



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

Try It! You'll Like It!

Try It! You'll Like It! If only temptation was obvious, we might have a better chance of avoiding it. But sometimes it's so subtle. It often disguises itself as something rather attractive. This is precisely what happened in the Garden of Eden. Scripture says temptation takes on a living form—a serpent that convinces the woman that the fruit of the wisdom tree will make them “like gods, who know good and evil” (Genesis 3:5). Who wouldn't jump at such a possibility? Actually, who hasn't already fallen into that trap—acting as if we are God, thinking we know everything or wishing to be in complete control? Our faith certainly encourages us to become more and more like God. What made that desire wrong was the way Adam and Eve sought to become like gods in their own way, not God's way.

The Gospel passage tells us that Jesus also was tempted. Who doubts that Jesus wanted to be successful in his ministry? But what would he do to ensure success? Would he use divine power to attract a following? No! Would he call upon God to protect him from misunderstanding, rejection, even physical harm? No! Would he bargain with the devil, who obviously exercised power over many people? No! That was not the way he would be the Messiah. Unlike the couple in the Garden, Jesus recognized what was wrong even when it was disguised as something good. How good are we at recognizing temptation in our lives?

FOR Reflection -

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

In what ways does temptation sometimes trick you? -

What can you do so you won't be tricked?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Psalm: Be merciful O Lord, for we have sinned. Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

Second Reading: ...through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

Gospel: ...Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.
Mt 4:1-11

OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

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WEEKEND MASSES

St. Benedict, Honaunau

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:15 a.m.

St. John the Baptist
Kealahoukua

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 Kealahoukua

7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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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.

IN OUR DAYS OF LENTEN JOURNEY...

Lent is an excellent time to pray the holy rosary. We can ask the Mother of our Lord to accompany us as we follow the Way of the Cross. St. Louis de Monfort said, "The rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, who loves His Mother." Our traveling Virgin Mary would like to be welcomed into your home for the week so that you can take part in this special devotion. Just place your name on the sign up sheet at the back of Church.

"The family that prays together stays together."

-Fr. Patrick Peyton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

EUCHARIST TO HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITALIZED

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

JOYFULLY WE WELCOME...

Congratulations to Ian Carsten Amor Granadosin, son of Richard Acosta Granadosin and Karlynn Amor, who was baptized on February 9, 2020. We also congratulate Diesel Derek Tudela Nedlic, son of Derrick Sanchez Nedlic and Athena Marie Sungino Tudela, who was baptized on February 22, 2020.


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!!

****** UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES******

- ◆ **2/28—4/10/2020 Every Friday**—Stations of the Cross outdoors at St. Benedict at 3:00 pm and inside at St. John Mission at 7:00 pm.
- ◆ **3/02/2020** St. Benedict Church and grounds will be closed until late afternoon 3/03/2020 due to the necessity of tenting all buildings for termites.
- ◆ **3/07/2020** One-day Stewardship Retreat at St. Michael the Archangel, Kailua-Kona—7 am to 1:30 pm. This year the theme is "Stewardship in the Family." Sign up by calling St. Michael's office at 808-326-7771 or email: stmichaelarchangel@rcchawaii.org
- ◆ **3/14/2020** Annunciation Church, Waimea, repeat of Stewardship Retreat (held previously at St. Michael's). 7 am to 1:30 pm. Please RSVP to Annunciation office at 808-887-1220 or email to: merickson@rcchawaii.org
- ◆ **3/24/2020** Chrism Mass with Bishop Silva presiding, at St. Michael the Archangel at 6:00 pm.

COMING WEEK AT A GLANCE / PARISH CALENDAR

| MON 3/02 | TUES 3/03 | WED 3/04 | THUR 3/05 | FRI 3/06 | SAT 3/07 | SUN 03/08 |
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| No Masses <i>Father's Day Off</i> Office closed Monday and Tuesday for Tenting of all Buildings. | NO 7:00 am Mass at St. Benedict Tenting—all buildings closed 7:00 pm St. John Stewardship Mtg. | 7:00 am Mass St. John Mission *Cruise Ship: Pride of America | 7:00 am Mass St. Benedict 7:00 pm Holy Hour—St. John Mission  | 7:00 am Mass St. Benedict Stations of the Cross +++++ St. B. 3:00 pm SJB 7:00 pm | 4pm: Mass St. Benedict 6pm Mass St. John Mission *Cruise Ship: Eurodam | 7:15 am Mass St. Benedict 9:30 am Mass St. John Mission |



PRAYER

FAITH FORMATION

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...

Rudy Crusat, Elizabeth Awa, Bill Myers, Johnny Koene, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Chickie and Tony Dias, Phyllis Blank Leathead, Robin Crusat, Davies Lynn Carstens, Charles Tripoli, Dolly Primacio, Danny Burgess, Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Stephen Texeira, 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 HEALING

Dear Jesus our Lord,
We ask you to have mercy on all who are sick. Give them your strength and your love, and help them to carry their cross with great faith in you. May their sufferings be one with yours. Help them to overcome the power of evil, and lead others to our Father in heaven. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer, for you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

“By humble and faithful prayer, the soul acquires, with time and perseverance, every virtue.”

-St. Catherine of Siena

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

The Third Commandment calls us to keep holy the Sabbath day. For Christians, the observance of the Sabbath is transferred to Sunday, the day that Jesus rose from the dead. God, through the Church, obliges us to make Sunday holy by participation in the Eucharist and by our being prayerfully reflective as far as possible. Sunday observance fulfills the interior law inscribed in the human heart to render to God visible and public worship as a sign of radical dependence upon God and as gratitude for all the blessings we have received.

Every seven days, the Church celebrates the Easter mystery. This tradition goes back to the time of the Apostles. It takes its origin from the actual day of Christ's Resurrection. Sunday extends the celebration of Easter throughout the year. It is meant to be illumined by the glory of the Risen Christ. It makes present the new creation brought about by Christ. Sunday also recalls the creation of the world. The Genesis account of creation, expressed in poetic style, is a hymn of awe and adoration of God in the presence of the immensity of creation. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council explained how we should celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, or its vigil on Saturday evening:

The Church, therefore, earnestly desires that Christ's faithful, when present at this mystery of faith, should not be there as strangers or silent spectators. On the contrary, through a good understanding of the rites and prayers they should take part in the sacred action, conscious of what they are doing, with devotion and full collaboration. They should be instructed by God's word and be nourished at the table of the Lord's Body. They should give thanks to God. Offering the immaculate victim, not only through the hands of the priest, but also together with him, they should learn to offer themselves. Through Christ, the Mediator, they should be drawn day by day into ever more perfect union with God and with each other, so that finally God may be all in all. (SC, no. 48)

Our presence at Eucharist must be more than a passive experience of the work of the priest and the music from the choir. We should join actively in the worship, where everyone present pours out adoration of and love for God. The more we meditate upon what we are doing, the more we will worship in spirit and truth and benefit from the grace that flows from the Eucharist. We will grow in our love and worship of God as well as in respect and love for one another.



SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT 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, **March 13, 2019**.

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

March 7, 2020 —St. Benedict: Peter.

St. John: Wynn Hanato-Smith & Anastacia Abelera. We appreciate all of you who labor faithfully to keep our churches clean.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - GRADES 2 - 12 WEST HAWAII VICARIATE EVENTS

Saturday, March 14, 2020: Lenten Retreat,
St. Michael the Archangel 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 4, 2020: Passion Retreat,
St. Benedict 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Throughout Lent, we will walk the Way of the Cross at St. Benedict outdoor stations at 3 p.m. on every Friday. At 7:00 p.m. we will pray the stations indoors at St. John Mission. Join us wherever it is convenient for you. (# small sacrifices)



FAITH FORMATION

Dear Padre,

March 1, 2020

Is gambling a sin?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church mentions gambling in the context of “temperance” to moderate attachment to worldly goods, “justice” to render to our neighbor what is due, and “solidarity in accordance with the golden rule” (CCC 2407). “Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement. Unfair wagers and cheating at games constitute grave matter....” (CCC 2413). Gambling, therefore, is morally neutral. When properly controlled, it can be a form of recreation for some. However, it becomes an enslavement when obsessive gamblers neglect their families or jobs, risk financial security, and compromise their responsibilities to self, others, and God. The allure of winning and the desire to win even more—along with venues that provide easy gambling credit and other incentives—often make it harder for people to know their limits. Consequently, a severe gambling addiction can lead and has led to stealing to pay debts, divorce, job loss, despair, and suicide. No wonder St. Augustine cautioned, “The devil invented gambling.” Even if Satan didn’t invent it, he’ll gladly take credit for it when gambling becomes a means to his ends. In so many words, those who win large amounts from lotteries and games of chance frequently warn, “All that glitters isn’t gold.” Despite its enticements, gambling ultimately fails to satisfy the human heart’s longing for meaning and fulfillment. —

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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“What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”

Mark 8:36