



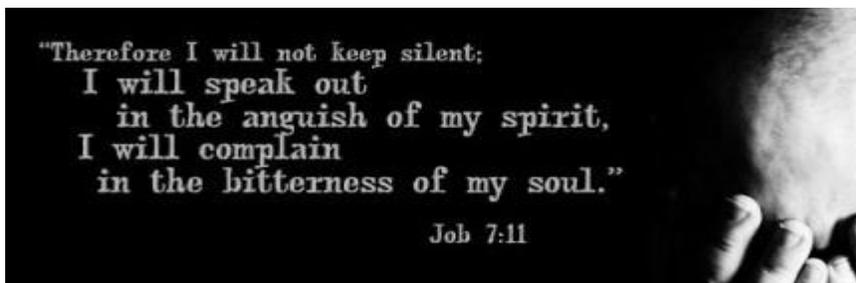
St. Benedict Catholic Church
Sunday February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grin and Bear It

This harsh bit of advice is more military than religious. However, it does carry some truth. There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today's reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain. There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the theological term, laments. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And, it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that. These are not merely stories of past events. Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-to-accept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed by hardship, we should turn to God and place our need in God's care, believing that God wants what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out of our hands, but we must believe that we are in God's hands and, therefore, safe.

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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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- ☪ Hardship can test our trust in God. Might this be the case with you?
- ☪ As a disciple of Jesus, pray for the gift of trust.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? **Jb 7:1-4, 6-7**

Psalm: Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted. **Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6**

Second Reading: I have become all things to all, to save at least some. **1 Cor 9:16-19, 22**

Gospel: Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. **Mark 1: 29-39**

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.**

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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-NEW

Bishop Larry Silva has issued a new directive extending the dispensation for Sunday and Holy Day Mass to **April 1, 2021, Holy Thursday. I would urge all our parishioners who can safely do so to return to worship at Sunday Mass.**" The Bishop also urges anyone who is unable to attend Mass to engage in some form of prayer or worship, especially during the penitential season of Lent.

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.

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

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING February 8, 2021

Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita

O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC CONTINUES...

The United States has passed the one-year anniversary of COVID-19's arrival in the U.S., January 21. On March 6, 2020 the virus was found in Hawaii. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic by March 11, 2020.

For the past year, health officials have had certain protocols for stopping the spread. Now, with more transmissible COVID strains circulating, experts have introduced some new precautions people should be taking. COVID adviser Anthony Fauci, MD, said that although double-masking is not yet an official recommendation, it's the "common sense approach." Vaccinations are currently in progress in Hawaii with four categories of recipients. For now healthcare workers, long-term care residents, first responders, front-line essential workers and all over 75 are eligible. In spring 2021 adults 65-74 years, persons with high-risk medical conditions and all essential workers will receive it. The last, by summer 2021, will be persons 16 and older not included in other categories. Multiple variants of the virus have been discovered. So far, studies suggest that antibodies generated through vaccination with currently authorized vaccines recognize these variants, but this is still being closely investigated. The first confirmed variant was found in Hawaii on January 25.

Here are some numbers as of this week:

U.S. 26,277,125 cases, 445,264 deaths.

Hawaii 26,081 cases, 414 deaths.

Big Island 2,206 cases, 53 deaths.

Pandemics can be stressful, especially when you are staying away from others. It is important to maintain social connections and care for your mental health.



PRAYER

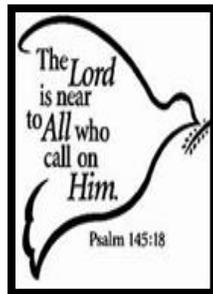
MARY, MOTHER OF PRIESTS

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 8 Weekday Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday FEBRUARY 9 Weekday Gn 1:20-2:4a Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday FEBRUARY 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday FEBRUARY 11 Weekday Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30

Friday FEBRUARY 12 Weekday Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday FEBRUARY 13 Weekday Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10

Sunday FEBRUARY 14 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45



Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.

John 17:17 From the prayer of Jesus



**Jesus
Cures the Sick**

Treasure Hunt

1. In this Sunday's Gospel, whose mother-in-law was sick with a fever?
2. What word **starting with "H"** describes most of Jesus' actions in this Sunday's Gospel?
3. What did the woman do immediately after she was cured?
4. What **time of day** was a common time for Jesus to pray?
5. We sometimes describe a person as having "the patience of Job." **Where** in *Scripture* is there a reference to "the perseverance of Job"?

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. Capernaum or synagogue / sabbath
 2. He taught them as one having authority. 3. "Have you come to destroy us?" 4. God's voice / they thought they would die.
 5. St. Paul



**SAINT OF THE WEEK-
St. Josephine Bakhita**
 St. Josephine Bakhita was born in Sudan in 1869 and enslaved as a child. Eventually she was sold to an Italian diplomat and taken to Italy, where she was later brought to freedom through the help of the Canossian Daughters of Charity.

Through their guidance, she learned about God and served him faithfully until her death in 1947.

In October 2000, Josephine Bakhita was canonized by St. John Paul II, at which point he noted that "in St. Josephine Bakhita we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation. The history of her life inspires not passive acceptance but the firm resolve to work effectively to free girls and women from oppression and violence, and to return them to their dignity in the full exercise of their rights" (St. Bakhita's Canonization Mass, 10/01/2000).



Does the Church promote adoption as a response to infertility? If so, why?

The Church indeed promotes adoption, but not solely as a response to infertility. Church teaching presents adoption as an alternative way that a couple might direct their generosity and desire to be life-giving through children. While recognizing the suffering of infertility, the Church also sees the great need of children throughout the world who, for one reason or another, haven't been able to live with their biological parents. The call to adopt and care for children in need, however, is addressed to all believers who are able to help. The theological foundation for reaching out to adopt children is linked to our being brothers and sisters in Christ, and that we are called to be stewards of the lives of one another. In some instances, people feel called to care for needy children of the world by adopting them and bringing them into a new family to develop and grow. In other situations, perhaps Christians could show extraordinary love by "adopting" a child or a family of children by supporting them in their own country through assistance to relatives who could not otherwise look after the child. This is obviously not like raising a child in your own home, but think of what it might do for a child in his own home country. A key principle that should underlie the care of orphans is "what is best for the child." *From Life, Death, and Catholic Medical Choices*
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis...

The goal we must set ourselves...is that no mother be in a position to leave her child. But we must also ensure that in the face of any event, even tragic, that may detach a child from his or her parents, there are structures and processes...in which childhood is always protected and cared for. ADDRESS TO HOSPITAL OF THE INNOCENTS INSTITUTE, MAY 24, 2019 © 2021 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999

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 each month. Next open for food distribution on **February 12, 2021**. Mahalo to those who keep this ministry going during these difficult times.