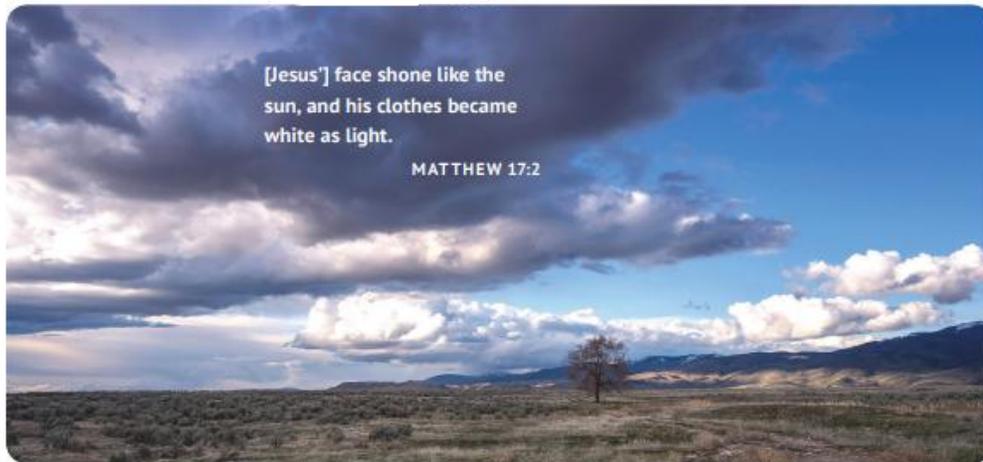


St Benedict Parish St. John the Baptist Church

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

GN 12:1-4A; PS 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 TIM 1:8B-10; MT 17:1-9



Where Heaven and Earth Meet

ANN M. GARRIDO

Have you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to “go together”? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains’ height pierced the sky. Turns out, it’s a bit more complicated. Mountains “create” their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind. It’s no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the “heavens”—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak. So, it’s also no wonder why Jesus, with three of his closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God’s voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus. The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet. • March 1, 2026 Second Sunday of Lent (A) Genesis 12:1–4a / 2 Timothy 1:8b–10 / Matthew 17:1–9

Reflect: What places or moments in my life have made me feel close to heaven?

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St. Benedict Church

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Dear Padre,

I've been to Latin Masses, and people do not socialize in church and seem more respectful than at a regular parish Mass, where people are leaving before Mass is finished, and there seems to be constant talking. Why is there such a contrast?

I'd like to caution you about two assumptions. The first is about judging people who leave Mass early. We can't know what is in a person's heart. Some people work on Sundays or have other unavoidable commitments that require them to leave at a certain time. The second assumption is that socializing before and after a parish Mass is disrespectful. The celebratory and welcoming culture of a Christian community that has gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist gives glory and praise to God. It is not disrespectful of the Eucharist, but rather a powerful witness to the unity, the community, and the faith of the people of God who gather with their Lord and Savior. There are Eucharistic gatherings that encourage silence, such as the Latin Mass you have experienced as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion. We need both—silence as we worship together and joyful interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both give glory to God. All that being said, to those who enjoy socializing or who must leave the Mass before the final note of the final hymn: do be considerate of those praying near you. They might be praying for you! • Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org



NEW ON LINE GIVING HUB

<https://www.osvhub.com/the-painted-church-hawaii/giving/funds>

OR

[the-painted-church-hawaii.org](https://www.the-painted-church-hawaii.org) to find the new QR code to use your camera and touch the address on the phone screen to go to the site for Online Giving. **February 28, 2026 will end our PayPal payment method.**

Please call Carolyn 816-520-1350 with questions. You can check it out by scanning with your phone

WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We must also cry out for peace in the world. Let us all say, "We want peace in the world!" Let us pray for peace. Let us pray for peace and be witnesses of the peace and reconciliation of Jesus Christ, the light that we are all seeking for today's world. GREETING TO YOUNG PEOPLE, ROME, JULY 29, 2025

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.

FOR STRENGTH,
PEACE AND HEALING,
MERCIFUL GOD,
HEAR OUR PRAYERS.

- *Linda Alcain
- *Terrance Terada
- *Hano Grace
- *Craig Camello
- *Pam Shultise
- *Merla Kline
- *Paul Ruskey
- *Carla Vonderahe
- *Mahina Kaupiko
- *John Sanchis
- *Kamala Galletes
- *Hank Silva
- *Miriam Janczak
- *Joevelyn Delas Reyes
- *Gwen Menchaca
- *Deb Reed
- *Gloria Grapa
- *William Anderson
- *Elizabeth Awa
- *Johnny Koene
- * Friends

MONDAY MARCH 2
Lenten Weekday Dn 9:4b–
10 Lk 6:36–38

TUESDAY MARCH 3
Lenten Weekday Is 1:10,
16–20 Mt 23:1–12

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4
Lenten Weekday Jer 18:18–
20 Mt 20:17–28

THURSDAY MARCH 5
Lenten Weekday Jer 17:5–
10 Lk 16:19–31

FRIDAY MARCH 6 Lenten
Weekday Gn 37:3–4, 12–
13a, 17b–28a Mt 21:33–43,
45–46

SATURDAY MARCH 7
Lenten Weekday Mi 7:14–
15, 18–20 Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

SUNDAY MARCH 8
Third Sunday of Lent Ex
17:3–7 Rom 5:1–2, 5–8 Jn
4:39a, 40–42 :5–42 or 4:5–15,
19b–26,

IMPORTANT: Volunteer Chaplains Needed !

St. Benedict’s, St. John the Baptist and St. Michael’s have all participated in taking communion to Catholic patients at Kona Community Hospital for many years! The hospital calls it their Hospital Chaplain Program. We are currently in need of several volunteers to visit our Catholic patients and offer them communion and/or prayer once or twice a month. The nice part of this ministry is that you pick the date(s) you are available and go anytime during visiting hours. To volunteer, your parish must qualify you as a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion. Kona Hospital would ask that you complete their volunteer paperwork and orientation. Volunteers go at times that are convenient for them, and the visits to the hospital generally require an hour or less of your time. If you are able to volunteer, **please call Frances Vasquez at 505-328-1727. Thank you!**

Mass intentions

FEBRUARY 28, March 1 2026

SATURDAY

4:00 PM +Maria Rufina Rodas

6:00 PM Missa Pro Populo

SUNDAY

8:00 Julie Fet, Sp. Intention

10:00 +Lucille Ann Konechne

WEEKDAYS February 24-27,

Tues. +Jerry Mertz

**Wed. Nancy & Tom McGahey 50th
Wedding Anniv.**

**Thurs. Augustus Martinez &
Kristoffer Reynard Reyes B-Day**

**Friday +Maria Dominguez & Luz
Grinet**

Feb 21-22, 2026

Collection \$ 3346.00

Ash Wednesday 1287.00

Maintenance 78.00

Food Pantry 5.00

Total \$ 4716.00

Attendance

Feb.18, 2026

Ash Wed. St. J. 81 22

Ash Wed. St. B. 45 2

126 24

St. Benedict 66 3

St. John 108 19

TOTAL 186 24

**Website for QR Code for
On-Line Giving (See page 2)**

† Stations of the Cross - St. Benedict

Every Friday of Lent This Friday at 12 Noon. Outside

**† Stations of the Cross Good Friday 3 PM Outside, or if it rains,
inside the church.**

Any groups or families are welcome to come any day between

6AM & 6PM during Lent St. Benedict. The gate will be open.

Penance Service. 3- 23, 26 6 PM St. John

† Hawaiian Mass 3-8-26 8:00 AM St. Benedict

† No Vicariate Mtg. in March

Second Sunday of Lent

Treasure Hunt



[Matthew 17:1-9, Genesis 12:1-4, and 2 Timothy 1:8-10]

1. **Why** did Jesus take three of His disciples up Mount Tabor with him?
2. **What** is the **symbolism** of the appearance of Moses and Elijah at Jesus' Transfiguration?
3. **What happened** while Peter was suggesting to Jesus that they should make three tents for the "guests" who had appeared?
4. Jesus commanded His disciples **not** to tell anyone about the vision they saw **until when**?
5. In the *First Reading*, what instructions did God give Abram that, if followed would make him blessed and make his name great for all times?
6. According to St. Paul in the *Second Reading*, what **two** (2) things did the appearance of Our Savior, Jesus Christ bring to us?

Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt

First Sunday of Lent

-1- Jesus was hungry after fasting 40 days and in the desert.
-2- "One does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." -3- (second temptation) for Jesus to throw Himself down from the parapet of the temple; -4- prostrate (bow); -5- the angels came and ministered to Jesus; -6- "You certainly will not die... God knows your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods." -7- Adam.

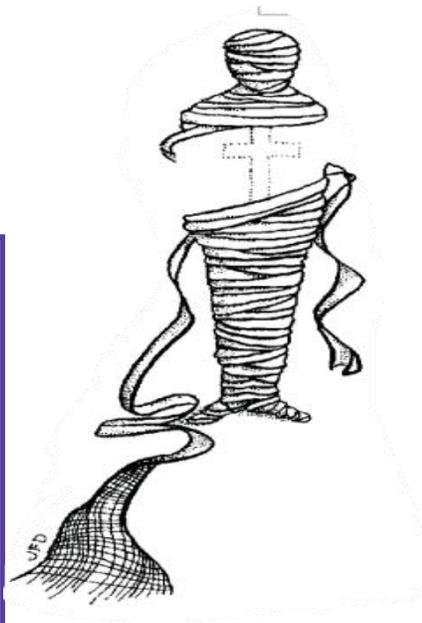
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Mysteries

The first reading from Ezekiel is perfectly paired with the Gospel reading of the raising of Lazarus. Ezekiel John 11:1-45 • The raising of Lazarus Q hears God say very clearly that God will raise his people from the dead, animating them with the spirit that will bring them back to life. The second reading from St. Paul also addresses the Jewish and Christian theological question, "Is death the end of everything?" Paul is as emphatic as Ezekiel. No. "The One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also." Of course, it might seem easy to believe in life after death until we have had a loved one die. Martha and Mary might have believed in an afterlife because, as Jews, they would have been familiar with the promise from Ezekiel. Yet when their brother died and the reality of him being gone for four days sank in, they doubted too. Not only did they doubt, but they grieved deeply, and even got angry at Jesus. Martha told Jesus she believes Lazarus "will rise, in the resurrection on the last day," but believing that didn't lessen her other perfectly normal human emotions. Even after Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, mysteries remain. Why didn't Jesus go to Lazarus immediately when the sisters summoned him? Why did he let them experience heart-breaking sadness for four days? Why did Jesus cry if he knew he would raise Lazarus from the dead? Why did Jesus raise Lazarus but not others who died during his lifetime? Why do some people today get to experience healing miracles, but others don't? Why do we have to wait for the resurrection of the dead to see our loved ones again? These readings today don't solve any mysteries of our faith. They don't give us answers about God, but they point to the complete conviction of three different biblical

writers who do not doubt that Jesus is "the resurrection and the life." Questions of the Week ☐ What most stands out to you when you hear the Gospel reading today?

If you have lost a loved one(s), did that affect on what you believe about the afterlife? How so?



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