



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday September 13, 2020

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 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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Limitless Forgiveness

What makes seven such an important number? It's the symbolism. It signifies wholeness, completeness, and totality. So, seventy-seven (or seventy times seven in some Bible translations) suggests infinity. Peter was exaggerating when he suggested that he might forgive his brother seven times. He presumed that if he acted in this way, his behavior would demonstrate the immeasurable extent of his personal graciousness. Jesus' response implied that there should be no end to our forgiving another.

To underscore the significance of this magnanimity, Jesus offered God (in the guise of the king who forgave a huge debt) as the exemplar of forgiving. Forgiving another's offense against us could well be one of the most difficult things we are asked to do. To ask for forgiveness does not seem as difficult. After all, when we bump into a perfect stranger in an elevator, we say, "Forgive me." But to forgive someone who has deliberately offended us, who has dishonored our sense of personal dignity, as slight as that offense might be, is neither as easy nor as casual a gesture. And yet, we must.

As Jesus said, "Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" (MATTHEW 18:33) We all carry debts to others. Both the first reading and the Gospel passage remind us that the debts owed to us by others in no way compare with the debt we owe God, and yet God shows us compassion and forgives us. If we are grateful children of a compassionate God, we will want to be like God and we will forgive others.

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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FOR REFLECTION

☞ Say the Lord's Prayer slowly, reflecting on "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

☞ Do you carry resentment in your heart? Does clinging to it lessen its burden in any way?



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. [SIR 27:30—28:7](#)

Psalms: The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. [PS103:1-4, 9-12](#)

Second Reading: ...so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. [ROM 13:8-10](#) here two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Gospel: "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?" [MT 18:21-35](#)

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 **Submission deadline: TUESDAY at 5:00pm.**

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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.

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.

All the sacraments have a deifying purpose: Baptism introduces the Divine Life into us. Confession restores it when it's lost through sin. Confirmation strengthens it. Matrimony and Holy Orders give it vocational direction. Anointing of the Sick prepares us for the transition to our heavenly homeland. And the Eucharist is meant to Christify us.

-Bishop Robert Barron

LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASSES

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Oahu
Sunday: 10am (Bishop Silva) Mon—Sat: 12pm

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/* and click on the red box "Watch Mass Online".

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.

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

Speak the Truth and Live the Truth

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"
—CCC, NOS. 2464-2513

The Bible teaches that God is the source of truth. Jesus not only taught the truth; he also said, "I am the truth" (cf. Jn 14:6). The Hebrew word for truth, *emeth*, refers both to truth in words and truthfulness in deeds. Jesus both personalized truth and spoke nothing but the truth. . . . Sins Against Truth "Lying is the most direct offense against the truth. . . . By injuring man's relation to truth and to his neighbor, a lie offends against the fundamental relation of man and of his word to the Lord" (CCC, no. 2483). People sin against the truth when they are guilty of ruining the reputation of another by telling lies, when they practice rash judgment, or when they engage in detraction (the unjust telling of someone's faults), perjury (lying under oath), or calumny (telling lies about another). Scripture is clear about the evil of lying. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one" (Mt 5:37). This reminds us not only that we need to be truthful, but also that hypocrisy—saying one thing while doing the opposite—is a sin against truth. In the Gospel of John, Jesus describes the devil as father of lies (cf. Jn 8:44). St. Paul discouraged lying: "Stop lying to one another" (Col 3:9); "Speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, for we are members one of another" (Eph 4:25). . . . We can testify to the truths of our faith in our everyday living.



PRAYER

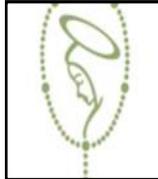
PRAYER

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

SEPTEMBER - THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS Memorial—September 15th

From the Roman Missal:

This feast commemorates the sorrowful Mother and the sufferings she experienced in union with her Son and dates back to the 12th century. The feast was extended to the universal Church in 1817 by Pope Pius VII and fixed officially in the calendar for September 15 in 1913 by Pope Pius X. This feast reminds us of the spiritual martyrdom of Our Blessed Mother and her compassion with the sufferings of her divine Son. Through her great sufferings as co-redeemer, she also helps to show us the true evil of sin and thereby leads us to repentance and salvation.



**Pray the Rosary Daily
Ask for Her Intercession**

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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.

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

Angie and Roy Camello, 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 Jr. , Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, Keiki San Filippo, Michael Suber, Eddie Navas, T.Kathy Flemming, Dottie Combs.

*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 SEPTEMBER 14
The Exaltation of the
Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows 1
Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a
Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius,
Pope, and Cyprian,
Bishop, Martyrs 1 Cor
12:31-13:13 Lk 7:31-35

Thursday SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday 1 Cor 15:1-11
Lk 7:36-50

Friday SEPTEMBER 18
Weekday 1 Cor 15:12-20
Lk 8:1-3 Saturday

SEPTEMBER 19
Weekday 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday SEPTEMBER 20
Twenty-fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt
20:1-16a

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**“May we allow  
ourselves to be led  
by the Holy Spirit  
to an ever greater  
love of the  
Word of God.”**

**- Pope Benedict XVI**

## 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 your 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** c. 200—258  
**St. Cyprian of Carthage** FEAST DAY: September 16



**If He who is without sin  
prayed,  
How much more ought  
sinners to pray?**

- St. Cyprian of Carthage

One of the first great theologians in the church, this Latin father is remembered today for his writings, which are quoted in the documents of the Second Vatican Council. A late convert, Thascius Cecilianus Cyprianus was a lawyer, rhetorician and teacher before being chosen by the people and clergy of Carthage, in North Africa, as their bishop. He was drawn into papal controversies and schisms, but he also was known for pastoral zeal and aiding plague victims. Having survived one Roman persecution, he later was beheaded for refusing to participate in state religious ceremonies. He wrote biblical commentary and treatises on church unity and the sacraments. Cyprian is the patron saint of North Africa and Algeria.



## Dear Padre,

**We knew a beloved priest whose death was self-inflicted. What is the Church's stance on suicide?**

I offer my heartfelt sympathy to you and the faith community for this tragic loss. "We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2280). Those who take their own life to end personal suffering assume a decision-making that belongs to God alone. However, the Church also acknowledges that "grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide" (CCC 2282). At the same time, the Church relies on the compassion of God, who fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide. Therefore, the Church pastorally states: "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (CCC 2283). How, then, does the Church specifically pray for those who've committed suicide? Generally they're not deprived of full burial rites in the Church, which consoles the living and commends all of the dead "to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins" (Order of Christian Funerals, 6). Nor are they deprived of burial in a Catholic cemetery—a sacred place that helps bring peace to those confronted by the sudden death of a suicide.

—Fr. Byron Miller, 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 September 25, 2020.**

### MAHALO FOR HELPING!

We appreciate everyone's stewardship during these unprecedented times. We can always use more Clorox wipes and we are always grateful!