



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## Sunday August 16, 2020

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Insider Versus Outsider

Our need to belong often creates community. As nurturing and supportive as communities can be, they can also be exclusive, concerned only with the insiders and marginalizing the outsiders. Today's readings depict something remarkable. We read that foreigners, or outsiders, enjoy hospitality and privilege that one would expect insiders to receive. The prophet Isaiah states that even foreigners will worship in the temple. This is not a story after conversion to the religion of Israel, but of Israel taking a step toward universality: "My house shall be called / a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7). The Gospel story recounts a discussion between Jesus and a Canaanite woman. She was doubly marginalized—as an inferior woman and as a despised Canaanite. Yet, her love for her daughter compelled her to approach Jesus, pleading for help—something a "proper" Jewish woman would never do to a man, nor a Canaanite to a Jew. Many in Israel certainly had a sense of exclusivity, and a disdain for the Canaanites. Those may be evident in Jesus' reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 15:24). But we can be sure that Jesus—God's love in the flesh—didn't share his countrymen's disdain for anyone. The woman, having heard that Jesus was a healer, remains undaunted. She crosses restrictive gender and ethnic lines in her search for help. Jesus finally praises her, not for her love, but for the faith that her love engendered. And she was a Canaanite!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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Live By  
Faith...

#### FOR REFLECTION

☞ What groups are marginalized by our society? How open are you to them?

☞ How welcoming are you to people who are new to your groups?

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#### MISSION CHURCH:

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

#### PASTOR

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#### MUSIC DIRECTOR

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#### FOOD PANTRY

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#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** ...for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples IS 56:1, 6-7

**Psalms:** O God, let all the nations praise you! PS 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

**Second Reading:** I am speaking to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles... ROM 11:13-15, 29-32

**Gospel:** "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." MT 15:21-28

**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.

### **\*\*NEW INFO\*\* SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION**

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Larry Silva has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass to all the people (and visitors) of the Diocese of Honolulu through October 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.

### **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 arrange for a visit from a priest or an 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 can always use more Clorox wipes and we are always grateful!

## 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".

### **GENTLEMEN:**

#### **WHO ARE THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?**

First and foremost, we are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much work to be done in the world. Good work. Necessary work. That's what the Knights do every day. Assisting the sick and disabled. Protecting those who can't protect themselves whether they are next door or halfway around the world. This is the journey we are on. We do it to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and Catholics. We invest our time, effort and resources into our values: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. We come from many places, backgrounds and stages in our lives, but we are all of one faith. A Fraternity of men striving to better ourselves and our world. It's one thing to say who you are. It's another to live it and put your values into action. That's what we do as Knights of Columbus. That's who we are. For more information, contact Joe James at [konakoc13227@gmail.com](mailto:konakoc13227@gmail.com). Spanish contact is Pedro Maldonado, Jr. at 808-345-7825.

### **OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the South Kona Catholic Church, comprised of St. Benedict, Honaunau and St. John, Kealahou; united in the Baptism of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, are committed to grow in understanding of and live as the people of God. Together we seek to create a warm and loving community of the Lord in our Church and families. We affirm our faith in the Living Body of Christ and reach out to our brothers and sisters in our community to share the Good News.

"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy."

-St. Isidore of Seville-

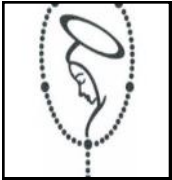


PRAYER

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**DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

*Pray the Rosary Daily*



"Mary was the first person to take the 'way' to enter the Kingdom of God that Christ opened, a way which is accessible to the humble, to all who trust in the word of God and endeavor to put it into practice."

*Pope Benedict XVI*

*Ask for Her Intercession*

**DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL INTENTION?**

From August 23 to August 29 the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts at Regina Pacis Convent, Honolulu, will be remembering our parish in their prayers and works. If you have a special intention for prayer, you may contact them at (808) 737-5822, by email [reginasscc@cs.com](mailto:reginasscc@cs.com), or mail to Regina Pacis Community 1120 Fifth Ave. Honolulu, HI 96816.

**A PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

God of love, ever caring and ever merciful. Stand by us in our time of need.

Watch over our friends and family members who are sick, look after them in every danger, and grant them your healing and your peace.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

Liam Jones (age two), The Javar Family, Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, Rudy Crusat, Elizabeth Awa, Johnny Koene, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Chickie and Tony Dias, 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.

*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 receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, 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!*

**CALENDAR**

**Monday AUGUST 17**  
Weekday Ez 24:15–24  
Mt 19:16–22

**Tuesday AUGUST 18**  
Weekday Ez 28:1–10  
Mt 19:23–30

**Wednesday AUGUST 19**  
Weekday Ez 34:1–11  
Mt 20:1–16

**Thursday AUGUST 20**  
St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Ez 36:23–28  
Mt 22:1–14

**Friday AUGUST 21** St. Pius X, Pope Ez 37:1–14  
Mt 22:34–40

**Saturday AUGUST 22**  
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ez 43:1–7ab  
Mt 23:1–12

**Sunday AUGUST 23**  
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19–23  
Rom 11:33–36  
Mt 16:13–20

**Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine!**  
(Roman Ritual)

## Prayer for the Family

Dearest FATHER in Heaven,

Bless our FAMILY and

Bless us with new beginnings,

Smile upon our PARENTS

and surround our CHILDREN

with the soft mantle

of your love.

Teach every CHILD of ours

To follow in our footsteps

And to live life in the ways of

FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY.

We ask this through

Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

St. Benedict, pray for us.

St. John the Baptist, pray for us.

St. Damien, pray for us.

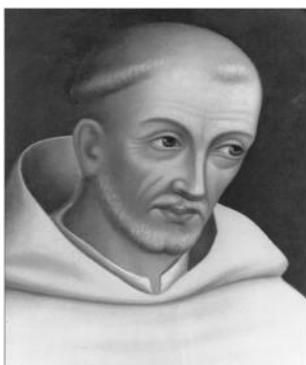
St. Marianne Cope, pray for us.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

1090 – 1153    Feast Day – August 20



Known as Bernard of Clairvaux, this French abbot and doctor of the church is considered the second founder of the Cistercians. He entered the relatively new monastery at Citeaux in 1113 with four of his own brothers and 27

friends, and later founded

the monastery at Clairvaux, which gave birth to 68 other communities. Despite poor health and his devotion to personal mortification, Bernard was an early Western European rock star: He was consulted by popes and kings, battled heresies, and supported the Second Crusade. The sick and maimed lined the roads he traveled, hoping for a miracle. Dante chose Bernard as his final guide in "Paradiso," at the end of "The Divine Comedy." He is the patron of Gibraltar.



## Dear Padre,

**Is it wrong to hope for a miracle? My son has been diagnosed with cancer, and I am praying for one!**

When my mother was a teenage girl, she suffered from internal problems. Her mother took her across Detroit to a famous healer, Fr. Solanus Casey. He talked to her, prayed over her, and sent her back home. After that visit, my mother's internal problems disappeared! As Christians, we believe in miracles. It is the legacy handed to us by the Lord Jesus. Remember that once Jesus had trained his disciples, he sent them out in pairs to cure the sick and drive out demons (Luke 9:1–6). They, like the Lord, became miracle workers. Jesus worked his miracles out of compassion (Luke 7:13). He wanted to show us that our God was a personal God, genuinely kind and loving. The first step to asking for a miracle is to believe deeply in the power of Jesus. Jesus always demanded that an initial faith be present before he performed a miracle (Matthew 21:22). The miracle would then deepen, strengthen, and stabilize this faith. The second step is to be tireless in your asking. Saint Luke's section on prayer (Luke 11:1–13) promises success for those who keep knocking on God's door. The final step is to accept whatever the Lord gives. Perhaps the Lord has greater plans for your son than you might know or fathom. The Lord's greatest miracle for us is the Eucharist. Here would be the proper place to lay your request before the Lord! —Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR  
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## 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 especially during this Covid-19 crisis. Next open for distribution on **Friday August 28, 2020.**

"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to **act**, it ceases to exist."

—St. Gregory the Great