



St. Benedict Catholic Church

September 12, 2021

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

St. John the Baptist

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Benedict Hall, Honaunau

7:00 a.m. Tuesday,

Thursday & Friday

St. John the Baptist

Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

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Faith or Works?

Unfortunately, these two facets of our faith are often pitted against each other. In many of his letters, St. Paul insists on the superiority of faith, while today's reading from St. James underscores the importance of good works. It is understandable that one might get confused. Actually, both are vital. In fact, one without the other does not result in full Christian living. At issue is how they fit together. Paul's insistence on faith was probably a corrective for the erroneous belief that we can earn eternal

happiness by our good works. This was not simply a problem with the Jewish law and practices but with the religious law and practices of many societies. Even today we find people convinced that obeying religious laws assures salvation. To this, Paul insisted that it was faith in Jesus that saved, not conformity to law. Paul never said that believers should not obey the law. Rather, he would insist that such obedience should flow from faith, not vice versa. It seems that the people to whom today's second reading was directed took the idea of "faith alone" to an extreme. They were not committed to good works. This letter corrected that error. It states that faith without works is dead. In fact, good works demonstrate the authenticity and depth of one's faith. The message for today should be clear. Faith and works belong together. Genuine faith manifests itself in works of love and mercy, and the works of love and mercy that flow from faith are of God.

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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For Reflection

☪ Which works of mercy does your faith inspire?

☪ How are these works fortified by faith?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? **Is 50:5-9a**

Psalm: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. **Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9**

Second Reading: ...faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **Jas 2:14-18**

Gospel: "Who do people say that I am?" **Mk 8:27-35**

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: theprintedchurchhawaii.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.

FROM BISHOP LARRY SILVA: EFFECTIVE EASTER SUNDAY, 4/04/2020

I am ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which has been in effect since mid-March, 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

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.

“Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.”

-1 Peter 3:15

LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASS

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Oahu

Sunday: 10am (Bishop Silva) Mon—Sat: 12pm Sat:

5pm. [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live)

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YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

8 DECEMBER 2020, TO 8 DECEMBER 2021

“Truly, I doubt not that the angels, wondering and adoring, came thronging in countless multitudes to that poor workshop to admire the humility of him who guarded that dear and divine child, and labored at his carpenter's trade to support the son and the mother who were committed to his care.”

- *Saint Francis de Sales*

Most glorious St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may accomplish the will of God all the days of my life.

FAITH FORMATION / RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Due to the ongoing pandemic, Faith Formation is being offered to those preparing for Sacramental reception, for ages 6 thru 17. Please contact Edwina Fujimoto for more information. efujimoto@rcchawaii.org or text (808) 895-7105 with your name, email address and contact phone number. You may also sign up with the Ushers for more information

SEPTEMBER 13 THRU SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

Father Sieg will be on Oahu, Monday thru Friday next week to attend the Annual Priest Retreat. There will be no morning Masses at St. Benedict or St. John Mission. All are welcome to attend weekday Mass at St. Michael the Archangel: Mon-Fri 7:00 am with adoration after Wednesday Mass. Also Mass on M, T, TH, F—5:00 pm.

FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL

**** IF YOU FEEL SICK PLEASE STAY HOME! ****

WE MUST CONTINUE TO:

1-WEAR MASK

2-SOCIAL DISTANCE –SIX FEET

3-SANITIZE OUR HANDS BEFORE ENTERING OUR HALL CHAPEL



PRAYER

DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



"From Mary we learn to trust, even when all hope seems gone."

-St. John Paul II

Pray the Rosary Daily

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

*God of love,
Ever caring, ever strong,
Stand by us in our time of need.
Watch over our friends and family
who are sick,
look after them in every danger,
and grant them your healing and peace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.*

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

William Anderson, Lionel Gaspar, Susan Pegelow, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Cheryl Ono, Mary Bunao, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Tony Dias, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Robin Crusat, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess Jr., Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Venancio Mendoza, Keiki San Filippo, Dottie Combs
***Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

**Before all and above all,
attention shall be paid to the care of the sick,
so that they shall be served,
as if they were Christ Himself.**

- St. Benedict of Nursia

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 SEPTEMBER 13
St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor of the
Church 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk
7:1-10

Tuesday SEPTEMBER 14
The Exaltation of the
Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday SEPTEMBER
15 Our Lady of Sorrows 1
Tm 3:14-16 Jn 19:25-27
or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Tm 4:12-16 Lk 7:36-50

Friday SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday 1 Tm 6:2c-12
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday SEPTEMBER 18
Weekday 1 Tm 6:13-16
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday SEPTEMBER 19
Twenty-fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Wis 2:12,
17-20 Jas 3:16-4:3 Mk
9:30-37



*"It is easy
to find truth,
though it is hard
to face it,
and harder still
to follow it."*

-Venerable Fulton J. Sheen



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Treasure Hunt

1. What is the **difference** between the crowd's and Peter's answer to Jesus question "But who do you say I am?"
2. Name **TWO** (2) of the four things Jesus foretold that He, the Son of Man, must endure?
3. **Why** did Jesus rebuke Peter?
4. What **TWO** (2) things does Jesus require of those who wish to "come after" Him?
5. In this week's First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-9) **HOW** does Isaiah find the strength to endure punishment and harassment? [**HINT**: Give Isaiah's six-word response.]

Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1-** put His finger into the man's ear, spit, and touch his tongue; **2-** looked up to heaven, groaned, and said "Ephphatha."; **3-** not to tell anyone; **4-** "He has done all things well."; **5-** "Be strong, fear not."

SAINT OF THE WEEK Feast Day September 15
Saint Catherine of Genoa 1447-1510



Caterina Fieschi wanted to be a nun like her older sister, but instead was married at 16 to Giuliano Adorno. Their arranged union was not happy for Caterina; her husband had a child with his mistress and wasted much of their fortune. But in 1473 Caterina had a vision of Christ carrying his

cross which changed her life. Thereafter, she devoted her life to prayer and caring for the poor in the slums of Genoa, Italy. Giuliano also changed, becoming a Franciscan tertiary. They both worked at the largest charity hospital in Europe, with Caterina advancing from volunteer to director. She also wrote about mysticism and was canonized in 1737.

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Dear Padre,

I'm having trouble finding a good place to pray. I can't get to church every day. I have a noisy household, and I can't pray at work. Any ideas? The best place to pray is in solitude. But solitude in this case doesn't mean an isolated place; it is, rather, a state of the heart. Many Christians can enter into a state of solitude on a crowded train. I've talked with others who find solitude while sitting on a bench in a crowded shopping mall. However, to cultivate this interior state that opens a Christian to heartfelt conversation with God, many of us need to physically shut out distractions. As Jesus advised, go into your room—your secret place—close the door, and pray there. For some people, this "secret place" is a church or chapel. Many people pray before or after Mass. Some churches have a special oratory or chapel for the Blessed Sacrament. But like you, many people find it difficult to go to a church or chapel every day, so some of them devote a special corner of their home to prayer. This prayer corner usually has a Bible, a crucifix, a statue, a sacred picture, a candle, or a plant. We can find solitude in the car, in a favorite nature spot, in the garden, or on a morning jog. Once you start looking for it, solitude isn't as difficult to find as you'd expect because God is present in every place and in every moment—so wherever we can find solitude, he will be there.

Fr. Michael Brehl, CSSR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis



You may know all the commandments, all the prophecies, all the truths of the faith, but if this isn't put into practice, is not translated into works, it serves nothing....A faith without works, a faith that doesn't get you involved, isn't faith. It's words and nothing more than words. **HOMILY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014**

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SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. **Next distribution will be September 24, 2021.**

TIME—TALENT—TREASURE

**As a body without a spirit is dead,
so is faith without deeds.**

~James 2:26