



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday February 2, 2020

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

BY FATHER LARRY RICE

Over centuries, the Catholic Church has developed a set of principles that underlie its teaching on moral issues. More than a list of commandments and thou-shalt-nots, these principles can be discerned from the scriptures, and from hundreds of years of reflection on the relationships between human beings and God.

The starting point for Catholic social teaching is the inherent dignity of every human person. In the Sacred Constitution "The Church in the Modern World" from the Second Vatican Council we read, "There is a growing awareness of the sublime dignity of human persons, who stand above all things and whose rights and duties are universal and inviolable. They ought, therefore, to have ready access to all that is necessary for living a genuinely human life: for example, food, clothing, housing, ... the right to education, and work..." Because we are made in the image of God, and the human person is the clearest reflection of God among us, we are required to honor and respect the human person, and to acknowledge that all human beings have rights.

The most basic human right is the right to life itself. The church's stance protecting human life is based as much on this right as it is on the commandment that says "thou shalt not kill." And because we believe that *all* human life is sacred, the church believes it must be protected for all persons, from conception to natural death.

For Catholics, human life and human dignity are absolutes. That's why we must accord the same respect and honor to all human beings: the unborn, the handicapped, the elderly, criminals, foreigners, enemies, immigrants, everyone. This is a challenging principal, a radical stance that sometimes sets us apart from our culture. But it's a principal as basic as God telling us, "Love one another, as I have loved you."

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WEEKEND MASSES

St. Benedict, Honaunau
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:15 a.m.
St. John the Baptist
Kealakekua
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 Kealakekua
7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek. (MAL 3:1-4)

Psalm: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (PS 24:7,8,9,10)

Second Reading: ...that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. (Heb 2:14-18)

Gospel: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation..." Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

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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.

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”
Romans 15:7

WELCOME OUR LADY INTO YOUR HOME

This week Father Sieg will be commissioning Raymond & Ramona Ciriaco 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, place your name on the **sign up sheet** at the back of Church.

“The family that prays together stays together.”
-Fr. Patrick Payton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

EUCARIST TO HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITALIZED

Call the office to make arrangements for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

*Thank God...
 for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist!*

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. Bring snacks if you want. Your joining in our fellowship can be part of your stewardship of time. Come, and be happy stewards!!



ENGLISH TUTORING OFFERED

Beginning January 27, 2020, Monday and Wednesday evening, ESL (English) classes will be given at Konawaena High School. See or call Georgia Goeas (895-0156) ASAP for information and a brochure.

SAINT OF THE WEEK ST. BLAISE

DATES: Died 316
 Feast Day: February 3




Saint Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy

who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers. He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading.



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COMING WEEK AT A GLANCE / PARISH CALENDAR

MON 2/03	TUES 2/04	WED 2/05	THUR 2/06	FRI 2/07	SAT 2/08	SUN 02/09
No Masses <i>Father's Day Off</i>	7 am Mass at St. Benedict	7 am Mass St. John Mission 5:00 pm @ SJB Parish Finance Council Meeting *Cruise Ship: Pride of America	7am Mass at St. Benedict 7:00 pm @ SJB First Thursday Holy Hour 	7am Mass St. Benedict	4pm: Mass St. Benedict 6pm Mass St. John Mission	7:15 am St. Benedict Hawaiian Mass 9:30 am 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.

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH, KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Johnny Koene, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Chickie and Tony Dias, Phyllis Blank Leathhead, Marya M., Rodney Crusat, Davies Lynn Carstens, Charles Tripoli, Dolly Primacio, Danny Burgess, Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Robin Crusat, Guy Miranda, Stephen Teixeira, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, Keiki San Filippo, Michael Suber, Bobbie and Eddie Navas, Theresa Flemming. Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

A PRAYER FOR THE END OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

A Prayer for the End of Human Trafficking
God of freedom, beauty and truth
we believe that your deepest desire,
your most powerful energy,
is that all creation might know abundant life.

We raise our voices in anguished prayer
for our sisters and brothers,
women and girls, men and boys,
who are modern day slaves;
They are your beloved daughters and sons,
exploited sexually or forced to work
because of human violence and greed.

Fill us with your holy anger and your sacred passion
that those who are trafficked might know healing and justice;
that traffickers will come to repentance and conversion;
that all of us might live in such a way
that others are not made to pay the price
for our comfort and convenience.

Hasten the coming of the day when all people
and our precious Earth itself
will be treated, not as a commodity,
but as radiant images of your freedom, beauty and truth.
Amen. May it be so.

As shared by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, NJ

FAITH FORMATION

"Have confidence in prayer. It is the unflinching power which God has given us. By means of it you will obtain the salvation of the dear souls whom God has given you and all your loved ones." Ask and you shall receive," Our Lord said. Be yourself with the good Lord."

-
Saint Peter Julian Eymard

9 WAYS TO PRAY

Try out these ways to pray, and then make those that you find most helpful a practice in your daily life!

- #1 The Newspaper Prayer** (Bulletin of 1/5/2020)
- #2 Becoming a Character in the Parables** (Bulletin 1/5/20)
- #3 Journaling** (Bulletin 1/12/2020)
- #4 A.C.T.S.** (Bulletin 1/19/2020)
- #5 The Map Prayer** (Bulletin 1/26/2020)
- #6 Just Listening** (Bulletin 1/26/2020)

#7 THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS AND YOU

In a quiet place where you will not be disturbed, read slowly one of the following readings from the Old Testament: Jer. 1:4-10 and 22:1-3; or Is. 58. In silence, prayerfully consider the following questions: What stands out to you about the reading? What was God saying to his people through the prophet? What might the reading mean for the world today? Are you open to being a modern day prophet? What message might God be calling you to proclaim? Ask God to be with you and to guide you as you reflect on these questions. Pray for the strength to respond to whatever God might be asking of you.

#8 THE PRAYER BOX

Using a shoe box or another similarly-sized box, create your own personal prayer box. You may choose to cover your box with paper or decorate it in some way, or you can simply leave it plain. On small slips of paper, write issues about which you are concerned. Put the papers inside the box. During your prayer time each day, pick one or two slips of paper out of the box and pray for those impacted by injustices related to the issues, for policymakers, and for the ability to listen to how God might be calling you to respond.

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SERVICE

2020 DIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP DAY

All ministry leaders and other interested parishioners are encouraged to attend the annual Diocesan Stewardship Day. It will be held at Resurrection of the Lord Church, 94-1260 Lumikula St., Waipahu on February 8, 2020 from 8 am to 12 pm, with a bonus workshop, "Proven Resources for the Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure," from 12:20—1:00 pm. Lunch is included with registration. A flyer is posted at the front door of the church. REGISTRATION IS FREE. Simply email mclark@rcchawaii.org or call 808-203-6723. Include name(s), parish, phone # -- and YES if attending Bonus Workshop.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on **every 2nd and 4th Friday** of the month. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Food Pantry, with monetary or food donations, or volunteering your time. Next open for distribution on Friday, **February 14, 2019**.

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

February 8, 2020 —St. Benedict: Peter.

St. John: Susan Morton & Verna Tavares.
We appreciate all of you who labor faithfully to keep our churches clean.

IF YOU ARE ABLE to join any of the church cleaning groups, or start a new one, please contact Ramona Ciriaco at 756-2943.

More volunteers are needed!

MAHALO FOR YOUR FRUIT DONATIONS!!

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate fruit to our gift shop. We are grateful for all. The tourists love the abundance of your tropical farm produce. Your continued sharing is very much appreciated.

PRACTICE YOUR STEWARDSHIP!!

Come to the Painted Church and greet our visitors!. Remember the Pillar of Hospitality. Talk to Father or anyone on the Stewardship Committee or call the office. Bus tour days are posted on the "week at a glance" schedule in the bulletin. Buses come between 9:30 and 1:30 pm usually. Let's make our guests elated by giving them a little extra information. We can teach you! Happy visitors are generous visitors! It's very gratifying!!

FAITH FORMATION



A guided meditation on the rosary's fourth Joyful Mystery (The Presentation of Our Lord) mentions "our Blessed Mother's purification." What does that mean?

According to Jewish law, a mother was considered ritually impure for forty days after giving birth to a son, and eighty days after the birth of a daughter (see Leviticus 12:1–8). After the prescribed period of purification, she made an offering to God in the Temple for her atonement and another offering to support the priests. Her purification offering was a pigeon or turtledove; the burnt offering for the priests was a yearling lamb. However, if a woman couldn't afford the lamb, she could instead substitute two turtledoves or pigeons. Mary's offering of two birds indicated her poverty (see Luke 2:24). Moreover, the Law stipulated that every firstborn male be presented to God in the Temple. "The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Consecrate to me every firstborn; whatever opens the womb... whether of human being or beast, belongs to me'" (Exodus 13:1–2). As a devout, law-abiding Jewish couple, Mary and Joseph traveled eighty miles from Nazareth to Jerusalem to present their son to God. Mary couldn't afford a lamb as a burnt offering; rather she offered Jesus as the true Lamb of God in the name of the human race. Saint Alphonsus Liguori wrote, "O my God, I on my part unite my sacrifice to that of Mary. I offer to you your own divine Son, and by his merits I ask you to grant me all the graces I need for salvation."

-Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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FEBRUARY 8 & 9— SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week, our second collection will be for the Augustine Educational Foundation which provides tuition assistance to Hawaii families with financial needs to be able to send their children to Hawaii Catholic Schools, and for grants for curriculum development.

**FEBRUARY 8TH—HAWAIIAN MASS AT
ST. BENEDICT, 7:15 AM**