



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday November 15, 2020

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

READY OR NOT, HERE I COME

As children we called out this chant when playing hide-and-seek. However, it could very well describe the message of two of today's readings. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). The Gospel tells a story about a man who returns after a long journey and intends to settle accounts with those whom he put in charge of his household. In both instances, the one returning might cry out, "Ready or not, here I come!" The point of each story: Be ready! But how? The Thessalonians are told they "are children of the light" (5:5). The Gospel suggests what that expression might mean—be responsible for what has been given to you. In the Gospel, some servants fully use the talents given to them. However, one servant buries what he received. If that was not bad enough, that servant alleged fear of the householder as reason for his lack of initiative. If he knew that the householder was as demanding as he stated he was, he should have realized that his master would expect him to use what had been given. There is no excuse here in refusing to use what was given, nor in blaming the householder. All of us have been given life, talents, and abilities. We are expected to use them. This is what it means to live fully. Surely we Catholics will be excited, not afraid, when the Lord announces, "Ready or not, here I come!"

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
Kealahou

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
Kealahou
7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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FOR REFLECTION

☪ *Are you faithful to your responsibilities?*

☪ *If not, what is holding you back?*



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. [PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31](#)

Psalm: Blessed are those who fear the Lord. [PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5](#)

Second Reading: We are not of the night or of darkness. [1 THES 5:1-6](#)

Gospel: ...to everyone who has, more will be given... but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [MT 25:14-30](#)

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.**

WEBSITE: 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.

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.

MAHALO FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

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!

PRAYER FOR DECEASED VETERANS

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All the Holy Souls...
Pray for Us as We Pray for You*

AS THIS PANDEMIC GOES ON...

We are so thankful for the cooperation of all our parishioners, for your patience and understanding as the months pass. We remain grateful for your generosity, and we ask that you please continue to support St. Benedict and St. John the Baptist Churches to the extent you are able.

Your many prayers and sacrificial generosity toward St. Benedict Parish throughout the years have always been appreciated, but particularly during this difficult time in our lives. Please know that each of you remain in our daily prayers as well. Stay safe!



PRAYER

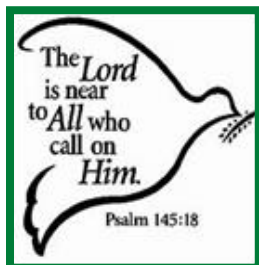
DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



Prayer to Mary for the Souls in Purgatory

Immaculate Mary, Queen of Heaven, hear the cries of your suffering children in purgatory and in this month of the Holy Souls, we ask that you intercede for them at the throne of God. See in them, dear Mother most faithful, the suffering of your Divine Son Who gave Himself for their salvation. Remember His poignant and bitter Passion and Death, and see in them the suffering that He endured. With faith and confidence, O Mother of Mercy, we pray that you will obtain their release from such suffering, so that they, in union with you and all the Choirs of Heaven, may contemplate the Beatific Vision in heaven forever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING



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.

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

CALENDAR

Monday NOVEMBER 16
Weekday Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday NOVEMBER 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary,
Religious Rv 3:1-6, 14-22
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday NOVEMBER 18
Weekday Rv 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday NOVEMBER 19
Weekday Rv 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44

Friday NOVEMBER 20
Weekday Rv 10:8-11 Lk 19:45-48

Saturday NOVEMBER 21
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:4-12 Lk 20:27-40

Sunday NOVEMBER 22
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46

"Just as in Paradise, God walks in the Holy Scriptures, seeking man."

- St. Ambrose of Milan

*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!*



**SAINTS—YOUNG AND OLD
WHO ARE WE?**

1. We are siblings of Portuguese descent. With our cousin, we experienced visions that kindled our devotion to Mary and our constant praying of the rosary. At ages 10 and 11, we died from the flu. We are buried at the famous site where the visitations took place.
2. A teenager and lay catechist, I accompanied a priest from the Philippines to Guam to convert and baptize the natives. The false accusation that we poisoned the baptismal water led to our brutal martyrdom. I am the patron saint of my country's youth.
3. I am the only Catholic saint to receive a Nobel Peace Prize. Riding a train one day, I heard and responded to a "call within a call." First, I left my convent in Darjeeling, and then I "followed Christ into the slums to serve Him among the poorest of the poor."

This is our fourth "Treasure Hunt" in honor of our Saints. To participate, write your answers on a piece of paper and bring it to Mass. (Include your name.) Or, email your answers to the church.

SAINT OF THE WEEK Feast Day November 15
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Canonized in 1235



Elizabeth's short life was nonetheless full; she had a happy marriage and children, was a secular Franciscan, and was so devoted to the poor and sick that she gave away royal robes and founded hospitals. The daughter of a Hungarian King,

Elizabeth married a nobleman of Thuringia, Louis, at age 14. He complained about the expense of her many charities until he witnessed a miracle involving Elizabeth, bread and roses. After he died during a Crusade, she became a Third Order Franciscan at Marburg, Germany, where she founded a hospital to care for the sick. Elizabeth, who was declared a saint in 1235, is the patron of bakers, young brides, widows, those falsely accused, countesses and secular Franciscans.



Is it OK to donate my body to science?

Yes, and here is some background. Christ makes possible a new and eternal creation. He "will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead" (Order of Christian Funerals, 219). Resurrection, then, is not a return to life as we know it. The body is not a resuscitated one like Lazarus' (see John 11), but a resurrected one like Christ, transformed and glorified. Christians traditionally revere the body—while alive, and at the time of death—because we are created in God's image. Some reason that such respect for the body prevents donating it to science, but that's not the opinion of the Church. "Catholic health care institutions should encourage and provide the means whereby those who wish to do so may arrange for the donation of their organs and bodily tissue, for ethically legitimate purposes, so that they may be used for donation and research after death" (The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 63). It's advisable to make this decision to donate in consultation with family members or health care providers. Many, echoing St. John Paul II, consider such a self-giving act in death "with a view to offering a chance of health and even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope" (The Gospel of Life [Evangelium Vitae], 86) as a supreme manifestation of what it means to be Christian!

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—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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. Next open for distribution on **Friday, November 27, 2020.**

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He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor will himself also call and not be heard.

Proverbs 21:13