

# St Benedict Parish St. John the Baptist Church

March 15, 2026 • 4th Sunday of Lent • Year A

Exodus

## Born Free

MIGUEL DULICK

Today's gospel, the healing of the man born blind, is a terrific story that includes many details. Notice that Jesus, who has his own agenda, "so that the works of God might be made visible through him," does not even wait for the man to ask to be healed.



But the man is a willing subject, allowing mud and saliva to be smeared on his eyes, agreeing to go to Siloam and wash. And, he's a quick learner. At first, all he knows is "the man called Jesus" healed him. Soon, however, he's calling Jesus "a prophet." Then, as a "division" ("schism" in the original) opens among the authorities and even in his own family, he defends Jesus' divine calling when the Pharisees mock Jesus as a "sinner." Finally, expelled from the synagogue, the man finds Jesus waiting for him with the ultimate revelation: he sees before him the Son of Man, "and he worshiped him." Now, maybe we weren't born blind, but I venture to say a lot of us are short-sighted. Do I "see the works of God"? Starting from "the man called Jesus," do I keep going forward in faith, defending Jesus when he is mocked by people, to a deeper, fuller reality than even my own family may not understand? All the way to adoration, worship, a total handing over of my whole self to the Son of Man? Or, as Thomas would later say, when his own eyes were opened, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). ●

**Reflect: This week, I will pray for my eyes to be opened to something important for me to see.**

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**Mass times: ST. BENEDICT Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m.**

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Saturday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m.**

**Confession: Sat. 9-11**

St. Benedict Church

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**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!**

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.

**Mass intentions**

March 14 -15, 2026

SATURDAY

4:00 PM +Kathy Hirsh

Missa Pro Populo

6:00 PM Bonnie Brown (health)

SUNDAY

8:00 +Thomas Love

10:00 +Evelyn French

WEEKDAYS March 17-20, 2026

Tues. Bill Donnelly, Sp. Intention-

Wed. Jarolsaw, Halina, Matthew Gabriel & Aleksaunder

Thurs. +Leodigaria Mascarina

Friday + Stephanie Roberts, Sp. Int.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

**Dear brothers and sisters, let us trustfully bring our ailments before Jesus, and also those of our loved ones; let us bring the pain of those who feel lost and without a way out. Let us cry out for them too, and we will be certain that the Lord will hear us.**

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE

**NEW & only ON LINE GIVING HUB**  
<https://www.osvhub.com/the-painted-church-hawaii/giving/funds>



**the-painted-church-hawaii.org** to find the **website ONLINE**, or you can go to the site by pointing your camera to the image above, touch the address on the phone screen to go to the site for Online Giving and you may make your donation. Please call the office 808-328-2227 ext. 0 Tuesday-Friday with any questions.

**Stewardship of Treasure Mahalo for your generosity!**

March 21-9, 2026

Maintenance	\$ 2556.00
Maintenance	55.00
Food Pantry	<u>38.00</u>
Total	\$ 3021.00

**Attendance**

St. John	73	12
St. Benedict	<u>117</u>	<u>11</u>
	190	23

Website for QR Code for On-Line Giving (See above))

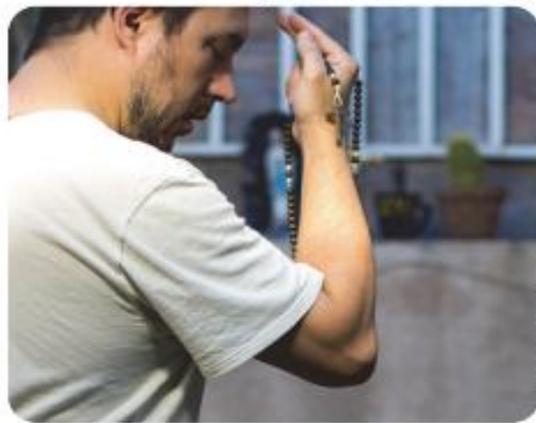
[the-painted-church-hawaii.org](https://www.the-painted-church-hawaii.org)

We do not accept PayPal but the above QR Code is easy to use.

## Slow down. Stay with Jesus. Just as you are.

by Joel Stepanek

Our world moves fast and the current pulls us along, but in that movement we lose sight of the many moments that the Lord wishes for us to “stay” with him. We miss simple moments of love with our family or an encounter with Christ through a stranger. We miss the “still, small” voice of God speaking to us while we wait in line or are stuck in traffic.



ALFONSO CATRONE

## Dear Padre,

**I am left-handed. Why doesn't the church allow the sign of the cross to be made left-handed?** A Catholic who is unable to make the sign of the cross with the right hand is certainly permitted to do so with the left. There is no rule against it. When Pope Saint John Paul II injured his right arm, he used his left hand to impart his blessing. The sign of the cross is a sacramental, one of the symbols that identifies you as a Roman Catholic. Just like all such symbolic gestures, there is an expected uniformity. To use a secular example, at a University of Texas football game, fans of the Longhorns give the “hook -‘em horns” sign. You wouldn't give the “thumbs-up” sign instead. It would be confusing. It's true that at one time, the left hand was associated with evil. Jesus sends the goats to sit at his left and the sheep to his right. (See Matthew 25: 33.) And, throughout the Scriptures, we read that Jesus sits at the right hand of God. (See Mark 16:19.) The word “sinister” is from the Latin sinister, meaning “left.” Left-handedness is no longer associated with evil. If you wish to make the sign of the cross with your left hand, you may. But do consider why you are doing it. Most left-handed people have no trouble using their right hand for many simple tasks. If your purpose is a bit rebellious, maybe realize that signifying unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ is more important. ● Fr. Thomas M. Santa,

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

**Patsy Sabarre**  
\*Jan Neumann  
\*Hazel Burnett  
\*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  
Friends

### Monday

**MARCH 16**

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday

**MARCH 17**

*Lenten Weekday*

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday

**MARCH 18**

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday

**MARCH 19**

*St. Joseph, Spouse*

*of the Blessed*

*Virgin Mary*

2 Sm 7:4-5a,

12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18,

22

Mt 1:16, 18-21,

24a or Lk 2:41-

51a

### Friday

**MARCH 20**

*Lenten Weekday*

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10,

25-30

### Saturday

**MARCH 21**

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

### Sunday

**MARCH 22**

*Fifth Sunday*

*of Lent*

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or

11:3-7, 17, 20-27,

33b-45

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Laetare Sunday

Treasure Hunt



[John 9:1-41, 1 Samuel 16:6-7 & 10-13, and  
Ephesians 5:8-14]

1. Instead of blaming the sightless man for his blindness, Jesus said that the man was born blind “so that ....”
2. Jesus said, “*While I am in the world, I am the \_\_\_\_\_.*”
3. What does “**Siloam**” referring to the Pool of Siloam mean?
4. The Pharisees questioned the blind-man-who-could-now-see and his
5. **p**\_\_\_\_\_ before throwing him out of the temple, proclaiming him a **s**\_\_\_\_\_.
6. The seeing man came to believe in Jesus when **Jesus spoke what words** to him?
7. In the *First Reading*, which of Jesse’s sons became ‘the anointed one’?
8. In the *Second Reading*, how does St. Paul distinguish “*light*” from “darkness”?

### Answers to Last Sunday’s Treasure Hunt

#### *Third Sunday of Lent*

-1- Jews share nothing in common with Samaritans; -2- eternal life is within you so that you will never thirst; -3- that she had had 5 husbands and was living unmarried with another man; -4- F (false); -5- water flowed from it. -6- sinners.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY CAROLYNE,  
YOUR CHURCH SECRETARY

### ST. MICHAEL’S LENTEN FISH FRY!

FRIDAY, THIS WEEK, AFTER STATIONS OF  
THE CROSS INSIDE ST. MICHAEL’S.

OUTDOOR **GRILLED MAHI MAHI** AND DELICIOUS  
SIDES INCLUDING RICE , VEGETABLES, SALAD AND A  
DRINK. EAT THERE AND TALK STORY OR TAKE OUT.-  
\$ 15 PLATE

AND IT’S ALL GLUTEN FREE

**FUNDRAISIR FOR HAWI ’S  
ST. DAMIAN BRICK GARDEN**

PARISH HALL

**SERVING BEGINS AT 5:45PM**



- + **Stations of the Cross - St. Benedict Every Friday of Lent, This Friday at 12 Noon.**  
Stations of the Cross **Outside**, or if it rains, inside the church.  
**Good Friday 3 PM**  
Any groups or families are welcome to come for Stations any day between **6AM & 6PM** when the **St. Benedict gate will be open.**
- + **Penance Service St. John Church March 23, 6 PM St.** A short Service with individual confession following. 6 priests will be in attendance to hear confessions.
- + Holy Week: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday Easter Vigil are all held at St. Benedict Chapel at 7 P.M. Same place on Easter Sunday 10:00 A.M. Bring Pot Luck Refreshments Sunday and help with a quick cleanup, please! **Food Signup sheet with the greeter next Wk.**