



St. Benedict Catholic Church

January 23, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
Kealakekua

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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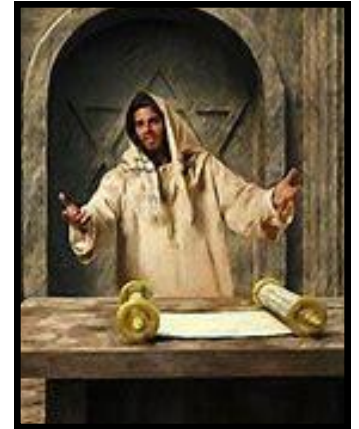
Fulfilled in Your Hearing

When we hear that phrase, we might be inclined to think of prophecy. However, today's readings suggest something a bit different. True, in today's Gospel, Jesus states that he is the fulfillment of the promise made by the prophet Isaiah. However, the way that passage was fulfilled by Jesus was not the way his hearers expected.

The passage seems to promise a change in society where there will be no more poor or prisoners. The people expected a political change which would overthrow Roman control. Jesus' application was quite different. The fulfillment of that prophecy included a new and often radical way of understanding society. In

other words, Jesus revealed the true meaning of the prophecy. Such reapplication is even clearer in the first reading. Nehemiah, the Jewish leader of those who had returned from Babylonian exile, gathered all the community together, read the Law, and then reapplied it for them. Reapplication is often necessary because what might have been a helpful way of understanding something in our faith under some circumstances might be impractical, even inappropriate, in others.

For example, to pray for an end to war is important, but to do nothing to work for peace changes how we understand prayer. Circumstances often change as we go through life. Reapplication of our faith acknowledges this and searches for ways that faith can continue to address those changing circumstances. Faithful reapplication always keeps our religious tradition alive and meaningful.



Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

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✠ *In many ways the Second Vatican Council reapplied our faith. How has your understanding of how to apply our faith changed in your lifetime?*

✠ *Is there anything that you think still should change? Why do you think this?*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"...
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. **Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15**

Second Reading: Now the body is not a single part, but many. **1 Cor 12:12-30**

Gospel: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." **Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

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



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. We welcome all to celebrate The Eucharist with us.

BISHOP SILVA ENDED THE DISPENSATION

from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which had 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.

* Exposed (close contact) to COVID-19 is defined as being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (regardless of mask use).

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.

“The longer you stay away from communion, the more your soul will become weak, and in the end you will become dangerously indifferent.”

- St. John Bosco-



A PRAYER FOR ORDINARY TIME
*Jesus, Savior of the world,
 Open up our hearts to love as you love.
 Forgive us for our judgment, hatred
 and exclusion.
 Transform our lives ever more deeply
 into your image,
 so that we might desire and work for,
 the life and love
 of all God's people. Amen.*

KEEP ON PRAYING—FOR LIFE!

“Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life.”

—U.S. Catholic Bishops,
Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities

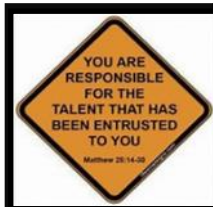


A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by everyday weariness, with its worries, and by fear of the future. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to experience the present with confidence and courage, and to go forth with hope. For this reason, we Christians go to encounter the Lord...in the Eucharistic celebration.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, DECEMBER 13, 2017

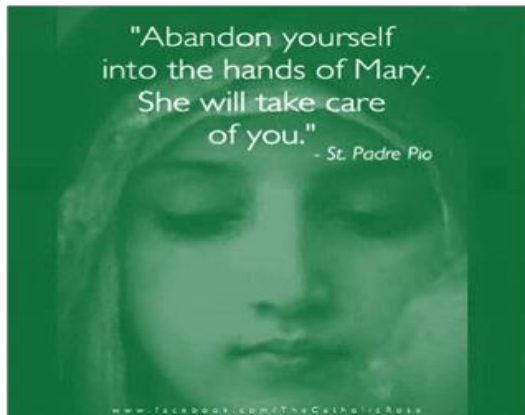




PRAYER

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DEVOTION TO OUR LADY



...It is enough for you to know that Mary is the Mother of Jesus...She loves us so much that she offered to God the Father His only natural Son to save His adopted sons...She is a great and inestimable treasure who encloses in herself an infinite treasure, the Son of God. - St. Padre Pio

Pray the Rosary

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

God, we know You have the power to restore them to good health. We await your healing with much hope. Do not allow the sickness of the body to weaken the spirit. It is the health of the spirit, Lord, which is most important. Amen.

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

Rafael Ramirez, Tamo Wong, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, Cheryl Ono, Michelle Paopao-Skillern, William Anderson, Lionel Gaspar, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Mary Bunao, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Charles & DeeDee Tripoli, Danny Burgess Jr., Linda Adkins, Guy Miranda, Keiki San Filippo, Dottie Combs.

***Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing 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 JANUARY 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday JANUARY 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday JANUARY 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday JANUARY 27 Weekday 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Mk 4:21-25

Friday JANUARY 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mk 4:26-34

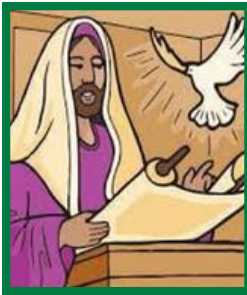
Saturday JANUARY 29 Weekday 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41

Sunday JANUARY 30 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13 Lk 4:21-30



The Bible does not teach us how the heavens go, but how to go to Heaven.

-Galileo-



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[Luke 1:1-4 & Luke 4:14-21]
[Nehemiah 8:2-10]

Treasure Hunt

1. **How** does Luke prepare to write his Gospel?
2. **Who** is the “person” that Luke addresses in his Gospel? Translated from Greek, this name means “_____ of God”.
3. When Jesus stood up in the synagogue, from **what prophet** did He read?
4. The **importance** of Luke’s Gospel this week is that Jesus proclaims that _____ was _____ by His presence on this day.
5. In the First Reading, *Nehemiah 8:2-10*, the open square from which Ezra read from the law was called _____. **How long** did Ezra read and teach? **HOW** did the people respond?

Answers to last week’s Treasure Hunt
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1– wedding, Cana/Galilee; **2**– concern affect me, time; **3**– washings (hands, feet, and cooking/eating utensils); **4**– he had served the inferior wine first; **5**– trust and faith, least.

SAINT OF THE WEEK
Feast Day – January 26

SAINT PAULA
347-404



The patron saint of widows, Paula was a wealthy Roman widowed with five children at age 32. Another widow introduced her to St. Jerome, a priest and papal secretary to St. Damasus. Jerome became her spiritual director, urging a life of asceticism and charity. When he learned she was fluent in Greek, he enlisted her help in translating Greek biblical texts for his new Latin version of the Bible. Paula had joined the circle of nobility-born Roman women in Jerome’s orbit, and followed him to the Holy Land when he left Rome. She taught herself Hebrew, and exhausted her wealth building a monastery, three convents and a hospital in Bethlehem.

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Dear Padre,

In your previous column you wrote that the Mass commemorates Jesus’ Last Supper and is a thanksgiving for God’s gifts to us. Are there other reasons to get out of bed early and attend Sunday Mass?
The Mass is all about giving thanks for God’s forgiveness of sins and his plan for eternal life. In fact, Eucharist is derived from the Greek word meaning “gratitude” or “thanksgiving.” But there are many other reasons to participate in the Mass. The Mass is our opportunity to be present with our Lord in the forms of bread and wine. God doesn’t usually make frightening appearances to us accompanied by crashing thunder and lightning. Rather, he makes himself accessible to us in the humble form of food. Jesus said, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day” (John 6:54). As St. Augustine put it, when we receive Christ in these forms, we become what we receive. We are the body of Christ, not as individuals but as his Church. His Church is his physical presence on earth today, the way people come into contact with Christ. When we participate in the Mass, we become witnesses to all of this: our liberation from sin and death; our Lord’s Real Presence to us in the forms of bread and wine; and we, as Church, becoming what we receive—the body of Christ. Can there be better reasons for waking up on a Sunday morning and attending Mass?

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.

SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, from 9:00 to 10:00 am. The next distribution will be on Friday, January 28, 2021.

FOOD PANTRY SERVICE EXPANSION

The Saint Benedict Food Pantry plans to increase food distribution in February 2022. We will be distributing food packages after Mass on the 2nd & 4th weekends. Food packages will be available to our parishioners in need of help. Even if you do not need a package, you may take one to pass on to a needy family.

A special mahalo and blessings to Susan Nellis for being such an awesome volunteer. We welcome and appreciate all volunteers.

Mahalo,
Debi & Francisco Javar