



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## Sunday July 19, 2020

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### “The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like...”

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**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
 Kealakekua

**WEEKEND MASSES**  
**St. Benedict Hall, Honaunau**  
 Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
 Sunday 10:00 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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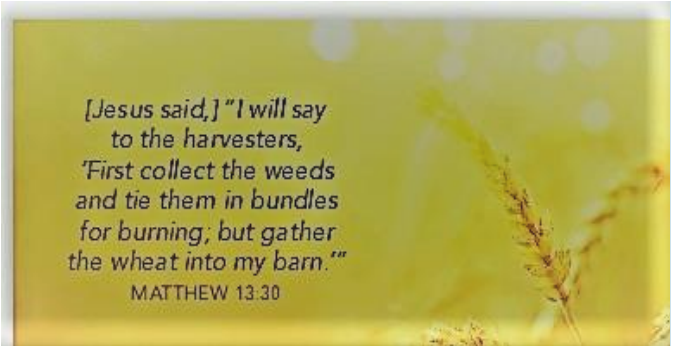
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The Gospel reading consists of parables, one of which Jesus explains. The two that seem easy to understand compare the kingdom with a mustard seed that begins small and then grows large enough to welcome all manner of birds for nesting,



and of a bit of yeast that completely transforms the entire batch of dough. The parable about the weeds in the field of wheat needed explanation. Any farmer would have recognized the situation described. We don't always know where they come from, but weeds seem to crop up everywhere. What should one do? Lest wheat be inadvertently pulled up, let both wheat and weeds grow till the harvest. That is the time of separation. So, what's the meaning of these parables? Like the mustard seed, the kingdom—the new way of living that Jesus came to inaugurate—consists of small acts of unselfishness and genuine love. But it grows and grows until it is opened to all manner of people. Like the yeast, as insignificant as it might appear, this kingdom can transform all of society. The parable of the wheat and the weeds is about the last judgment. But it also insists that the field (society), even the Church, is made up of both good

and bad. It is very dangerous to try to get rid of what might be considered bad seeds, bad citizens, or bad members. One might pull up the wrong ones. There will be a time of judgment, and it will be in God's time, and in God's hands.  
 —Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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#### For Reflection

☞ We belong to this kingdom. Are we open to all manner of people? Do our lives transform society?

☞ How do you interact with people you think are living wrongly?

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; [WIS 12:13, 16-19](#)

**Psalms:** Lord, you are good and forgiving [PS 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16](#)

**Second Reading:** The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; [CF. MT 11:25](#)

**Gospel:** ...to fulfill what had been said by the prophet... *I will open my mouth in parables...* Whoever has ears ought to hear. [MT 13:24-43 OR 13:24-30](#)

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

The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

**BULLETIN:** Articles and photos (with caption) for the bulletin must be *emailed* to [st.benedict@rcchawaii.org](mailto:st.benedict@rcchawaii.org) **Submission deadline: TUESDAY at 5:00pm.**

**WEBSITE:** [thepaintedchurchhawaii.org](http://thepaintedchurchhawaii.org)

## HOSPITALITY



### ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME

In compliance with Bishop Silva's directives, our Masses are being held at St. Benedict Hall Chapel. Social distancing and masks are required. Due to limited space it would be best to arrive early. No one has been turned away yet, however more are attending each week. Thank you for your understanding.

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

At this time, all Masses are being celebrated at St. Benedict Hall Chapel. Times are as follows:  
Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am

### WEEKDAY MASSES HAVE RESUMED

Mass is now being celebrated every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at St. Benedict Hall and Wednesday at St. John Mission— All at 7:00 am. Praising God first thing in the morning is the most important thing on our daily calendar. Receiving Christ in the Blessed Eucharist gives us the strength to fight selfish pride and sin. In accepting the challenge of meeting Jesus daily, we will find more joy than ever.

### SACRAMENTS

**Funerals** may now take place again in St. Benedict Hall Chapel according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses, i.e. following all health and safety precautions. Funerals at this time may not include visitation times, only the Vigil for the Deceased, a Funeral Mass and Committal may be held.

**Baptisms** may take place according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses. They will be done in such a way that the same water is not poured on more than one person or stored in the font after use.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

At this time Father Sieg is available for Confessions by appointment, observing all proper precautions. Call the office 328-2227.

#### **Eucharist to Homebound and Hospitalized**

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

### MAHALO FOR HELPING!

We want to thank everyone who volunteers to help set up, organize, instruct, sanitize, usher, and donate disinfectant products. We are always grateful!

### SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Larry Silva extends the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass to all the people (and visitors) of the Diocese of Honolulu through August 31, 2020. All who are able to attend Sunday Mass without putting themselves or others at serious risk of infection, are encouraged to do so, but are not obliged to do so

### LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASSES

[Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis' Masses - Go to "Pope Francis-Holy Mass"](#).

[Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Oahu](#)  
*Sunday: 9am (Bishop Silva) Mon—Sat: 8am*

[Watchthemass.com from the Catholic TV Network - Masses daily: check website for time.](#)

[Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](#) - go to [nationalshrine.org/mass/](http://nationalshrine.org/mass/) and click on the red box "Watch Mass Online".

### JUDGING OTHERS? OR OURSELVES?

***Loving Brother Jesus, I ask you to come into my heart for the next few minutes and open my eyes to the splinters and beams of wood in them. Help me to have compassion for others and for myself. Amen.***

Compassion for others and myself?

Too often our own criticisms of others come out of our own feelings of inadequacy. If we can enter deeply into Jesus' endless love for us, we might begin to encounter our own doubtful hearts, we don't feel the incredible sense of gratitude that moves our hearts to love others. St. Ignatius Loyola's insight from his own relationship with God was, that grateful hearts are generous hearts.

Jesus wants us to feel his limitless love for us, and he wants us to love one another. But our human condition doesn't always make this easy. When we feel insecure, when we feel others have more than we do, when we see those whose lives seem to cut corners to get what they want, we get angry or resentful. What Jesus really wants for us is peace in our hearts. We don't have to manage the world and everyone in it and we don't have to judge them. Jesus will be with us today, tomorrow. "I will be with you. Always." Those words weren't just uttered to the disciples as Jesus ascended into heaven. They are given to each of us - each day of our lives. And that can make us eternally grateful, more aware of what it means to be flawed and yet loved, and more compassionate with those around us.



## PRAYER

## FAITH FORMATION

### DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

#### *Pray the Rosary Daily*

“Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary.”  
-St. Bonaventure-

#### *Ask for her intercession*

O Blessed Virgin,

Pray to God for us always, that he may pardon us and give us grace.

Pray to God for us always, that He may grant us peace in this life.

Pray to God for us always, that He may reward us with paradise at our death.

### A PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake,  
or watch, or weep tonight,  
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.  
Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.  
Rest your weary ones.  
Bless your dying ones.  
Soothe your suffering ones.  
Pity your afflicted ones.  
Shield your joyous ones.  
And for all your love's sake. Amen.

- St. Augustine

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

Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, Rudy Crusat, Elizabeth Awa, Johnny Koene, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Chickie and Tony Dias, Phyllis Blank Leathhead, Robin Crusat, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess, Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, Keiki San Filippo, Michael Suber, Eddie Navas, Theresa Kathy Flemming, Dottie . Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

### CALENDAR

**Monday JULY 20**  
Weekday Mi 6:1–4,  
6–8 Mt 12:38–42

**Tuesday JULY 21**  
Weekday Mi 7:14–  
15, 18–20 Mt 12:46  
–50

**Wednesday JULY 22** St. Mary Magdalene Sg 3:1–4b or 2 Cor 5:14–17 Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

**Thursday JULY 23**  
Weekday Jer 2:1–3,  
7–8, 12–13 Mt  
13:10–17

**Friday JULY 24**  
Weekday Jer 3:14–  
17 Mt 13:18–23

**Saturday JULY 25**  
St. James, Apostle  
2 Cor 4:7–15 Mt  
20:20–28

**Sunday JULY 26**  
Seventeenth Sun-  
day in Ordinary  
Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7–  
12 Rom 8:28–30  
Mt 13:44–52 or  
13:44–46

*“In all circum-  
stances give  
thanks, for this is  
the will of God for  
you in Christ  
Jesus.”*

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

*An Act of  
Spiritual Communion*

*My Jesus,  
I believe that You are  
present in the Most  
Holy Sacrament.*

*I love you above all  
things, and I desire to re-  
ceive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this mo-  
ment receive You sacra-  
mentally, come at least  
spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You  
were already there  
and unite myself  
wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be  
separated from You.*

*Amen.*

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

**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 especially during this Covid-19 crisis. Next open for distribution on **Friday, July 24, 2020.**

**IMPORTANT NEWS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Final preparation and practice is this Sunday, July 19, after the 10 am Mass. We will have First Reconciliation Service and practice from 11 am until complete. The Sacrament of Reconciliation must be received first to make valid the Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion. If they miss this Sunday they will need to make an appointment to meet with Father Sieg before July 25th. Parents please be in attendance for practice and stay for the reconciliation service to assist your child. Please also bring your completed and signed Confirmation Sponsor form.

Individually wrapped snacks will be offered with a bottle of water however, you may pack a bag lunch for your own children. **Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion will be on Saturday, July 25th at 6 pm,** St. Benedict Chapel (Hall) space is limited but chairs will be rearranged to accommodate more household members. Each (Candidate) will have a space of at least 4 chairs but combined households will have a total of 8 chairs to sit Candidates, Sponsors and family. The dress attire will be modest and white. Dark slacks, skirts can be used with a white top or they can dress in all white. Unfortunately there will be no reception after due to the ongoing pandemic. Please contact Edwina at any time if you have questions or concerns. (808) 895-7105 efujimoto@rcchawaii.org

**WE ASK OUR PARISHIONERS TO PRAY...**

Our candidates for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion are: Kana Amor, Juan Pablo Garza, Juventino Garza, Alondra Garza Cisneros, Andrea Garza Cisneros, Palani Hashimoto Branch, Leikitana Neika Kaminanga, Lyka Lubguan Lomongo, Roy Lomongo Jr., Marvin Mariano, Kenika Renee Rodriguez, Kenwick Joseph Rodriguez and Malachi Taketa. Please continue to pray for their transformation to awesomeness through the Sacrament of Confirmation, and ongoing growth and journey nourished by Holy Communion with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

**In Scripture, we hear about the “reign of God” or the “kingdom of God.” How does this notion of “kingdom” fit with modern Catholicism?**

Recently I heard a father tell his son: “I am the master of my domain!” The ten-year-old son was acting up and the father issued a statement clarifying that he, the father, was in charge, and the son was not! When we hear “reign of God” or “kingdom of God,” we are reminded again that God is “master of our domain.” We acknowledge that it is God who runs the show. Remember when Jesus first began to preach, he asked the people to repent because the kingdom of God was at hand (Matthew 4:17). This “kingdom” is the reign of justice and compassion that had been the core of the Jews’ hopes for centuries preceding Jesus. This reign comes now in the person of Jesus. His preaching and work proclaim the birth of this new regime. It is a kingship where God, in the person of Jesus, now lives among the people (Luke 17:20–21). What virtues must we practice as members of the kingdom? These are outlined by Jesus in the beatitudes given in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3–10). Jesus pronounces that those who are blessed are those who live such a life as Jesus chose for himself. Our rewards are also outlined here. God will comfort us, fill us with good things, and make us children of God. It is our task, then, to proclaim the kingdom of God by living like Jesus. One of the ways we do this is through the Sunday liturgy. It is there that we both hear how Jesus lived and prayed for “your kingdom come.”

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

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