

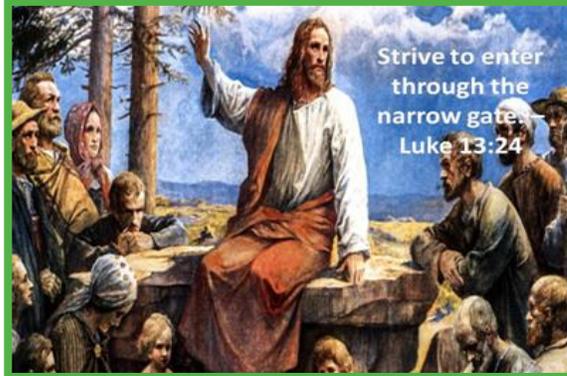


St. Benedict Catholic Church

August 21, 2022

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Membership Is Not Enough



Just because you belong to a tennis club does not mean you can play tennis. This might sound like a ridiculous statement. Still, it is important to acknowledge that joining a group and paying dues does not mean that you are an active member. Something similar unfolds in the story that Jesus tells in today's Gospel passage. The people who

have been locked out claim to be known by the householder: "We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets" (Luke 13:26). That may have been true, but evidently it was not enough. As he tells this story, Jesus is making a point for the sake of his listeners: "Enjoying my company and listening to me is not enough." Then what is enough? Returning to tennis, it is not enough to join a club or even to read a book about tennis. You must play it. For many of us, this would mean a lifelong attempt at trying to learn and perfect your game. But then, that is why one joins a tennis club. Christianity is a way of life; you must live it. This is not to say that doctrines and rituals are unimportant. They are very important, but they are important because they inform and then celebrate the Christian life we live. Here too it might take a lifetime to learn being a Christian. But then that is why one is a member of the Church—an **active** member.

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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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For Reflection

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✻ Find out about parish resources that can help you to live a more fully Christian life.

✻ Spend a few minutes reflecting on today's responsorial Psalm 117:1, 2.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: ...I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. **Is 66:18-21**

Psalm: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. **Ps 117:1, 2**

Second Reading: Endure your trials as "discipline"; God treats you as sons. **Heb 12:5-7, 11-13**

Gospel: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate..." **Lk 13:22-30**

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

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

***IF YOU ARE FEELING ILL OR HAVE OUTWARD SYMPTOMS PLEASE STAY HOME! ***

MASKS ARE NOW OPTIONAL.

Safe distance is no longer required in Church or in meeting places. Food can be shared only if served by designated persons wearing masks or if individually pre-packaged.

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. Please contact the office for most current guidelines.

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

Let us think now...in silence, of the things that we have inside us which prevent us from entering the [narrow] door: my pride, my arrogance, my sins. Then, let us think of the other door, the one opened wide by the mercy of God who awaits us on the other side to grant us forgiveness.

ANGELUS, AUGUST 21, 2016



Prayer to Saint Monica

*Exemplary Mother of the Great Augustine,
you perseveringly pursued your wayward son,
not with wild threats
but with prayerful cries to heaven.
Intercede for all mothers in our day
so that they may learn
to draw their children to God.
Teach them how to remain
close to their children,
even the prodigal sons and daughters
who have sadly gone astray.*

Amen.

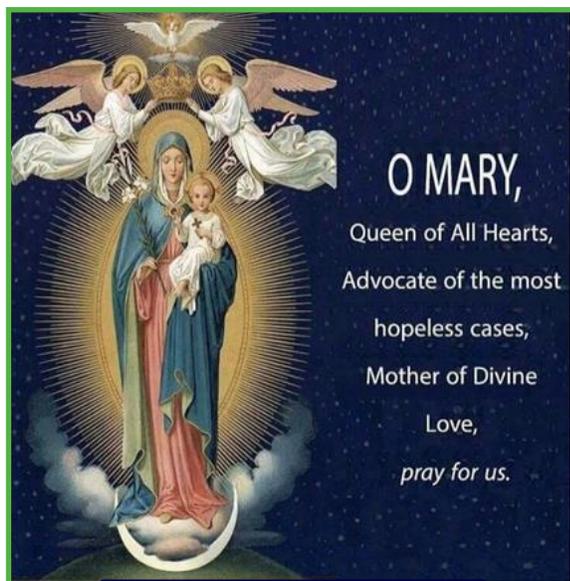
SAINT OF THE WEEK— Feast Day August 27TH SAINT MONICA OF HIPPO ca. 331—387



Monica was born in Tagaste, North Africa. Even as a child she was very strong-willed and that trait carried over into adulthood. As per the custom of the times, Monica's marriage was arranged by her parents. It was not a happy marriage. Her husband, Patricius, was abusive and wasted all of their money. Monica loved him in spite of these faults and they had three children. She always turned to God with her needs and fervently prayed for her husband's conversion. He saw no need to know God, so he was against it, but because of her devotion and determination he agreed to be baptized. Their son Augustine was enrolled as a catechumen. As he got older he rejected God and religion and lived a corrupt style of life. Monica prayed for Augustine every single day for seventeen years until he finally was baptized and transformed his life. He later became a prominent religious person and was made a saint. That may never have happened but for his mother's devotion and persistence. Saint Monica is the patron saint of wives, mothers, wayward children, conversions, alcoholics and abuse victims.

PRAYER

MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Celebrated on the Octave of the Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin into Heaven—August 22nd



Pray the Rosary Daily

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father,
we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, grant them healing, according to Your will. Keep them in Your loving care, and surround them with Your peace. Amen.

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

Carol Crusat, Ron & Susan Pegelow, Henry Borges, Jim Shrewsbury, Declan Garner, Emily Griego, Finnambursky, Rafael Ramirez, Tamo Wong, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, Cheryl Ono, William Anderson, Linda Adkins, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Mary Bunoao, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Linda Laskow, 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** AUGUST 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Thes 1:1–5, 11–12 Mt 23:13–22
- Tuesday** AUGUST 23 Weekday 2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17 Mt 23:23–26
- Wednesday** AUGUST 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle Rv 21:9b–14 Jn 1:45–51
- Thursday** AUGUST 25 Weekday 1 Cor 1:1–9 Mt 24:42–51
- Friday** AUGUST 26 Weekday 1 Cor 1:17–25 Mt 25:1–13
- Saturday** AUGUST 27 St. Monica 1 Cor 1:26–31 Mt 25:14–30
- Sunday** AUGUST 28 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29 Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a Lk 14:1, 7–14

“The greatest kindness one can render to any man is leading him to truth.”

-Saint Augustine-



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Luke 13: 22-30]
[First & Second Readings]

Treasure Hunt

1. In this week's Gospel, Jesus said, "Strive to enter the **n** _____ gate for many will **a** _____ to enter, but will not be **s** _____ enough."
2. Which of these three prophets was **not** named in the Gospel as present in the Kingdom of God when Jesus described eternal life to those left outside?
A) Abraham B) Moses C) Jacob
3. Jesus concludes this week's Gospel with this important message: "Some are **l** _____ who will be first, and some are **f** _____ who will be last."
4. In the *First Reading*, Isaiah recalls the words of Jesus: "I come to gather **n** _____ of every **l** _____; they shall come and see my **g** _____."
5. In St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, he offers a perspective to Jesus' reprovals (scolding) in the Gospel. Paul compares Jesus' rebukes to the **d** _____ a **f** _____ gives to his **s** _____.

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

- 1- to set the world on fire; -2- Confirmation, anguish, division; -3- (various answers) Being a disciple of Jesus demands complete spiritual devotion rather than material living; many people won't live that way; -4- Jeremiah, cistern, king; -5- resisted, shedding blood; -6- faith, soul, spirit

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY 8/20 & 8/21/2022

Celebrating it's 75th anniversary, Catholic Charities Hawaii has grown into one of Hawaii's largest human services nonprofit organizations, providing help and hope to tens of thousands of people in need from all walks of life through over 40 programs and services statewide. During the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CCH team mobilized to provide services to address rent relief, senior isolation, food security and mental health needs. The agency continues to evolve to meet the needs of the community.

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Dear Padre,

I have some views that differ from the Church's stance. Must all my beliefs align with the Church?

The answer to this question is difficult without knowing your specific views. Generally speaking, Catholics affirm a deposit of faith that the Church has received and is bound to preserve. This includes the public revelation of God manifest in the incarnate Word of God (Jesus Christ) and preserved in the sacred Scriptures and apostolic Tradition. This deposit of faith ended with the death of the last apostle. The deposit of faith entrusted to the Church is not simply a set of propositional truths, but is bound up in the person of Jesus Christ, who is the fullness of God's revelation to humanity. Catholics commonly agree on certain teachings central to the deposit of faith and taught by Church authority, including the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the role of the sacraments, and creeds formulated by ancient councils. (Catholics are not required to believe in many of the private revelations and visions that have accumulated over the centuries.) Since the mid-1800s, theologians and Church leaders have debated the infallible nature of documents issued by popes and the Vatican and the extent to which they're binding on Catholics. All agree, however, that these documents should be given the utmost consideration. Those who disagree with the Church on faith or moral issues should investigate the reasons for specific teachings. When they realize that God's laws and moral teachings begin with the dignity of the person, they may conform their views to God's truth which the Church wishes to convey and uphold.

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SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

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, August 26, 2022.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES—(continued)

Your charitable donation to Catholic Charities Hawaii enables us to deliver a hand up— not a hand out— to those who need it most. When you give to the special Catholic Charities Sunday offering, you can be assured that every penny stays on Hawaii Island to help our local neighbors in need. Mahalo!