



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## Sunday September 27, 2020

### Twenty-sixth 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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## He Emptied Himself

In the Gospels, Jesus seldom teaches doctrine. Rather, the stories themselves provide examples of how we are to model our lives after him. He was a man for others, a compassionate healer, an understanding friend. As clear as such stories might be, because we can be selfish people, the example they offer us is difficult to follow. If it is hard to follow a man who lived a human life with others, how are we to follow the example sketched by Paul in today's second reading? Paul declares in Philippians: "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus" (2:5). What attitude is he talking about? Jesus emptied himself of the preeminence that was rightly his as possessing "equality with God" (2:6). He did not demand that they treat him with the reverence and veneration that was due him. Rather, "he emptied himself...he humbled himself" (2:7, 8). Why does Paul insist on this? It seems the Philippians were having internal problems that were threatening their unity. Various forms of arrogance were tearing them apart: Don't you know who I am? I am a celebrity. I have more money. I know the right people. And who are you? Who do you know? What can you do? These attitudes of arrogance infect our communities even today. To this Paul proclaims: If Jesus, who "though he was in the form of God" (2:6) could empty himself of such dignity for the sake of others, you certainly should be able to put aside your trivial vainglory and be "united in heart" (2:2). Can we?

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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#### FOR REFLECTION

☪ In what circumstances does your arrogance raise its ugly head? What do you do about that?

☪ What might you do to strengthen the bonds of unity in your family? Your workplace? Your parish?

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" [EZ 18:25-28](#)

**Psalm:** Remember your mercies, O Lord. [PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#)

**Second Reading:** Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus...  
[PHIL 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5](#)

**Gospel:** Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. [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.

**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

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.

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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.

### DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

### ANNUAL ROSARY CONGRESS

**Saturday October 3 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

St. Benedict Parish will take part in our diocese joining other dioceses around the nation in praying an hourly rosary during six hours of Eucharistic adoration, followed by the Holy Mass. Each parish takes one six-hour time slot from October 3 to October 9, 24/7, without a break. The purpose of the DRC is to assist the faithful to fulfill the message of Fatima. The program is offered in the spirit of reparation to restore the sanctity of life, to establish peace in our cities, nation, and world, and to console the hearts of Jesus and Mary. This year we have an additional opportunity to pray for the ending of the COVID-19 pandemic and a safe and prompt recovery of those that are affected (physically as well as spiritually). **We have scheduled our six hours of participation for Saturday October 3rd.** A signup sheet is at the hall entrance. Please come and spend at least one hour of your day here with the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady.

### SPEAKING OF THE ROSARY...

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



PRAYER

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**DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

**OCTOBER –Month of the Holy Rosary**

In October 1571 the Muslim Turks had conquered the Middle East and Greek Islands of Crete and Cyprus, slaughtering millions and forcing survivors to convert to Islam. Next they hoped to take the Christian kingdoms of Europe. As Rome was being threatened, Pope Pius V implored the European leaders to rally to defeat them. He also appealed to rosary confraternities in Rome and all of Europe to hold public rosaries and processions to ask the intercession of the Blessed Mother. On October 7, 1571, the Christian fleet, which was by far outnumbered, confronted the Muslims in the Gulf of Lepanto in an apparently hopeless battle. As Christians prayed their rosaries that day the Muslims surrounded the Christians but by the end of the day the Christian ships broke through and the Turks were pushed ashore or drowned. Pope Pius declared an annual celebration to honor Our Lady of Victory. His successor, Pope Gregory XIII decreed the first Sunday in October the Feast of the Holy Rosary, later extended to the entire month.

**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** SEPTEMBER  
28 Weekday Jb 1:6–22  
Lk 9:46–50

**Tuesday** SEPTEMBER  
29 Sts. Michael, Gabri-  
el, and Raphael, Arch-  
angels Dn 7:9–10, 13–  
14 or Rv 12:7–12a Jn  
1:47–51

**Wednesday** SEPTEM-  
BER 30 St. Jerome,  
Priest and Doctor of the  
Church Jb 9:1–12, 14–  
16 Lk 9:57–62

**Thursday** OCTOBER 1  
St. Thérèse of the Child  
Jesus, Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church Jb 19:21–  
27 Lk 10:1–12

**Friday** OCTOBER 2 Holy  
Guardian Angels Jb  
38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 Mt  
18:1–5, 10

**Saturday** OCTOBER 3  
Weekday Jb 42:1–3, 5–  
6, 12–17 Lk 10:17–24

**Sunday** OCTOBER 4  
Twenty-seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time Is 5:1–  
7 Phil 4:6–9 Mt 21:33–  
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**The Bible is  
meant to be our  
daily bread,  
not cake for  
special occasions!**

- Source unknown -

## 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

#### St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

Died 1637

FEAST DAY: September 28



Lawrence, the first Filipino saint, and 15 others were martyred in Japan. The ten Asians and six Europeans included nine Dominican priests. After various tortures, 14 of them died by being suspended by the feet in a pit of manure one was burned at the stake and one died in prison. Lawrence a Dominican tertiary, was living in Binando, Philippines, with his wife and three children, when he fled an unjust murder charge by joining a missionary expedition to Japan. He was arrested there for being a Christian, which was then illegal. He died in the pit in 1637.



## Dear Padre,

**Where does the tradition of praying with your hands together originate? I pray with my fingers intertwined. Is that acceptable?**

According to the Caeremoniale Episcoporum (The Ceremonial of Bishops, 1985), “palms extended and joined together in the front of the breast, with the right thumb over the left in the form of a cross” (CE 107, n. 80) is the correct Catholic hand posture at Mass and prayer. The origin of praying with hands folded is not known, but there’s mention of it in the Jewish Talmud. Historians have also asserted that it’s modeled on the practice of citizens in ancient Rome who joined their hands in the presence of rulers to communicate loyalty and submission to that higher authority. Gestures and postures should allow our whole body to pray, as well as our heart and mind. Moreover, they are expressions of our faith. For example, like the early Christians, we stand during prayer and worship to express our readiness for Christ’s return, and as a sign of reverence to hear the gospels. Kneeling and striking the breast are expressions of penitence, humility, and our lowliness before God. Likewise, at Mass the priest assumes the ancient posture of outstretched arms and hands, slightly elevated, to symbolize surrender in a gesture that reverences Christ’s outstretched arms on the cross. When we join hands together in prayer, it’s a gesture of supplication and a symbol of total submission to God, our supreme authority

-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 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!