



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday August 25, 2019

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



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MISSION CHURCH:

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
 Kealahou

WEEKEND MASSES

St. Benedict, Honaunau
 Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:15 a.m.

St. John the Baptist
 Kealahou

Saturday 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Benedict, Honaunau
 7:00 a.m. Tues., Thurs. & Friday

St. John the Baptist Kealahou
 7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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A few weeks ago we heard Jesus' parable about the man who knocked at a friend's door asking to borrow some bread. The friend told the man to go away, the door was already locked and he and his children were in bed. Jesus said that if he did not get up because of his friendship, he would get up because of the man's persistence. The lesson was about persistence in prayer. Remember – the two were friends.

But in this Sunday's parable, the people outside are not friends and have no relationship to the man in the house. They only knew about him from his teaching in the streets, and eating and drinking with him – they were only casual acquaintances. They heard him preaching, but they did nothing. They did not come to his house at a reasonable time to begin a friendship. The master of the house said "I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!"

What do these two parables teach us? God is merciful and keeps the door open long beyond what we would expect, all the way to the end. But if we do not take time out from our worldly pursuits to get to know God, then there is nothing he can do. He is forced to accept our own decision to remain outside.

What is the lesson here for us? Take the time now to get to know God's will and love to act on it. Pray for the strength to enter the narrow gate.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Be strong and endure your trials as the "discipline" of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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HOSPITALITY



ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME

We welcome all visitors this weekend, and hope you will enjoy being part of our liturgical celebration. If you are living here, we invite you to become a member of our parish family. You may register by coming to our Parish Office during the week or by calling us at (808) 328-2227. There are also registration forms at the entry of the church.

*“Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.”
Romans 15:7*

WELCOME OUR LADY INTO YOUR HOME

This week Father Sieg will be commissioning the Mariano Ohana to take the “traveling statue” of the Blessed Virgin home where they will pray the rosary daily. If you would like to take part in this special devotion, please sign up at back of Church.

“If families give Our Lady fifteen minutes a day by reciting the Rosary, I assure them that their homes will become, by God’s grace, peaceful places.

-Venerable Father Patrick Peyton-

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father Sieg will be available to hear confessions 20 minutes before each of the weekend Masses or by appointment.

THE PAINTED CHURCH

Have you visited our little treasure of serenity lately? The grounds and church are open to visitors seven days a week from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY WEEKEND OF AUGUST 24-25, 2019

Envelopes and special inserts in the bulletin this week. Please give generously!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

The Stewardship Committee continues its annual renewal project this weekend with the distribution before Mass of Promise Cards regarding our stewardship of “Time”. They will be picked up by ushers just before the final blessing and Father will bless everyone’s promises. They will be returned to you the following week. It is hoped that, by hearing Father’s homilies, reading/hearing the Sunday readings at Mass, reading bulletin articles, including Deacon Craig’s comments on “Time” and listening to the testimonies given last week, each person has been inspired to promise our Lord and ourselves to use some of our valuable time to increase prayer and strengthen our relationship with God.



Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one’s weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

- Mahatma Gandhi -

COMING WEEK AT A GLANCE / PARISH CALENDAR

MON 08/26	TUES 08/27	WED 08/28	THUR 8/29	FRI 08/30	SAT 08/31	SUN 09/01
No Mass Pastor’s Day Off	7am: Mass St. Benedict	7am: Mass St. John Mission 6pm: SJB Staff Meeting	7am: Mass St. Benedict 7pm: SJB Prayer Group Meeting	7am: Mass St. Benedict	4pm Mass St. Benedict 6pm Mass St. John Mission	7:15am Mass St. Benedict 9:30am Mass St. John Mission



PRAYER

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



As a spiritual devotion to Mary, our Blessed Mother and the Patron Saint of the U.S., the Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary are prayed at approximately 35 minutes before all weekend Masses at St. Benedict and St. John. Join in this powerful prayer to our Mother who intercedes for us.



Please pray for healing and strength for:

Robin Crusat, Guy Miranda, Stephen Texeira, Dominga Guillermo, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Velloso, Wendy Ka'ahanui, Keiki San Filippo, Chickie and Tony Dias, Michael and Lynne Suber, Bobbie and Eddie Navas, Theresa Flemming, Dolly Mamac, Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

SCRIPTURE WITH LECTIO DIVINA

1. **LECTIO** or reading of a text: What does the biblical text say in itself?
2. **MEDITATIO** or meditation: What does the biblical text say to us?
3. **ORATIO** or prayer: What do we say to the Lord in response to his word?
4. **CONTEMPLATIO** or contemplation: What conversion of mind, heart and life is the Lord asking of us?
5. **ACTIO/RESOLUTIO** or action which moves us to make our life a gift for others in charity.

SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEARTS...

...will be praying expressly for the parishioners of St. Benedict Parish from August 25 to 31, 2019. They invite you to contact them for your special intentions by phone 808-737-5822, email at reginasscc@cs.com or by mail at Regina Pacis Community 1120 Fifth Avenue, Honolulu, HI 9816-5828.

FAITH FORMATION

FROM OUR CATECHISM—ABOUT PRAYER

2725 Prayer is both a gift of grace and a determined response on our part. It always presupposes effort. The great figures of prayer of the Old Covenant before Christ, as well as the Mother of God, the saints, and He Himself, all teach us this: prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God. We pray as we live, because we live as we pray. If we do not want to act habitually according to the Spirit of Christ, neither can we pray habitually in his name. The "spiritual battle" of the Christian's new life is inseparable from the battle of prayer.

2732 Facing temptations in prayer

The most common yet most hidden temptation is our *lack of faith*. It expresses itself less by declared incredulity than by our actual preferences. When we begin to pray, a thousand labors or cares thought to be urgent vie for priority; once again, it is the moment of truth for the heart: what is its real love? Sometimes we turn to the Lord as a last resort, but do we really believe He is? Sometimes we enlist the Lord as an ally, but our heart remains presumptuous. In each case, our lack of faith reveals that we do not yet share in the disposition of a humble heart: "Apart from me, you can do *nothing*."

DEACON'S CORNER



How Time...

When we look at time, we often think of its length. But the most important feature of time is "HOW" we spend it. Here's one of the few ways we can spend time with God. "Speaking" with God simply means praying to God and sharing with Him not only our burdens but our thankfulness. He wants to be more than just a voice we call out to when we are in trouble. We have the great privilege of dialoging with him back and forth as we walk through our days—sharing both our concerns and joys of each moment. Jesus offers a beautiful model of how to pray in Matthew 6:9-13. His example demonstrates not only a reliance on God but a deep trust in God to provide all that we need through every situation. In our quiet times, we can approach God in prayer with confident expectation because we know that He loves us unconditionally, wants to provide for His children and even tells us to share our concerns with Him (1 Peter 5:7). Spending time with God in prayer brings hope, love, and trust in all that we do. God Bless! **-Deacon Craig Camello-**

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

August 31, 2019 —St. Benedict: Peter.
St. John: Marjorie Fujimoto and Damon & Heather Ogata We appreciate all of you who labor faithfully to keep our churches clean.

...and please take note

Our cleaning teams need help! Your help by coming on Saturday mornings will surely lighten up the load. Call Ramona to find out which teams need the most help.

MAHALO FOR YOUR FRUIT DONATIONS!!

Thank you to everyone who donates fruit to our gift shop. We are especially grateful this week for generous donations from Jesse & Jocelyn Lomongo and from Lourdes and Galileo Mascarina.

**...and on the same subject (fruit)**

The tourists love the abundance of your tropical farm produce. We appreciate your continued generosity.

**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS**

We continue with our Coffee, Snacks and Conversation Fellowship after Sunday Mass. It has been successful. We have the first and third Sundays at St. John Mission and 2nd and 4th Sundays at St. Benedict. Our fellowship has been delightful with the food and drinks you have been sharing, and most specially your presence! Father Sieg is looking forward to everybody's involvement and participation in these and future events and fellowship. Your joining in our fellowship can be part of your stewardship of time. Come and be good stewards!!

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

ARE WE PEOPLE OF GOD SERVING GOD'S MISSION?

CONVERSATION OF THE HEART

We need to shift our focus from "head" to "heart". We move from "saying prayers" to praying in the sense of entering into a close, personal relationship, which centers on a sense of intimacy. Prayer is just conversation with God. Sometimes we just need to speak a little, then listen. "But, I don't have a minute free all day—when can I possibly pray?" We would all like to have 30 minutes during the day to meditate in silence but most can't do that. However, we can all find small "in-between" moments in our days when we can fill even the tiniest spaces with simply lifting our hearts to God. It will become a very pleasant habit. St. Ignatius encouraged "contemplatives in action," seeking and finding intimacy with God in all things, continually inserting small prayer spaces into our lives. This can make us feel accompanied by God all day long. Consider these suggestions:

- Brushing teeth is something we do every day for a few minutes. We can turn that time into simple dialog with God. It can begin and end our day with prayer.
- A drive in the car can become a brief retreat if we turn off the radio and have a conversation with God.
- A regular shower or bath time can be the perfect undistracted spot to connect with the One Who loves us more than we can imagine.
- We can pray walking to a meeting, crossing a street or heading into a store from the car.
- As we reach to answer the phone, say a 2 second prayer for the caller. It can change your interaction with the person calling.
- If we find our mind wandering, gently transform it into a prayer by saying to God, "I am distracted by the meeting I have later. Let me tell you what I am worried about." Or, "I am preoccupied by my relationship problems with my brother. Please give me the grace to forgive him." We can take any distraction to God and ask for help.

Ask, "Where is my focus, on me or on God?"

