



St. Benedict Catholic Church

October 2, 2022

Twenty-Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have Faith

That is so easy to say and so hard to do. This might be because we misunderstand what faith is and what it might do. Today's readings offer us three glimpses into what the Bible means by faith. The reading from Habakkuk and the Gospel passage seem to contradict each other. The Gospel suggests that one can do wondrous things if one's faith is strong enough. Many people understand this literally and then are confused and terribly disappointed when things do not turn out as they wanted. Habakkuk is in a dire situation. He had turned to God, but it seems to no avail: "You do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2). What response did he get? "Don't give up. Don't lose faith." Paul's letter was written to Timothy, one of Paul's own converts to faith in the risen Lord. Paul encourages Timothy to remain steadfast in that faith. It's clear that faith is not solely a set of beliefs and doctrines; it is a way of life—one that follows and is inspired by the example Jesus' life provides. It is also clear that living such a life might be dangerous, as evidenced by Paul's own imprisonment. Reading the Gospel passage again after considering these reflections, one might understand the power of faith in a new way. Perhaps the mulberry tree stands for the struggles that had to be endured by Habakkuk, the danger that Timothy faced in a hostile world, and the hurdles that challenge our own faith. It assures us that if we don't lose faith, we also can do wondrous things.



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For Reflection

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☞ *For you, what is the difference between faith as what you believe and faith as how you live?*

☞ *How might your faith help you get beyond life's hurdles?*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: ...but bear your share of hardship for the gospel ... 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." Lk 17:5-10

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The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

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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.

HAWAIIAN MASS

Every Second Sunday
8:00 to 9:00 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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ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME!

**EVERYONE PLEASE WELCOME AGAIN,
FR. KEN DEASY, TODAY'S CELEBRANT!**

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

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

Masks are now optional.

SACRAMENTS

Funerals Please contact the office for information and to plan a funeral.

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.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the office to arrange for a priest in case of serious illness or in anticipation of serious surgery.

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Marriage isn't just a social act. It's a vocation that's born from the heart, a conscious decision for the rest of one's life that requires specific preparation....God has a dream for us, love, and he asks us to make it our own. Let us make our own the love which is God's dream for us.



MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION, JUNE 1, 2021

Prayer Before the Rosary

Queen of the Holy Rosary,
you have deigned to come to Fatima,
to reveal to the three shepherd children,
the treasures of grace hidden in the Rosary.

Inspire our hearts with a
sincere love of this devotion,
in order that by meditating on the
Mysteries of our Redemption which
are recalled in it,

we may obtain peace for the world,
the conversion of sinners,
and the favor which I ask of you
in this Rosary.

I ask it for the greater glory of God,
for your own honor,
and for the good of souls,
especially for my own.
Amen.

SAINT OF THE WEEK— FEAST DAY OCTOBER 3RD MOTHER THÉODORE GUÉRIN 1798—1856

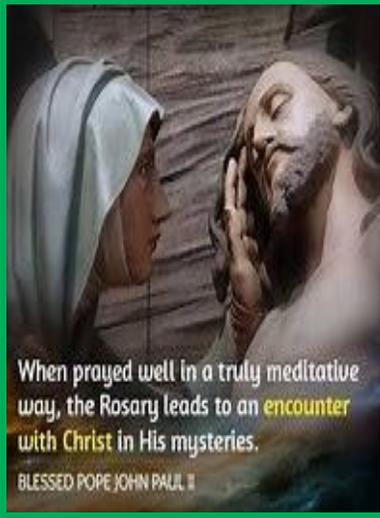


Anne-Therese Guerin was born on the French seacoast of Brittany to a French naval officer and wife. When she made her First Communion she told the priest that she wanted to dedicate her life to God's work. Her father was murdered when she was fifteen and she was left with the responsibility of caring for her mother and her sister. Ten years later her mother told her that she should answer God's call, so she entered a religious community called the Sisters of Providence. She took the name of Sister St. Theodore. While in formation she became deathly sick and suffered for the rest of her life unable to eat solid foods. Even in poor health she was sent to minister to the poor and people without religion after the French Revolution. In 1839 she was chosen to lead six Sisters to set up a convent in America and settled in St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana. It was a great challenge but the Sisters opened a school for girls and another within a year. She returned to France to raise money for more schools and even the Queen of France paid her passage back to America. The wilderness took a toll on Mother Theodore's life. When she died in 1856 at age 58 more than 60 nuns were running 11 schools and two orphanages. She was canonized in 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI.

PRAYER

OCTOBER -MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Our Lady's Favorite Prayer—



Beginning Saturday, October 1st everyone is strongly encouraged to come early and join us in praying the rosary before all weekend Masses.

What should we pray for?

...conversion of sinners, reparation for the sins of the world, for the Church's protection from the devil, world peace, for those

suffering in this world due to war, terrorism, persecution, illness, poverty, injustices, natural disasters and, of course, our own personal intentions. Let's expand our prayer time together!

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Almighty God, You are powerful and strong. You are the creative force behind all that is. You are the energy that flows through us all. I willingly believe Your strength is bigger than the weaknesses we may feel. I believe you can heal them. If it be Your will, Lord, we ask You to heal us, our families and our friends. Provide peace and comfort to those in need of it, in Your mercy. Amen.

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

Janet Katakura, Merton Ogata, Bobby Kalani, Linda & Alex Cadang, Carol Crusat, Henry Borges, Jim Shrewsbury, Emily Griego, Finnan Sambursky, John Sanchis, Rafael Ramirez, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, Cheryl Ono, William Anderson, Linda Adkins, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Keiki San Filippo.

*Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

Pray the Rosary Daily

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!*

PRAYER

CALENDAR

- Monday** OCTOBER 3
Weekday Gal 1:6–12 Lk 10:25–37
- Tuesday** OCTOBER 4 St. Francis of Assisi Gal 1:13–24 Lk 10:38–42
- Wednesday** OCTOBER 5
Weekday Gal 2:1–2, 7–14 Lk 11:1–4
- Thursday** OCTOBER 6
Weekday Gal 3:1–5 Lk 11:5–13
- Friday** OCTOBER 7 Our Lady of the Rosary Gal 3:7–14 Lk 11:15–26
- Saturday** OCTOBER 8
Weekday Gal 3:22–29 Lk 11:27–28
- Sunday** OCTOBER 9
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 5:14–17 2 Tm 2:8–13 Lk 17:11–19



It's your obligation to speak the truth, and everyone can either take it or leave it. But truth must be in us. We live in such a poverty of truth today.

-Mother Angelica



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 [Luke 17:5-10]
Treasure Hunt

Luke 17:6
 if you have faith as small as a mustard seed

1. **What** do the apostles ask of Jesus?
2. **What do you think** the apostles wanted to do with the gift they requested from Jesus?
3. In *Luke 17:6*, Jesus links FAITH to the ability to pull up a _____ and plant it in the _____.
4. In trying to teach his apostles that their role is service to others, Jesus commands them to become “_____ servants doing what they were _____ to do.”
5. Jesus performed many miracles for many people. What was the **COMMON VIRTUE** all of the recipients of His miracles shared?

Answers to last week’s Treasure Hunt
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 -1– dressed, sumptuously, poor, sores; -2– F (False); -3– the rich man went to the netherworld and Lazarus was carried by angels to the bosom of Abraham; -4– water, cool; -5– anyone who doesn’t listen to and believe Moses and the prophets will not believe a dead man.

SERVICE

CAN YOU HELP? Parishioners are needed to join any one of the volunteer church cleaning groups (usually Saturdays) or to start a new group with your own friends and/or family. Volunteers are needed for **both** churches, weekly. Please call Ramona at 756-2943.
 *More members in a group—less time per week.
 *More groups means less weeks per group.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS
 Financial reports included in the bulletin of 9/18/2022 were in an incorrect format. Inserted this week are the corrected reports approved by the Finance Council. Questions? Call the office for an appointment with Susan Keen.

Dear Padre,

Why should we be married in the Church?
 At baptism, every Christian is called to be not just Jesus’ disciple, but an apostle. While it’s easy to see how priests and religious sisters and brothers serve as missionaries, a man and woman joined in the sacrament of matrimony are also missionaries. Saint Paul noted the way a husband and wife love each other reflects how Christ loves his bride, the Church: “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church” (Ephesians 5:25). The first beneficiaries of the missionary vocation of marriage are the husband and wife. Through their exclusive love, they support each other. Their relationship is open to sexual expression, allowing the body and soul of two to become one. And, if God wills, children will benefit from the Christian bond of their parents. They bring their children to baptism, then teach them about their faith at home through example and instruction. Those who encounter a couple throughout their lives—relatives, friends, coworkers, parishioners, and even strangers—benefit from their Christian marriage. How often have we been touched by the sight of an older couple walking hand in hand? God will reveal to them only in eternity how many lives have been impacted by their love. Jesus praised matrimony as part of the initial vocation given to humanity (see Mark 10:6–9). Without reproduction, there would have been no human race. But humans, created in God’s image, lead lives reflecting God’s love. In the couple who says, “I do,” God’s love shines brightly as a light to the world.

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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, October 14, 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.

IN AN EVER CHANGING WORLD THE HOLY EUCHARIST IS A CONSTANT REMINDER OF THE GREAT REALITY OF GOD’S CHANGELESS LOVE.
 -St. Mother Teresa