

# **t. Benedict Parish**

## **St. John the Baptist Mission Church**

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**09/14/2025**

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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**

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

**St Benedict, Honaunau**

**7:00 a.m. Tuesday- Friday**

**PASTOR /Administrator**

**wquiamjot@rcchawaii.org**

**Rev. William**

**Quiamjot (kee-yam-hot)**

**Confession at St. Benedict**

**Saturday 10AM-12:00**  
**Noon**

## **When Life Is on Empty**

**FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS**

As he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, "Pain is weakness leaving the body." Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one's child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life's joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul. If St. Paul's assertion that Jesus came and "emptied himself...coming in human likeness ...even [to] death on a cross," then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God's spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full. •

**Reflect : What emptying am I experiencing?**

**Can I accept it as becoming more like Jesus?**

**Processional: #500 Lift High the Cross**

**Mass Setting: #185 including Eat This Bread**

**Responsorial Psalm: DO NOT FORGET THE WORKS OF THE LORD (Not in the hymnal)**

**Presentation of Gifts: #559 Keep in Mind**

**Communion: #732 Only This I Want**

**Recessional: #415 Alleluia Alleluia**

## LOOK UP TO THE CROSS!

The Cross literally and figuratively takes “center stage” today, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Earlier history, however, has a different take on the cross. For centuries, in the Roman Empire, the cross had been a sign of retribution and shame reserved for fugitive slaves and people who had committed heinous crimes. Jesus had done absolutely nothing to deserve it, but he accepted it, out of love for sinful mankind. His love – which reflects the love of the Father for all human beings – transformed the Cross into an instrument of hope and salvation for everyone. This is what makes the Cross a sacred symbol, a powerful reminder of God’s immense love for us, and a source of salvation for all. Any disrespectful use of it is terrible profane. The Cross of Christ deserves only faith and love because it is through it that we receive everlasting life. The Cross, therefore, cannot but be exalted! Let us begin this Eucharistic celebration by making the Sign of the Cross with faith and love.

**First Reading** from the Book of Numbers 21:4-9

As the Israelites journeyed through the desert, they met many difficulties and often complained about Moses and the Lord. Usually patient and longsuffering, the Lord sometimes found no other way to bring them back to their senses but to send a “medicinal punishment,” such as the one we hear about in today’s First Reading.

**Second Reading** from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

Concerned about divisions caused by pride and selfishness among the members of the community of Philippi, St. Paul presents to them the example of Christ’s humility for their reflection and imitation.

**Gospel** John 3: 13-17

In his conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus reveals that the prophetic figure of the bronze serpent as a source of salvation for the Jews in the desert will be fulfilled in the “lifting up” (the sacrificial death) of Jesus, the “Son of Man.”

September, 13-14, 2025

Mass intentions

### WEEKEND

**SAT. 4:00 PM +Roxanne Poinier**

**6:00 PM +Margit Hoffman**

**SUN 8:00 AM Thaddeus Charney,**  
**continued health**

**10:00 AM +Stan Savage**

### WEEKDAYS

**TUES> Pat & Darlene Donovan,**  
**continues marriage blessings**

**WED> Misa Pro Populo**

**THURS> Carol N. Fisher**

**FRI> Jim & Deanna O'Donoghue**  
**Special Intention and +Nancy**  
**Luther**

## Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you  
for your generosity!

Week of Sept. 7, 2025

**\$ 2619.00 Collection**

**25.00 Catholic University**

**50.00 Maintenance**

**455.00 Food Pantry**

**\$ 3,149.00 Total**

### Attendance

**St. Benedict** 66 3

**St. John** 39 9

**TOTAL** 105 12

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

*Paul Ruskey	*Carla Vonderahe	*Mahina Kaupiko
*John Sanchis	*Susan Keen	*Kamala Galletes
*Drew Sanbei	*Hank Silva	*Marguerite Naito
*Miriam Janczak	*Joevelyn Delas Reyes	*Kathy Wood
*Gwen Menchaca	*Deb Reed,	*Gloria Grapa
*William Anderson	*Elizabeth Aw	*Johnny Koene



Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross? Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life "as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus' death was payment for our sins doesn't mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. "It is love 'to the end' (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice "that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices," when "the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself," and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father "in reparation for our disobedience" (CCC 614). Christ "bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ's death has meaning in eternal life's triumph over sin. • Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

**MON September 15**  
Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Tm 2:1–8 Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35

**TUES Sept. 16**  
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Tm 3:1–13 Lk 7:11–17

**WED September 17**  
Weekday 1 Tm 3:14–16 Lk 7:31–35

**THUR September 18**  
Weekday 1 Tm 4:12–16 Lk 7:36–50

**FRI September 19**  
Weekday 1 Tm 6:2c–12 Lk 8:1–3

**SAT September 20**  
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Tm 6:13–16 Lk 8:4–15

**SUN. September 21**  
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4–7 1 Tm 2:1–8 Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13

**St. Benedict and St. John Activity Calendar**

Sept. 13,	10 am Liturgy Committee Sept 13, <b>St. John</b>
Sept. 14,	8:00am Hawaiian Mass, Share Sunday <b>St. Benedict</b>
Sept. 21	Pot luck refreshments, bring a dish to share after 10:00 Mass <b>St. John</b>
Sept.. 22	6:30 pm Stewardship Committee <b>St. John Hall</b>
Sept. 28	Religious Education Begins after 10 AM Mass <b>St. John</b>
Oct. 18	5:30 J R Silona Concert @ <b>Royal Kona Resort</b>
Oct 20-30	Fr. Nick is our Guest Priest
Nov.1-9	Fr. Clyde Phillips is our Guest Priest
Nov.9	Hawaiian Mass, Share Sunday, Potluck Refreshments
Nov. 15-16	Fr. William returns for weekends but No Daily Mass 18-21

## *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

### *Treasure Hunt*



*[John 3:13-17, Numbers 21:4-9  
& Philippians 2:6-11]*

1. When Jesus speaks to Nicodemus, who is the only one who has “gone up to heaven”?
2. In order for everyone who believes in Him to have eternal life, what must happen?
3. God did not send His Son into the world to c \_\_\_\_\_ it, but rather to s \_\_\_\_\_ it.
4. In the *First Reading*, what is the main complaint the Israelites have against God and Moses?
5. What saved the people who had been bitten by poisonous serpents?
6. In the *Second Reading*, what does St. Paul mean when he said, “(Christ Jesus) did not regard equality with God...”?
7. BONUS: What are the three (3) reasons for the celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

### Answers to Last Week’s Treasure Hunt

#### **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-1-family, themselves; -2- cross, disciple; -3- constructing a tower or leading one’s army to destruction without fore- thought and planning; -4-renounce, possessions; -5- Holy Spirit; -6- Onesimus, forced, voluntary.

DEAR VISITOR TO ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
ALOHA! 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.

### ST CARLO ACUTIS



St. Carlo, a teenager who was born in 1991 and lived in Milan, Italy, was known for his faith and use of technology to spread the Gospel. He used his tech skills to evangelize and developed an online exhibition of Eucharistic miracles. He died of leukemia in 2006 at age 15 and was noted for his joyful faith and compassion for others, according to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.



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