



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday October 4, 2020

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

CARING FOR GOD'S VINEYARD

Today's readings are troubling texts. This is not because of what they say, but because of how they have been interpreted through the ages. In the first reading, despite everything the owner has done, the vineyard identified as Israel/Judah has brought forth wild grapes. In the Gospel the issue is with the trustworthiness of those who work and care for the vineyard. It is clear that Jesus is criticizing the leaders of his day with a failure of leadership. For this reason, leadership will be taken from them and given to others. Both of these readings have been interpreted as condemnation of the Jewish people. This has sometimes resulted in anti-Semitism. We must remember that both readings reflect internal problems—something that all religious bodies experience. Despite their failure, the people of Judah were still called God's "cherished plant" (Isaiah 5:7). In the Gospel, leadership was taken from some Jews and given to other Jews—not to outsiders. One religious tradition didn't replace another. We experience similar struggles in today's Church. As the vineyard of God, what kind of fruit do we produce? After all God has done for us, how do we respond? How faithful are we in caring for God's vineyard? This is a difficult time with respect to religious leadership, but how supportive are we of genuine local Church leadership? You and I have been entrusted with the growth and health of the Church. How good have we been at caring for that vineyard?

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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FOR REFLECTION

☞ We are the Church. How do we handle some of its internal problems?

☞ We pray for the leaders of the Church at every liturgy. Make those prayers your own.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: ...he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry! [IS 5:1-7](#)

Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel [PS 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20](#)

Second Reading: Have no anxiety at all... make your requests known to God... [PHIL 4:6-9](#)

Gospel: ...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." [MT 21:28-32](#)

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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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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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
<https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live>
St. Michael 9am English and 11am Spanish:
www.facebook.com/onecatholicohana/live or
YouTube channel: bit.ly/stmichaelkonayoutube

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.

ALL ARE WELCOME, COME AND PRAY

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Beginning October 3rd we will be praying the rosary before each weekend Mass. We will start at 3:40 pm Saturdays and 7:40 am and 9:40 am on Sundays.

“Say the Holy Rosary. Blessed be that monotony of Hail Mary’s which purifies the monotony of your sins!”
-St. Josemaria Escriva

INTERESTED IN BEING A KNIGHT?

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a live Exemplification for new members on Saturday, October 10th at St. Michael Church in Kona. The event will start at 11:00 AM, but we ask candidates to arrive at least 20 minutes prior. For more information, please contact Joe James at konakoc13227@gmail.com or 727-480-4172.

—OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH—

A PRAYER FOR LIFE

Father and maker of all,
You adorn all creation with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives in your image and likeness.
Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.



PRAYER

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DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

OCTOBER –Month of the Holy Rosary

The Rosary is one of the traditional paths of Christian prayer directed to the contemplation of Christ's face. Pope Paul VI described it in these words: "As a Gospel prayer, centered on the mystery of the redemptive Incarnation, the Rosary is a prayer with a clearly Christological orientation. Its most characteristic element, in fact, the litany-like succession of Hail Marys, becomes in itself an unceasing praise of Christ, who is the ultimate object both of the Angel's announcement and of the greeting of the Mother of John the Baptist: 'Blessed is the fruit of your womb' (Lk 1:42). We would go further and say that the succession of Hail Marys constitutes the warp on which is woven the contemplation of the mysteries. The Jesus that each Hail Mary recalls is the same Jesus whom the succession of mysteries proposes to us now as the Son of God, now as the Son of the Virgin".

APOSTOLIC LETTER
ROSARIUM VIRGINIS MARIAE (Chapter 2, Paragraph 18)
OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF John Paul II

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 Camello, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, Rudy Crusat, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, 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 OCTOBER 5
Weekday Gal 1:6-12
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday OCTOBER 6
Weekday Gal 1:13-24
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday OCTOBER 7
Our Lady of the Rosary Gal 2:1-2, 7-14
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday OCTOBER 8
Weekday Gal 3:1-5
Lk 11:5-13

Friday OCTOBER 9
Weekday Gal 3:7-14
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday OCTOBER 10
Weekday Gal 3:22-29
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday OCTOBER 11
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6-10a Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

Matthew 24:35

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

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
1819—1867 FEAST DAY: October 5



A year after emigrating from Bavaria to America in 1843 he was ordained a Redemptorist priest. He worked for six years with St. John Neumann. A kindly confessor and dynamic mission preacher, he ministered mainly in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Michigan, and directed two seminaries. During the Civil War, he petitioned President Lincoln to exempt seminarians from the draft and, when refused, he ordained them because priests were exempt. In 1866 he began working with immigrants in New Orleans and died in a yellow fever epidemic. His Holiness Pope John Paul II proclaimed Father Seelos "Blessed" in St. Peter's Square on April 9 of the Solemn Jubilee Year 2000

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-Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us -

Dear Padre,

Aren't we discriminating against other Christians when we don't celebrate the Eucharist with them?

You have to keep the Church's intentions in mind: Are we excluding to make people feel left out, or are we excluding to uphold the dignity and sanctity of the Eucharist? Everyone is welcome to celebrate the Eucharist— there's only one part they can't participate in. That might sound like a cop-out, but Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the actual Body and Blood of Christ. For it to be true Communion, everyone who receives it must believe the same thing about it. In its Guidelines for the Reception of Communion, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says, "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission" as outlined in canon law. "All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another" (GRC).

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, 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 October 9, 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!

OCTOBER HOLY HOUR

First Thursday Holy Hour at St. John's will be held this month only on Second Thursday, October 8th.