



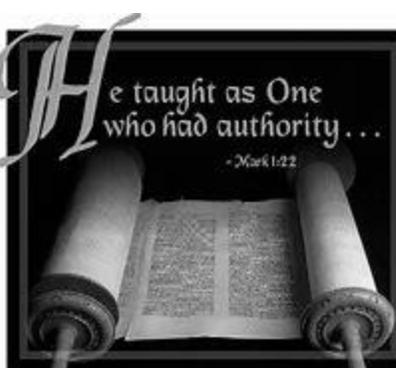
St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TEACHING WITH AUTHORITY

Who teaches with authority? To whose voice should we listen? The first reading provides an answer. Moses had been appointed by God to be God's voice for the Israelites—for that is what a prophet is. Moses assures the people that God will raise up a leader like himself. They are to listen to that voice just as they listened to his voice. The Gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of that promise. The issues of contemporary life are extraordinarily complex. Actually, when one is in the midst of living, it is always complex. It was complex at the time of Moses and at the time of Jesus as well. So, to whose voice should disciples listen? It is easy to answer: "The one with authority." But who has authority? Recognizing genuine authority is not as easy as it sounds. Moses' position of authority was eventually recognized, but that was not the case in the beginning. The expression, "Who died and left you boss?" comes right out of an earlier story of Moses (Exodus 2:14). As for Jesus, he never held a recognized position of authority in his society, and we know his



authority seems eventually to have been rejected by most. A sign of genuine authority is seen in the integrity of one's life. Moses led the people through the struggles of the wilderness. In this Gospel, Jesus confirms the message of his teaching with his works of healing. Who has authority? "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16). Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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FOR REFLECTION

- ☪ As a disciple of Jesus, whose voice are you inclined to follow? Why?
- ☪ What is your attitude toward official authority? Is this a good attitude to hold?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed..." **Dt 18:15-20**

Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. **Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9**

Second Reading: I should like you to be free of anxieties. **1 Cor 7:32-35**

Gospel: All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this?" **Mk 1:21-28**

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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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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

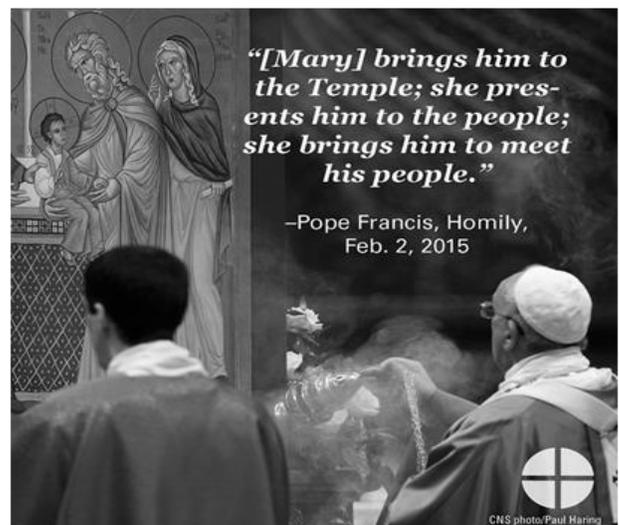
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Tuesday, February 2nd is a day with several meanings and traditions. First, it is the day Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple to present Him to the Lord, exactly 40 days after His birth, in keeping with Mosaic Law and Jewish tradition. Also the Presentation is the Purification of Mary. Second, it is Candlemas Day, keeping the tradition of the people bringing their candles to the church to be blessed. These candles were used in home worship and were also used during the winter for warmth and light. This ancient poem was written about Candlemas Day:

“If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,
Winter will have another flight;
But if it be dark with clouds and rain,
Winter is gone, and will not come again.”

-author unknown

Third, In Germany Candlemas evolved into a quaint custom. The children would look for small animals that hibernated in winter. If the hedgehogs came out and saw their shadow it was believed that there would be 40 more days of wintry weather. If they emerged on a cloudy day they believed that spring was just around the corner. When Germans came and settled into Pennsylvania, they used the groundhog as their February weather predictor, thus Punxatawny Phil became the most famous groundhog.



“[Mary] brings him to the Temple; she presents him to the people; she brings him to meet his people.”

—Pope Francis, Homily, Feb. 2, 2015



PRAYER

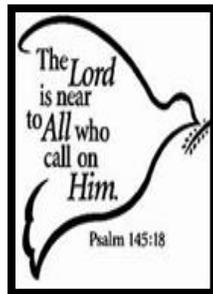
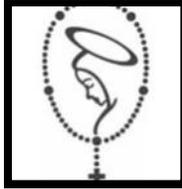
MARY, MOTHER OF PRIESTS

O Holy Mother of God, pray for the priests your Son has chosen to serve the church.

Help them by your intercession, to be holy, zealous and chaste.

Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people.

Help them to be prayerful in meditations, effective in preaching, and enthusiastic in the daily offering of the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Help them to administer the sacraments with joy. Amen.



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Almighty God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. 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.



...Heal me, Lord, that I may be healed; save me, that I may be saved, for it is you whom I praise.

Jeremiah 17:14

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 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 FEBRUARY 1 Weekday Heb 11:32-40 Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday FEBRUARY 2 Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday FEBRUARY 3 Weekday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Mk 6:1-6

Thursday FEBRUARY 4 Weekday Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Mk 6:7-13

Friday FEBRUARY 5 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr Heb 13:1-8 Mk 6:14-29

Saturday FEBRUARY 6 St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Mk 6:30-34

Sunday FEBRUARY 7 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39



There is no doubt that through the reading of Sacred Scriptures the soul is set aflame in God and becomes purified from all vices.

St. Jerome



**Jesus
Drives Out
an Unclean Spirit
Treasure Hunt**

1. In this Sunday's Gospel, **where** and on **what** day did Jesus teach?
2. What 'astonished' the people about Jesus' teaching?
3. What did the unclean spirit accuse Jesus of wanting to do?
4. In this Sunday's First Reading, what were the Israelites afraid to hear again? Why?
5. January 25 was the feast celebrating the conversion of which of Jesus' apostles?

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. The imprisonment of John the Baptist 2. casting. / mending 3. nets / their father, Zebedee 4. fishers of men 5. persecuted Roman Christians

**SAINT OF THE WEEK-
ST. JOSEPH OF LEONESSA 1556—1612**

Born in Leonessa, Italy, Eufrazio took the name Joseph at 18 when he became a Capuchin Franciscan. His forte was preaching and in 1587 he went



as a missionary to Constantinople (Istanbul, Turkey) to minister to Christian galley slaves. After recovering from the plague, he was arrested for preaching to Muslims. He was sentenced to death but he survived being hanged

from a gibbet with a hook through one hand and one foot. He was banished and returned to Leonessa. He lived austere for another 20 years, sometimes preaching as many as 10 times a day, until he died of cancer. He was beatified in 1737 and canonized in 1746.



"We can, if we will, become a saint, for God will never refuse to help us to do so." - St. John Vianney

Dear Padre,

Recently my son made his first reconciliation and was told to say some prayers as his penance. Doesn't this make prayer seem like a punishment for being bad?

You raise a valid concern. In fact the latest rite of reconciliation suggests that, if at all possible, penance must right the wrong and be clear enough that the penitent knows he has fulfilled it. Penance should not just show God we're sorry; it should also put us on the path to a Christian life and correct the harm our sins caused. For instance, if someone has stolen something and returning it would reveal his sin (this cannot be part of the penance), making a comparable donation might be a fitting penance. When someone confesses gossiping, I challenge him or her to tell someone else something good about the person who was gossiped about. In other words, instead of spreading pain, learn to spread joy. The penance for disobeying parents might be to do something nice for them or do chores without being asked. This type of penance is far more beneficial to the penitent and the community at large. Using prayer as a penance can send the signal that we pray only when we've been bad or need something from God, like forgiveness. On the contrary, prayer should be constant. We should pray always and in all ways, if for no other reason than to give glory to God.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR

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SERVICE

THANK YOU!!

We are grateful to our parishioners of the Pohnpei community who worked hard cleaning the grounds at St. John Mission last Saturday. Mahalo for your stewardship of time!

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.