



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

February 13, 2022

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**MISSION CHURCH:**  
**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 Honaunau**  
**7:00 a.m. Tuesday,**  
**Thursday & Friday**

**St. John the Baptist**  
**Wednesday 7:00 a.m.**

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**FOOD PANTRY**

**Francisco and Debra Javar**



**What Is Your Choice?**

So much of who we are is beyond our choice: our parents, our ethnic identity, our time in history, even some of our personality traits. We may not have chosen many of these basic building blocks, but we do have lots to say about what we fashion them into. We certainly are influenced by social groups such as family and neighborhood, church community and civic organizations, political party and national citizenship. However, we still retain the power of choice in many of them. It is on these kinds of choices that

today's readings focus. Jeremiah places two sources of guidance before the people—namely, human ingenuity and divine law. Today's first reading is a classic example of wisdom teaching. With all the possibilities available to us, to whom do we listen? Whose direction will we follow? Both Jeremiah and the psalm response answer these questions by describing the good fortune of a particular choice: Blessed is the one who "delights in the law of the LORD." The outcome of choosing this way is a meaningful and fruitful life. The consequence of the opposite decision is emptiness and barrenness. What is your choice? At the heart of Jesus' ministry was an invitation to join and spread the reign of God. Acceptance of this invitation could at times exact a dear price. Using metaphoric language, he sketched the blessings and the woes that would follow acceptance or rejection of that invitation. Again, the decision is ours. What is your choice?

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*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

*For Reflection*

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- ☪ *What influences the decisions you make? Television? Social pressure? Religious tradition?*
- ☪ *How often do you go along with the crowd? Why?*

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** Blessed are you who are poor... woe to those who are rich.. **Jer 17:5-8**

**Psalm:** Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. **Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6**

**Second Reading:** ...and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. **1 Cor 15:12, 16-20**

**Gospel:** "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. "  
**Lk 6:17, 20-26**

**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](mailto:st.benedict@rcchawaii.org) Submission deadline: **TUESDAY at 5:00pm.**

**WEBSITE:** [thepaintedchurchhawaii.org](http://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.

**A WORD FROM Pope Francis**

Missionary discipleship is a call from God for today’s busy and complicated world, a constant setting out with Jesus... Only a Church which is bride, mother, and servant—one that has renounced the claim to control what is not her own work but God’s—can remain with Jesus. **JOURNEY TO COLOMBIA, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017**

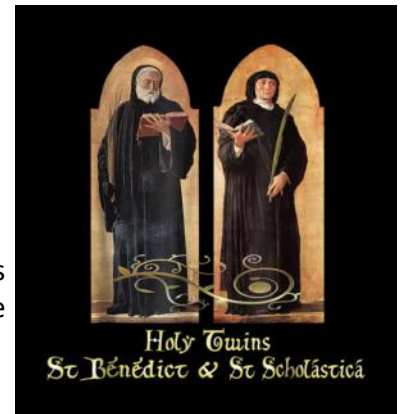
**PRAYER FOR ORDINARY TIME**

*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·*

**SAINT OF THE WEEK — ST. SCHOLASTICA**  
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St. Scholastica was the twin sister of St. Benedict.

Though they were of wealthy parents, the two established religious communities just a few miles apart. The twins met once a year at a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. According to “The Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great”, the



sister and brother spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed that her death was imminent and begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day. He refused because it was against his own rule to spend a night outside the monastery. She asked God for help and a severe storm broke out preventing Benedict and his monks from leaving. Benedict cried out, “God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?” Scholastica replied, “I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it.” Later, while praying in the chapel, he saw her spirit ascend in the form of a white dove.

**LENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER**

We would like to have everyone bring their “last year’s palms” to church with you soon. We will be burning them for “this year’s ashes”. Mahalo!



# Stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given

## PRAYER

### DEVOTION TO OUR LADY

#### Prayer to the Holy Family

By Pope Francis Angelus, 29 December 2013

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
in You we contemplate  
the splendor of true  
love,  
to You we turn with  
trust.

Holy Family of  
Nazareth,  
grant that  
our families too  
may be places of com-  
munion and prayer,  
authentic schools of the  
Gospel and small do-  
mestic Churches.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
graciously  
hear our prayer.



*Pray the Rosary Daily*

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

*Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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

Gwen McKinney, 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 Kel-epolo, 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.

## PRAYER

### CALENDAR

Monday FEBRUARY 14  
Sts. Cyril, Monk, and  
Methodius, Bishop Jas  
1:1–11 Mk 8:11–13 Tues-  
day FEBRUARY 15 Week-  
day Jas 1:12–18 Mk 8:14–  
21 Wednesday FEBRU-  
ARY 16 Weekday Jas  
1:19–27 Mk 8:22–26  
Thursday FEBRUARY 17  
Weekday Jas 2:1–9 Mk  
8:27–33 Friday FEBRU-  
ARY 18 Weekday Jas  
2:14–24, 26 Mk 8:34–  
9:1 Saturday FEBRUARY  
19 Weekday Jas 3:1–10  
Mk 9:2–13 Sunday FEB-  
RUARY 20 Seventh Sun-  
day in Ordinary Time 1  
Sm 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–  
23 1 Cor 15:45–49 Lk  
6:27–38



*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.*

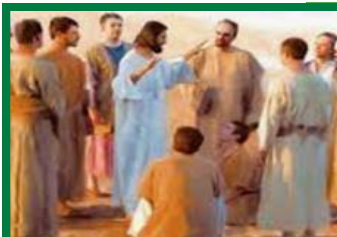
*Amen.*

*Thank God ...  
for the gift of Jesus  
in the Eucharist!*

**The Lord who is  
Truth and says,  
'I am the Truth,'  
surrounds us  
with his truth  
like a shield to  
protect us  
against the  
stinging darts of  
the devil.**

**—St. Jerome**





**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

[Luke 6:17 / Luke 6:20-26]

**Treasure Hunt**

1. Jesus reveals **The Beatitudes** to a crowd of His followers in **both** the Gospels of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We call one of these occasions **The Sermon on the \_\_\_\_\_**, but in today's Gospel Jesus is on a stretch of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the **pronoun** " \_\_\_\_\_ ", [**not** "they"] to bring **The Beatitudes** to light for the crowd.
4. According to Jesus, what will happen to those hated, excluded, insulted and denounced as "evil on account of The Son of Man"?
5. In today's Gospel, what **ONE WORD**, spoken in triple warning, does **not** appear in the other version of this famous sermon.

**Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt**  
**The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1**– Gennesaret, boats; **2**– Simon, preach; **3**– go to deep water and let down the nets; they had caught nothing after fishing all night; **4**– They caught so many fish the nets began to break and the boats almost sank; **5**– "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men; **6**– Simon, James and John (the sons of Zebedee)

SERVICE

**WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP!**



Mahalo to Gary Medeiros for spraying at St. Benedict Cemetery to keep the endless growth of weeds under control and also providing all the materials to get the job done.

Thank you!

**NEWS FROM THE ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY**

Beginning this weekend the our Food Pantry plans to increase distribution to those who lack sufficient food. We will be distributing food packages **after Mass on the 2nd and 4th weekends.** They will be available to our parishioners in need of help. Even if **you** do not need a package, you are encouraged to take one to pass on to a needy family or individual. The regular St. Benedict Food Pantry schedule continues to be the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 9 am to 10 am. **Next open on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.**

*Dear Padre,*

It seems one news story after another has reported a priest, bishop, or other person associated with the Church abusing a child. Why should I remain in the Catholic Church? Understandably, many Catholics have fallen into anger and despair, thinking their leaders were reprehensible hypocrites. But it's not unprecedented that some bishops, priests, and even popes have done bad things. Recall that Peter denied Jesus, and yet he became the first pope. We also recall that, except for John, all the apostles abandoned Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Scripture describes the Church as "the bride of Christ." Paul said the Church is the bride for whom Christ sacrificed himself and "handed himself over for her" (Ephesians 5:25). Revelation describes the Church at the end of time "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Revelation 21:2). Like a groom or bride loves a spouse—faults and all—Christ loves his bride, the Church. Matrimony is a sacrament designed by Christ, placing a man and woman amid society, committed exclusively to each other. As an example, it shows the world how Christ also loves his Church—even with its imperfections. Clearly, multiple groups claiming to be the church Jesus founded cannot be that true Church. That would make Jesus a bigamist! Only our Church traces its succession of leaders back to the original apostles. That some leaders have been unfaithful doesn't mean the Church as a whole is unfaithful. Like a bride and groom pledging fidelity to each other on their wedding day, we should remain faithful to Christ and his Church. Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Pre-Lent Retreat and Safe Environment Training for students grade K thru 12th ... on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> after the 10 am Mass until about 2 pm. Lunch to be served, please register by 2-23-2022. Please text Edwina at 808-895-7105 or email: [efujimoto@rcchawaii.org](mailto:efujimoto@rcchawaii.org). A permission form will need to be signed.**

**GOT FRUIT?**

First, thank you to all who have brought fruit for our Gift Shop in the past. If you have any kinds of fruits that are ripening at this time of year, your sharing is much appreciated. Our Painted Church visitors enjoy sampling, and usually leave an offering for it. Trying tropical fruit is part of the "aloha" experience.

