



St. Benedict Catholic Church

September 19, 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Price of Goodness

We all know genuinely good people. Somehow they are able to live the virtues of their religious tradition. It might even appear that it is easy for them to do so. One would think that such good people would be valued. Well, yes and no. While we might truly value the goodness of others, that goodness can also shame us. And there is the rub. People are uncomfortable with the realization that they are not as good as they think—or not as good as others might view them. Today's readings underscore the price we might have to pay for such goodness. The first reading describes a plot being devised to get rid of a righteous person whose goodness has become "annoying" (Wisdom 2:12). This is not someone who flaunts goodness; it is a genuinely good person, one who is referred to as "the righteous one" (2:18). (Here "son of God" simply means someone belonging to the people of God.) The plotters insist that God will come to the rescue if the righteous one is truly good. The petitions in the psalm response are placed on the lips of that righteous one. Like many good Bible stories, this story is open-ended. We do not know what happens. The price paid for righteousness is found in the Gospel passage as well. Here the righteous one is Jesus. Though we know how his story ends, here the disciples did not. Today we are faced with the starkness of these stories. Are we willing to pay the price of goodness? **-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.

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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For Reflection

- ☯ Where in your life do your religious values conflict with social norms?
- ☯ Do you ever resent the goodness of others? If so, what might you do about it?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The wicked say: Let us beset the just one... **Wis 2:12, 17-20**

Psalm: The Lord upholds my life. **Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8**

Second Reading: You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. **Jas 3:16-4:3**

Gospel: "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." **Mk 9:30-37**

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: thePaintedChurchHawaii.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.

“1862 ...although we can judge that an act is in itself a grave offense, we must entrust judgment of persons to the justice and mercy of God.”

— John Paul II, quote from Catechism of the Catholic Church

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

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.

PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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As “pride is the beginning of all sin,” (Eccl. 10:15) so humility is the foundation of all virtue. Learn to be really humble and not, as the hypocrite humble merely in appearance.

- Saint Bonaventure



PRAYER

DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Jesus had only one consolation in the midst of His terrible sufferings.

His Mother, Mary, was beside the Cross along with His beloved Apostle...

Mary loved her Son with a love greater than that of any mother, which is the greatest love possible on earth.

She loved Jesus with the heart of a Mother and of a Virgin -

HE WAS HER ONLY TREASURE.

Moreover, she loved Him, not only as her Son but, also as her God.

Antonio Cardinal Bacci (1181-1971)

Pray the Rosary Daily

PRAYER FOR HEALING

*It's your grace that has kept us
and for this we are grateful.*

*So God, touch our bodies
with healing power and*

restore your children to sound health.

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

William Anderson, Lionel Gaspar, Gloria Grapa, Tama-yo 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.

*"I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my
perils alone."*

-Thomas Merton

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 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön,
Priest, and Paul Chöng
Ha-sang, and Compan-
ions, Martyrs Ezr 1:1-6 Lk
8:16-18

Tuesday SEPTEMBER 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and
Evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-
13 Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday SEPTEMBER
22 Weekday Ezr 9:5-9 Lk
9:1-6

Thursday SEPTEMBER 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9

Friday SEPTEMBER 24
Weekday Hg 2:1-9 Lk
9:18-22

Saturday SEPTEMBER 25
Weekday Zec 2:5-9, 14-
15a Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday SEPTEMBER 26
Twenty-sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Nm
11:25-29 Jas 5:1-6 Mk
9:38-43, 45, 47-48



*"Reading the Gospel
each day helps us
to overcome our
selfishness
and to follow
Jesus our Teacher
with dedication."*

-Pope Francis



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Treasure Hunt

1. **T/F:** When Jesus asks them, His disciples tell Him what they have been discussing along the journey.
2. **What** had the disciples been discussing among themselves?
3. **Fill-in-the-Blanks:** "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the _____ of all and the _____ of all."
4. What **Christian value** is Jesus trying to teach the disciples by placing a child in their midst **AND** speaking about servanthood?
5. In this week's *Second Reading* **where** does James say wars and conflict come from?

BONUS: Between last week and this week's Gospels by Mark, what great event takes place to bring solace to Jesus' sad and uneasy disciples?
[**SEE:** Mark 9: 2-9]

Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1- the crowd names prophets, but Peter recognizes Jesus to be "the Christ" (the one and only Messiah; **2-** (Any 2) suffer greatly, be rejected by the elders, be killed, rise after 3 days; **3-** Peter was thinking like a human tempted by Satan, trying to distract Jesus from His mission; **4-** take up His cross and follow Him; **5-** "The Lord God is my help."

SAINT OF THE WEEK Feast Day September 25



Saint Vincent Strambi 1745-1824

Vincent joined the Passionists as priest in 1768. Over three decades he served as a leader of the congregation, ultimately as provincial. In 1801, he became bishop of Macerata in central Italy. Vincent reformed the diocese by caring for his priests. He built a seminary, staffed it with gifted teachers, and taught there himself. Vincent also fostered a renewal of worship in his churches. In 1808, he refused to swear allegiance to Napoleon and was forced into exile. But when Napoleon abdicated in 1814, Vincent returned to Macerata. In the final decade of his life he personally turned an Austrian army away from the province and cared for people suffering from famine and a typhoid epidemic, all while continuing his reforms.

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Dear Padre,

In Bible times why did people sacrifice animals, children, and other living beings for their own sins?

The practice of human and animal sacrifice is at least as old as written history, including in our own Scripture. Few stories are more chilling than when God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, or when Jephthah sacrifices his daughter (Genesis 22; Judges 11). In scriptural theology, one's sins merited punishment and even death, but an animal or other person could be chosen to take one's place. God, in his mercy, instituted this animal sacrificial system as a symbol, foreshadowing Jesus' sacrifice for our sins (Genesis 8:20; Hebrews 10:1-18). In the New Testament, Jesus understood his mission as sacrificing his own life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was at the cost of death. However, to say that Jesus' death was payment for our sins is not to say that a vengeful God was appeased by the sacrifice of his own innocent Son. Rather, Christ was willing to liberate us when he "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that... by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Thus, "it is love 'to the end (John 13:1)' that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice that "completes and surpasses all other sacrifices" (CCC 614).

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis



The Catechism firmly states that human power has limits and that "it is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly." All such use and experimentation "requires a religious respect for the integrity of creation."

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME (LAUDATO SI'), MAY 24, 2015

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

**"You received without payment;
give without payment."**

Matthew 10:8