



St. Benedict Catholic Church

November 7, 2021

Thirty-second 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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Ouch!



That's the sound of someone giving until it hurts. Most of us probably will never be in such a situation. It's not that we don't give, but that we are seldom asked to give until it really hurts. The women in today's readings were in desperate straits. They hurt even before they opened their hands to give. Both belonged to one of the groups of vulnerable people often identified in the Bible—namely, the resident alien, the orphan, and the widow.

Since the social structure of a patriarchal society is usually built on male kinship, those with no male patron were extraordinarily vulnerable. Consequently, Jewish law made special provision for them (see Deuteronomy 24:17, 19–21; 26:12–13; 27:19). The women in these stories were disadvantaged because they were women, they were widows, and they were poor. How these deprivations interacted with each other isn't specifically mentioned. It's not their state of deprivation that makes them models for us to emulate. It's their generosity despite their deprivation. The widows featured in today's readings gave from their hearts, not from their abundance. They recognized need in another and did what they could to address that need. That is the virtue set before us today. It is, indeed, heroic! Do we do what we can to help others in need—as little as that might be? Or do we cling to what we have, to what we say we have a right to have because we worked for it? Are we that uncaring? Ouch! That hurts!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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For Reflection

- * How open are you to the needs of others?
- * How generous does this make you?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The jar of flour shall not go empty nor will the oil run dry.
1 Kgs 17:10-16

Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul! **Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10**

Second Reading: ...he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. **Heb 9:24-28**

Gospel: For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty...." **Mk 12:38-44**

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

	<p style="text-align: center;">Remembering Our Saints #1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[November 7, 2021]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Treasure Hunt</p>
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The November Treasure Hunts are a guessing "quest" of Catholic SAINTS.

1. My brother Simon and I were among the 12 Apostles. I preached that we must remain close to Jesus in hard times. The downhearted and distressed attribute miracles to my intercession.
2. I was the king of England from 1042-1066. I followed the laws of the Catholic Church. Edith, my wife, was bad-tempered and unpleasant. Those who are in difficult marriages or separations pray to me.
3. In the 16th century, I was a lawyer before I became a priest. I took care of the poor by creating a bank that offered relief from "loan sharks" who took advantage of their poverty and despair.
4. I am a 14th century Italian saint. I suffered from a leg infection that turned out to be cancer. A miracle cured me during my lifetime. Many cancer patients attribute their cures to my intercession.
5. What do the four (4) of us have **in common**?

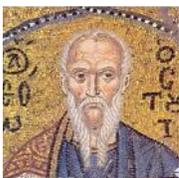
Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt
All Saints Day & All Souls Day

- 1-** F (false: also included are the faithful on earth); **2-** white;
3- T (true); **4-** departed souls, priest, Holy Father; **5-** visit departed loved ones at the cemetery and attend Mass;
6- grant, perpetual, peace.

SAINT OF THE WEEK - FEAST DAY November 11
THEODORE THE STUDITE 759-826

A great figure in Christian monasticism, Theodore was born in Constantinople (Istanbul, Turkey), but began monastic life in Bithynia. He returned to Constantinople to study for the priesthood and in 787 was ordained. In 794, he succeeded his uncle, St. Pluto, as abbot of Sakkoudion, where his ideals and rules had far-reaching influence. He later moved his monks to a Constantinople monastery founded by the Roman consul Studius. Theodore was exiled several times: for opposing an emperor's divorce and adultery, and also for defending the veneration of sacred images. He supported the authority of the See of Rome, preached brilliantly, and left a trove of writings.

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Dear Padre,

My mother divorced, then remarried a non-Catholic. Her first marriage was never annulled. She says if she can't take Communion, there's no difference between watching Mass on TV and attending Mass in a church. I think there's a difference, and she should go to Mass in a church with other Catholics. Your thoughts? It's a good sign that your mother is watching Mass on television instead of skipping Mass altogether, but you're right. Television Masses are a viable option for Catholics who are physically unable to attend Mass, but if your mother is physically able, it's a different matter. When it comes to worship, there's nothing like being there, and by attending the liturgy with other Catholics every week and on holy days, she'll fulfill her obligation by virtue of baptism in "fully conscious and active participation" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [Sacrosanctum Concilium], 14). Keep encouraging your mom to attend weekly Mass in person and encourage her to contact her priest about starting annulment proceedings. If the annulment is granted and her current marriage is convalidated, she'll be able to receive the Eucharist. Receiving Communion may be the privileged encounter with God, but Mass is primarily for worshiping and giving thanks to God. By returning to Mass with other Catholics now and eventually taking Communion, your mom's faith life clearly will be enriched.

Fr. Bob Lindsey, CSSR
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ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. **Next distribution: November 12, 2021.** Please take note that the November 4th week distribution will be on **Wednesday, November 24th**, not on Friday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

KEALAKEHE HIGH SCHOOL IS SEEKING DONATIONS ...for its Kokua Closet, which is available to

students in need of clothing, school supplies, toiletries, and snacks. New or gently used clothing is welcome. Pencils, pens, small calculators, and erasers are the most popular school items. Requested toiletries include toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner. Scented Suave products are especially popular. Kids appreciate any kind of pre-packaged, individually wrapped snacks.

If you'd like to make a donation, contact Kealakehe High School Parent-Community Networking Coordinator Cassi Vigil-Alip @ 808-640-2147 or email her @ cassandra.vigil-alip@k12.hi.us
Mahalo for your consideration.