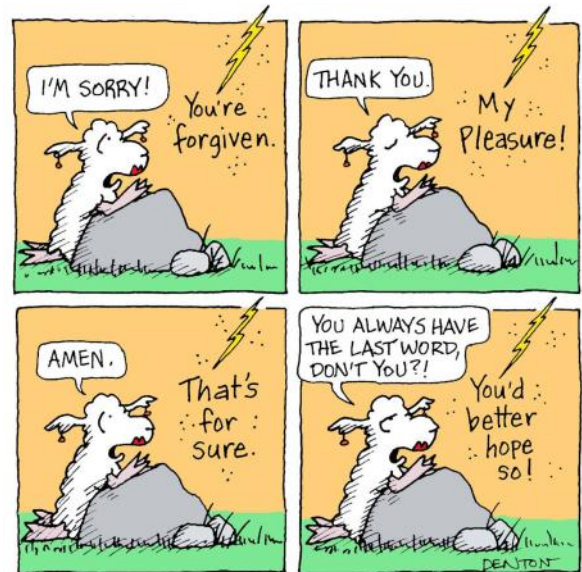
### **Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt**

#### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

-**1**- The Word is the way to the Father and Heaven; -**2**- Advocate, teach, remind; -**3**- because He is going to the Father, one greater than Him; -**4**- believe; -**5**- abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, blood from meats of strangled animals, and unlawful marriage; -**6**- circumcision; -**7**- the 12 gates guarded by 12 angels, the 12 tribes of Israel, the 12 Apostles.

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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"Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me."

#### **Sheepish Question:**

How has Jesus lifted up my life with his this week?

### **Opening #Seek the Lord**

Psalm: #916C God Mounts His Throne to shouts of joy: A blare of tr-um-pets for the Lord

Offertory: #673 Be Not Afraid

Communion: #802 One Love Released

Going Forth: #629 We are the Light of the World



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