



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday January 24, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Fish That Didn't Get Away



*Federico Fiori
(Barrocci)
The Calling of Saints
Andrew and Peter
1580-1583*

We have all heard stories about the extraordinary fish that got away. We might even have such a story of our own. Two of today's readings are fish stories, but with a slight twist. They are also "call narratives." Last week we reflected on the call to listen and to follow; this week it is a call to go out to

bring God's mercy to others. This is a call to "catch" others, as one might catch fish—a metaphor that would have delighted fisher people. In the beginning of the Jonah story, the prophet did not catch fish; one caught him. Later, the word

he preached was very successful, his own spitefulness notwithstanding. The Ninevites were the sworn enemies of the Israelites, and Jonah did not want them to repent, but to be punished by God. Nevertheless, God's mercy was stronger than Jonah's spite. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to set down their fishing nets and to launch into a life of catching people with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus' invitation. As Pope Francis declared, we are all missionary disciples. Are we eager to respond, as were Jesus' disciples? Or do we think we should attend only to those whom we judge to be deserving? If so, have we forgotten that no one deserves God's mercy? It is a free gift to all.

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA
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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
Kealahoukua
7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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FOR REFLECTION

- ☪ In what ways does your manner of living proclaim the mercy of God?
- ☪ Pray that you might realize these ways if you do not already.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed..." [Jon 3:1-5, 10](#)

Psalms: Teach me your ways, O Lord. [Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#)

Second Reading: I tell you brothers and sisters, the time is running out. [1 Cor 7:29-31](#)

Gospel: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel." [Mk 1:14-20](#)

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 -COVID-

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.

Through the sacrament of reconciliation, the Church offers us a standing invitation to experience God’s unconditional love and mercy. Whether you go regularly or it’s been awhile, consider participating in the sacrament and inviting others to do the same.

The Faithful Disciple

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 FOR THE DIGNITY OF LIFE

O God, source of all life and goodness,
you fashion human lives in your image and likeness,
and through your love, give each human life
dignity, sanctity and priceless worth;
awaken in every heart
new reverence for the least of your children,
and renew among your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain
your precious gift of human life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SANTO NINO CELEBRATION



Pictured above are members of our Filipino community who came together on the Feast of Santo Nino, the Christ Child. They celebrated the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Catholicism to the Philippine Islands.





PRAYER

MARY, HELP OF THOSE IN NEED

O Virgin Mary,
You are fairest of all,
You who never knew the stain of sin;
You are the glory of Jerusalem,
You are the joy of your children,
Your people hold you in great honor.
O Mary, Virgin most pure,
O Mary, Mother of Mercy,
Pray for us!
Intercede for us with our Lord, Jesus Christ.



A PRAYER FOR HEALING



Almighty God, You are powerful and strong. You are the creative force behind all that is. You are the energy that flows through us all. I willingly believe Your strength is bigger than the weaknesses we may feel. I believe you can heal

them. If it be Your will, Lord, we ask You to heal us, our families and our friends. Provide peace and comfort to those in need of it, in Your mercy. Amen.

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

Alex Cadang, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, 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.



...and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.

James 5:15

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 JANUARY 25 Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday JANUARY 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday JANUARY 27 Weekday Heb 10:11-18 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday JANUARY 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church Heb 10:19-25 Mk 4:21-25

Friday JANUARY 29 Weekday Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday JANUARY 30 Weekday Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Mk 4:35-41

Sunday JANUARY 31 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28



Days are coming, says the Lord God, when I will send famine upon the land; Not a famine of bread, or thirst for water, but for hearing the word of the Lord.

Am. 8:11



*Jesus Calls
Four Fishermen
Treasure Hunt*

1. In this Sunday's Gospel, what event led Jesus to begin his ministry in Galilee?
2. Andrew and Simon were "called" while _____ nets; James and John were "called" while _____ nets.
3. Andrew and Simon responded to Jesus by leaving their _____; James and John responded by leaving their _____.
4. From this day forward Jesus' disciples became "_____."
5. Mark wrote his gospel in Rome. At the time he wrote his gospel, **who** was his audience?

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.]

Last week's answers: 1. Lamb of God; 2. Two; 3. Teacher; 4. Simon (his brother); 5. Cephas (Peter), rock/stone

SAINT OF THE WEEK - ST. PAULA
347-404 **Feast Day January 26**



The patron saint of widows, Paula was a wealthy Roman widowed with five children at age 32. Another widow introduced her to St. Jerome, a priest and papal secretary to St. Damasus. Jerome became her spiritual director, urging a life of asceticism and charity. When he

learned she was fluent in Greek, he enlisted her help in translating Greek biblical texts for his new Latin version of the Bible. Paula had joined the circle of nobility-born Roman women in Jerome's orbit, and followed him to the Holy Land when he left Rome. She taught herself Hebrew, and exhausted her wealth building a monastery, three convents and a hospital in Bethlehem.

Dear Padre,

Mark 1:15 quotes Jesus as saying, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." Since the Gospels hadn't been written yet, what was he referring to?

These days when we say the word gospel, we tend to be talking about one of the four written Gospels of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But the word gospel wasn't originally tied to any particular written form of communication. In fact, the Greek word we translate to gospel—evangelion—simply means "good news." When Jesus says, "Repent and believe in the gospel," he is basically saying, "Repent and believe in the good news." For Jesus, the nature of that good news is clear: Jesus is announcing the coming of God's kingdom, the initiation of the fullness of God's reign on earth. Jesus preaches this good news in word and action and makes it real through his life, death, and resurrection. After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, many of his followers were inspired by the Holy Spirit to go into the world and continue Christ's gospel proclamation. The apostles and disciples did this by word of mouth at first, but within a few decades they decided to commit the message of Christ's good news to writing, giving us the Gospel books we know today.

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



"In these, our troubled times, rent by the tragedies of war and menaced by the baneful tendency to accentuate differences and to incite conflict, may the Good News that in Jesus forgiveness triumphs over sin, life defeats death, and love conquers fear, be proclaimed to the world with renewed fervor."

LETTER RECOGNIZING MISSIONARY WORK, OCTOBER 22, 2017

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 **February 12, 2021**. Mahalo to those who keep this ministry going during these difficult times.