



St. Benedict Catholic Church

September 4, 2022

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

No Longer a Slave

Paul urges Philemon to treat a runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ, not a slave. He didn't ask Philemon to free the man. Nor did he encourage him to work for the eradication of slavery. Why not? The letter doesn't tell us. Yet if we look deeply at this issue, we might discover that Paul was asking for something much more profound than a change in law. The United States outlawed slavery more than 150 years ago. But that change did nothing to erase the political, economic, and social biases of many citizens. Some people still consider African Americans and other people of color as inferior, untrustworthy and dangerous. Laws cannot change thinking or prejudices. Had Philemon simply freed Onesimus, would the slave's situation have been improved? In the ancient world, slaves were often branded, thus alerting everyone to their servile position in society. Might this have prevented him from living a full life as a free man? Even if the law had changed, would ancient Rome have provided for former slaves any better than contemporary America has? Paul pressed Philemon to go deeper into his heart, to change his perception of Onesimus' status in his household. Paul is probably not talking about a blood bond, but the bond that joins Christians to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. If we really treat each other in this way, discriminatory customs will crumble and there will no longer be any kind of slavery.

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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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☞ *How do you regard people of different races? As sisters and brothers, or as dangerous?*

☞ *How are nonwhites disadvantaged in your community? What might you do about this?*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: ...who can conceive what the LORD intends? **Wis 9:13-18b**

Psalm: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. **Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17**

Second Reading: I am sending him, that is my own heart, back to you. **Phmn 9-10, 12-17**

Gospel: Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. **Lk 14:25-33**

OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

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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

Charity is not a barren service nor a simple offering to be made in order to ease our conscience. What we must never forget is that charity has its origin and its essence in God himself; charity is God our Father's embrace of every person, particularly of the least and the suffering.



ADDRESS TO CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS, MAY 27, 2019
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The Claver Prayer

God our Heavenly Father, You have given us life through the Death and Resurrection of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ;

Jesus, our Saving Lord, You came into a world darkened by man's sin and gave it light through your teachings;

Holy Spirit, The Breath of God withing us, You guide and enlighten us and give us the strength of our conviction;

Saint Peter Claver, who became an example for us, You showed us the Love of God, the Light of Christ and the Strength of the Holy Spirit; We pray now that all we say and do, in your honor, be a continuation of your work here on earth.

Saint Peter Claver, Pray for Us

SAINT OF THE WEEK- FEAST DAY SEPTEMBER 8 SAINT PETER CLAVER 1581—1654



St. Peter Claver was born the son of farmers in Catalonia Spain in 1581. He was educated at the University of Barcelona in his youth and became a Jesuit novice at 20 years old. In Tarragona, where he studied philosophy, Peter became friends with an older Jesuit lay brother who was gifted in spiritual matters. He led Peter to become a

missionary for the Spanish colonies in South America (New Spain). As a priest he went to Cartagena, Columbia where ships were bringing African slaves to be sold. Peter and other missionaries fought the slave trade, risking their lives and health and condemning its indignity and immorality. He brought Catholic social teaching to the forefront for over 40 years, teaching the concept that "neighbor" includes everyone, because all are made in God's image and likeness. He dedicated his life to the physical and spiritual care of the African slaves. He converted and baptized around 300,000 people in 40 years, leading them to know the love of God. He died September 8, 1654, alone, poor and forgotten. He was canonized in 1888 by Pope Leo XIII and he is patron of African-Americans, African missions, interracial justice, Columbia, and seafarers.

PRAYER

**MONTH OF SEPTEMBER -
DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS**



In 1980 our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II reminded us, "Mary Most Holy goes on being the loving consoler of those touched by the many physical and moral sorrows which afflict and torment humanity. She knows our sorrows and our pains, because she too suffered, from Bethlehem to Calvary.

'And thy soul too a sword shall pierce.' Mary is our Spiritual

Mother, and the mother always understands her children and consoles them in their troubles. Then, she has that specific mission to love us, received from Jesus on the Cross, to love us only and always, so as to save us! Mary consoles us above all by pointing out the Crucifixion and Paradise to

Pray the Rosary Daily

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PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Dear Jesus our Lord,
We ask you to have mercy on all who are sick. Give them your strength and your love, and help them to carry their cross with great faith in you. May their sufferings be one with yours. Help them to overcome the power of evil, and lead others to our Father in heaven. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer, for you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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

Carol Crusat, Ron & Susan Pegelow, Henry Borges, Jim Shrewsbury, Declan Garner, Emily Griego, Finnan Sambursky, Rafael Ramirez, Tamo Wong, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, Cheryl Ono, William Anderson, Linda Adkins, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Mary Buno, 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** SEPTEMBER 5
Weekday 1 Cor 5:1-8 Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday** SEPTEMBER 6
Weekday 1 Cor 6:1-11 Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday** SEPTEMBER 7
Weekday 1 Cor 7:25-31 Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday** SEPTEMBER 8
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Friday** SEPTEMBER 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday** SEPTEMBER 10
Weekday 1 Cor 10:14-22 Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday** SEPTEMBER 11
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 1 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

**"Truth
never ages,
ideologies
have their
days
numbered."**

-Pope Benedict XVI



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[*Luke 14: 25-33*]

Treasure Hunt

1. **T/F:** When Jesus speaks to the crowd about **HATING** our relatives and even our own lives, he uses the word **HATE** to mean feeling **malice** toward others.
2. In *Luke 14:27*, Jesus says, “Whoever does **not** carry his own **c** _____ and **c** _____ a _____ **m** _____ **cannot** be my disciple.”
3. In this week’s Gospel, what are the **TWO (2)** **examples** Jesus uses to make his message easier for the crowd to understand?
4. Jesus concludes by saying, “...anyone who does **not** **r** _____ all his **p** _____ **cannot** be My disciple.
5. As stated in the First Reading (*Wis 9:14*, **why** is it **impossible** for we mortals to “*know God’s counsel*”?)

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

- 1- humility; -2- sabbath, Pharisees, people; -3- the guests chose the seats of honor; -4- sit at the lowest place to avoid humiliation; -5- the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind;
Challenge— exalts, humbled, humbles, exalted.

THANK YOU, MYSTERIOUS 3AM VISITOR

Father Sieg was awakened last weekend by strong winds and heavy rain—at 3:00 in the morning. He could hear the poles of the canopy at the hall clanking. He looked through his window and saw a man with shorts on and no shirt near the hall. The man was picking up the poles and rolling up the canopy, saving it from being carried away by the wind. He was singing as he worked. Yes, singing! So, thank you, friend, for doing that kind deed. And if you are reading this, you are welcome to stop by and say hello... but maybe not at 3am. After the Sunday morning Mass the torn canopy and bent poles were stacked neatly by Bruce Hashimoto and his grandsons. We thank them too!

Dear Padre,

It seems like the Church always asks for money. Why should I donate? The Church is a global organization representing institutions with growing needs—parishes, schools, charities, and mission societies, for example. If it seems like they “always ask for money,” it’s because there is a constant need to maintain these services. Indeed, the Vatican donates substantial funds to many charities. Financial support has always been part of Christian community life. Jesus instructed his apostles to rely on the generosity and hospitality of those to whom they preached (see *Luke 10:7*). Early Christians gave contributions to the apostles to be distributed among widows and orphans. In fact, the early Church’s charitable activities were so extensive, it led to the formation of the diaconate, with deacons focusing on charitable work while the apostles preached (see *Acts 6:1–6*). Some observe that the Church owns splendid churches and artwork. “Why doesn’t the Church sell these assets to fund their operations?” they ask. Indeed, as worshipers leave inner-city parishes for the suburbs, dioceses have tried to sell decommissioned churches. They have discovered that few people can or want to buy a church. As for art treasures, they are part of the Church’s patrimony from previous generations that continues to inspire Catholics today and into the future. Ultimately, we give in charity, recognizing that it’s Christ to whom we give when we give to the needy. Almsgiving is part of Christian life because of what it does for the recipient and for what giving does for the giver (see *Acts 20:35*).

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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, September 9, 2022.

SHARE YOUR HARVEST WITH OUR VISITORS

If your harvest is bountiful, please bring a portion to St. Benedict Gift Shop where we offer it to visitors as part of their “aloha experience” at the Painted Church.

