



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## Sunday October 25, 2020

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### GOD'S LESSONS OF LOVE

The readings today are all about love. The first reading tells us who we should love; the Gospel tells us how we should love. We know that it is not difficult to love those who love us, who are kind and generous to us, who make us feel that we are important. The reading from Exodus moves us in a different direction. We are to love the alien, the widow, the orphan, and the poor neighbor. In a patriarchal society, such as was ancient Israel, aliens, widows, and orphans were the ultimate outsiders. They had no male relative through whom they would benefit from the kinship structure. While the neighbor might be of the same tribe or clan, it is the poor neighbor who was to be loved, the one who might be a drag on one's life and resources. In other words, we are to love the ones who cannot promise to make our lives more comfortable or enjoyable. In fact, the point of loving them is to make their lives more comfortable and enjoyable. How are we to love them? The Gospel reading offers two different answers that are really very much alike. We are to love God totally, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. We are to love others as we love ourselves, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. More practically, we must do for others what we would do for ourselves, for to love them is to love God.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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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

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#### FOR REFLECTION

- ☪ Who are the outsiders or people living on the margins of your society?
- ☪ What might you do to make their lives more comfortable or enjoyable?

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** If he cries out to me I will hear him; for I am compassionate. [IS 45:1, 4-6](#)

**Psalm:** I love you, Lord, my strength. [PS 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51](#)

**Second Reading:** For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... [1 THES 1:5C-10](#)

**Gospel:** "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" [MT 22:34-40](#)

**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.

### SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Bishop Larry Silva has issued the following directive, **“I am hereby extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation through December 31, 2020. As I do so, however, I urge everyone who is able to return to Mass, without undue risks to their health or the health of others, 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.

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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](http://www.facebook.com/onecatholicohana/live) or

YouTube channel: [bit.ly/stmichaelkonayoutube](http://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.



### PRAYER FOR LIFE

GOD OF ALL GOODNESS, you have entrusted us with the gift of life. Help us to appreciate that gift from the first moments of conception to the last breaths of old age. Send your strength to all those who defend the unborn, the weak, and the dying against attempts to cut short their lives. May your Holy Spirit touch the hearts of those who are tempted to choose the way of death rather than life. Grant that your people may always be a sign of your love in the world. Amen.

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### OUR PRAYERS AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY...

...for Deacon Craig and Pamela Camello and the entire Camello Ohana. Dcn. Craig has lost both of his loving parents to the Covid-19, coronavirus disease. They were admitted together to a hospital on Oahu on August 21st. His father, Roy Camello, died on September 11<sup>th</sup>. His mother, Angie, passed away on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Many have prayed for a miraculous end to this tragedy, but God’s will was to take them to their eternal home in heaven. May they rest in peace. This death is different, and those grieving over loved ones lost to this pandemic, cannot grieve in the ordinary way. ***Be with them, Lord, in their hour of need, both now, and later, when they finally get to celebrate the lives that have been lost.***





PRAYER

**OCTOBER –Month of the Holy Rosary**



During this month we are praying a rosary before each Mass. We will start at 3:40 pm Saturday, 7:40 am Sunday, and 9:40 am on Sunday.

**PRAYER TO THE MOTHER OF THE UNBORN**

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
As you hold our Infant Savior up for the world to see,  
Intercede for us before your infant Son,  
For the end of the willful killing of life in the womb.  
Holy Innocents, pray for us.  
Mother of all the living, pray for us.  
Amen.

**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.  
*-Saint Augustine-*

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

Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Teixeira, 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 Fleming, Dottie Combs.

\*Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.



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 26  
Weekday Eph 4:32—  
5:8 Lk 13:10–17

**Tuesday** OCTOBER 27  
Weekday Eph 5:21–33  
Lk 13:18–21

**Wednesday** OCTOBER  
28 Sts. Simon and  
Jude, Apostles Eph  
2:19–22 Lk 6:12–16

**Thursday** OCTOBER 29  
Weekday Eph 6:10–20  
Lk 13:31–35

**Friday** OCTOBER 30  
Weekday Phil 1:1–11  
Lk 14:1–6

**Saturday** OCTOBER 31  
Weekday Phil 1:18b–  
26 Lk 14:1, 7–11

**Sunday** NOVEMBER 1  
All Saints Rv 7:2–4, 9–  
14 1 Jn 3:1–3 Mt 5:1–  
12a



*“Your word is a  
lamp for my feet,  
a light for my  
path.”*

*- Psalm 119:105*



## Can You Name These Three Saints Who Are 'Near & Dear' to Us?

1. I was transported to a place **remote** aboard a cattle-carrying **boat**. My mission was to give a seriously ill community **hope**.
2. I came from New York to establish a safe haven for unprotected girls and women. Along with a dedicated priest, I created sanitary conditions in an all-but-forgotten colony.
3. My close union with God gave me a magnificent vision of the whole of creation in a single sunbeam. I am known for my evangelization, the miracles I performed, and the abbeys and monasteries I established.

We are hoping to have weekly or bi-weekly "Treasure Hunts" like this. To participate, write your answers on a piece of paper and bring them to Mass. Please include your name. Or, email your answers to the church.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles Feast Day October 28

Listed among the Twelve Apostles in the New Testament, Simon is "the Canaanite" to Matthew and Mark and "the Zealot" to Luke; Jude is "Thaddeus" to Matthew and Mark, "Judas of James" to Luke, and "Judas, not Iscariot" to John. After Pentecost, they disappear. However, according to Eastern tradition, Simon died peacefully in Edessa, while Western tradition has him evangelizing in Egypt, then teaming up with Jude, who had been in Mesopotamia, on a mission to Persia, where they were martyred on the same day. Simon is the patron of tanners and lumberjacks; Jude is the patron of desperate causes, possibly because early Christians would pray to him, with a name evoking Judas Iscariot, only when all else failed.



## Dear Padre,

**When I was young, we always prayed for "the poor souls in purgatory." Is this because some go to hell and some go to heaven?**

On the feast of All Souls' Day, we remember all of our faithful departed. Most of them are already with God in heaven. But some of them might still need some purification. Those needing purification from the temporal punishment still due to their sins are in purgatory. These people aren't damned. They are the elect and are friends of God. They are already saved, assured of salvation. There is no going to hell from purgatory. There is only upward movement to heaven. There has always been an ancient tradition in the Church that there exists a strong bond between the faithful who die and those of us who are still alive. The Church especially emphasizes the mutual help that Christians on earth and in purgatory give to one another by their prayers. It is the belief of the Church that our prayers lessen the amount of time a person could spend in purgatory. Our prayers speed their journey into the fullness of God's love. On this upcoming All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, we are invited to unite with all the faithful Christians, living and dead. These feast days are our opportunities to pray for and with them and to receive the benefits of their prayers for us in return.

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### SERVICE

**Thank you** to all parishioners who have helped with our current needs for lectors and ushers (we need more ushers!) and we are also grateful for your donations of Clorox wipes, hand sanitizers, etc. Mahalo!

### 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, November 13, 2020**

**If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them.**

*-St. Katharine Drexel*