



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday January 17, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

You Called?



John Singleton Copley
Samuel Waking Eli in the Night (1780)

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us? Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence

in the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light. Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples?

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA
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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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FOR REFLECTION

- ☪ In the ordinariness of your life, what might actually be God's voice?
- ☪ What kind of goodness attracts you?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Speak, for your servant is listening." [1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19](#)

Psalm: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." [Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10](#)

Second Reading: Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? [1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20](#)

Gospel: "We have found the Messiah" [Jn 1:35-42](#)

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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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 - NEW -

Bishop Larry Silva has issued the following directive, **“I am extending the [Sunday Mass] dispensation through Tuesday, February 16, 2021, the day before Ash Wednesday ... I would urge all our parishioners who can safely do so to return to worship at Sunday Mass.”**

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.

The Sacraments are the manifestation of the Father’s tenderness and love toward each of us.

-Pope Francis-

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

PRAYER TO OVERCOME INDIFFERENCE

All too often, Lord, we turn away from the world's many problems, which seem too big, too complex, or too far away.

Forgive us our indifference.

It is easier, Lord, to see only what is around us: our lives, our homes, our challenges.

Forgive us our isolation.

Help us to see with your eyes:

eyes which notice one another and help us understand.

Help us to dream your dream:

of communities that reach out and dialogue and where diverse people creatively cooperate.

Help us to be people of solidarity and action, so moved by prayer, encounter, and understanding that peace can become a reality.

Amen.



48TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE SPECIAL DAYS OF PRAYER JANUARY 20, 21

In a spirit of Catholic solidarity, on Thursday, January 21, 2021 Bishop Silva requests all parishes celebrate a Mass followed by a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

We encourage these special days of prayer for those affected by abortion, self-assisted suicide, euthanasia, miscarriage and all other “sanctity of life” situations. Continued prayer for God’s mercy for both the departed souls and the lives of those affected— mother, father, parents, grandparents, siblings, aunt/uncle...—is vitally important for their eternal happiness.

Live Streaming of Bishop’s Mass:

Our parish plans to view the Bishop’s Mass by live-stream, at St. John the Baptist Mission. Everyone is welcome to attend. Covid protocols will be in place. The Mass begins at 6:00 pm.

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.”

Jeremiah 1:5



PRAYER

MARY, HELP OF THOSE IN NEED

Holy Mary, we ask your intercession.

Help those in need,
Give strength to the weak,
Comfort the sorrowful,
Pray for God's people,
Assist the clergy,
Intercede for religious,
Dear Mother, all who seek your help experience your
unfailing protection. Amen.



A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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.

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

Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Liam Jones (age two),
Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo,
Rudy Crusat, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei,
Johnny Koene, Tony Dias, Robin Crusat,
Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess Jr., Helen Doria,
Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda,
Venancio Mendoza, Keiki San Filippo, Michael Suber,
Eddie Navas, Dottie Combs.

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



'When he went ashore and saw the vast
crowd, his heart was moved with pity for
them, and he cured their sick.'

Matthew 14:14

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 mo-
ment receive You sacra-
mentally, 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 JANUARY 18
Weekday Heb 5:1-10 Mk
2:18-22

Tuesday JANUARY 19
Weekday Heb 6:10-20
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday JANUARY 20
Weekday Heb 7:1-3, 15-
17 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday JANUARY 21 St.
Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Heb 7:25—8:6 Mk 3:7-12

Friday JANUARY 22 Day
of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn
Children Heb 8:6-13 Mk
3:13-19

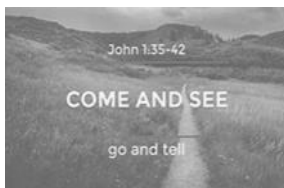
Saturday JANUARY 23
Weekday Heb 9:2-3, 11-
14 Mk 3:20-21

Sunday JANUARY 24
Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time Jon 3:1-5, 10 1 Cor
7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20



The revelation of
your words sheds
light, gives under-
standing to the
simple.

Psalm 119: 130



Jesus Calls His First Disciples

1. In Sunday’s Gospel, what **name** does John the Baptist use to point out Jesus to his followers?
2. **How many** of John the Baptist’s followers chose to “Come and see” that day?
3. The disciples called Jesus “Rabbi”, which means “_____.”
4. **To whom** did the disciple Andrew say, “We have found the Messiah”?
5. What does Jesus name the new disciple that Andrew brings to him? What is the meaning of his new name?

Write your answers to this week’s treasure hunt on a piece of paper and bring them to Mass. Or, email your answers to the church. [Please include your name.]

SAINT OF THE WEEK - ST. SEBASTIAN Died c. 288 Feast Day January 20

Martyrdom of Saint Sebastian,
by [Il Sodoma](#), c. 1525



According to the many legends surrounding Sebastian, he was born in Gaul and raised in Milan. Though a Christian, he joined the imperial army at Rome about 283. He made converts of officials and jailers, effected cures and urged Christian prisoners to stay strong in their faith. He was named captain of the

praetorian guards, but the emperor, upon finding out that he was a Christian, ordered his execution. Shot with arrows and left for dead, Sebastian survived and was nursed back to life. Later, he denounced the emperor for his cruelty to Christians, and the emperor had him beaten to death. A favorite subject of Renaissance artists, Sebastian is the patron saint of archers, soldiers and athletes.

Dear Padre,

Can the Eucharist be celebrated outside of a church—for example, inside my home?

What an interesting question. The earliest celebrations of the Eucharist were held in the homes of the early Christians. As centuries evolved and the Christian population grew, larger rooms were rented and later built to house the community gathering. The word church is what we now call a building in which people worship. If we were to be completely accurate, we would call the building the house or shelter for the Church because the Church is understood primarily as the baptized community living in faith and charity. Unfortunately, because of changing demographics and priest shortages, many communities are consolidating and church buildings are being shut down and even destroyed. As a result, communities and places for liturgy grow larger. Large communities can easily become impersonal and pastoral leadership increasingly difficult. Recently, some large parishes have developed neighborhood communities in an attempt to subdivide into smaller faith-sharing units—not unlike the original house churches. These smaller communities gather for regular prayer and catechesis. The parish priest occasionally attends their meetings and celebrates the Eucharist with them. This is one example of celebrating the Eucharist outside of a church building. So, although there can be exceptions for pastoral necessity, canon law indicates that celebrating Mass in a sacred place is the norm. The bishop may clarify this law for his own diocese to best meet the needs of his people while respecting the dignity of the Eucharist. From *The Eucharist: 50 Questions from the Pews*,

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SERVICE

MAHALO FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

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 each month. Next open for food distribution on **January 22, 2021**. Mahalo to those who keep this ministry going during these difficult times.