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MISSION CHURCH: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST Kealakekua

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

St. Benedict, Honaunau

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 7:15 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Kealakekua

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m.

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

St. Benedict, Honaunau 7:00 a.m. Tues., Thurs. & Friday St. John the Baptist Kealakekua 7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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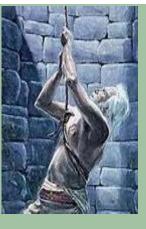
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# St. Benedict Catholic Church Sunday August 18, 2019 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



'He put a new song into my mouth, a song of praise to our God.'





#### THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain "Here am I, Lord." This "Here am I" is Jeremiah's great prophetic response to God's call. But today's story of Jeremiah and the refrain "Lord, come to my aid!" remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a "sneak preview" of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today's words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

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#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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Wednesday 8am—12pm. 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

We welcome all visitors this weekend, and hope you will enjoy being part of our liturgical celebration. If you are living here, we invite you to become a member of our parish family. You may register by coming to our Parish Office during the week or by calling us at (808) 328-2227. There are also registration forms at the entry of the church.

"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of *God*."

Romans 15:7

# WELCOME OUR LADY INTO YOUR HOME

This week Father Sieg will be commissioning the Ono Ohana to take the "traveling statue" of the Blessed Virgin home where they will pray the rosary daily. If you would like to take part in this special devotion, please sign up at back of Church.

"If families give Our Lady fifteen minutes a day by reciting the Rosary, I assure them that their homes will become, by God's grace, peaceful places.

-Venerable Father Patrick Peyton-

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father Sieg will be available to hear confessions 20 minutes before each of the weekend Masses or by appointment.

#### THE PAINTED CHURCH

Have you visited our little treasure of serenity lately? The grounds and church are open to visitors seven days a week from 6:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



## SAINT PIUS X - FEAST DAY AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children. In 1910, he issued the decree Quam singulari, which changed the age at which communion could be received from 12 to 7 years old, the age of discretion.

The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. He was one of the 20th century's greatest popes.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani."

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954.

".. the great movement of apostasy being organized in every country for the establishment of a One-World Church which shall have neither dogmas, nor hierarchy, neither discipline for the mind, nor curb for the passions, and which, under the pretext of freedom and human dignity, would bring back to the world (if such a Church could overcome) the reign of legalized cunning and force, and the oppression of the weak, and of all those who toil and suffer. [...] Indeed, the true friends of the people are neither revolutionaries, nor innovators: they are traditionalists." —Pope Saint Pius X-

COMING WEEK AT A GLANCE / PARISH CALENDAR						
MON 08/19	TUES 08/20	WED 08/21	THUR 8/22	FRI 08/23	SAT 08/24	SUN 08/25
No Mass Pastor's Day Off	7am: Mass St. Benedict 6:30 pm SJB Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7am: Mass St. John Mission	7am: Mass St. Benedict 7pm: SJB Prayer Group Meeting	7am: Mass St. Benedict	4pm Mass St. Benedict 6pm Mass St. John Mission	7:15am Mass St. Benedict 9:30am Mass St. John Mission



### PRAYER

### **DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER**



As a spiritual devotion to Mary, our Blessed Mother and the Patron Saint of the U.S., the Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary are prayed at

approximately 35 minutes before all weekend Masses at St. Benedict and St. John. Join in this powerful prayer to our Mother who intercedes for us.



# Please pray for healing and strength for:

Robin Crusat, Guy Miranda, Stephen Texeira, Dominga Guillermo, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, Wendy Ka'ahanui, Keiki San Filippo, Chickie and Tony Dias, Michael and Lynne Suber, Bobbie and Eddie Navas, Theresa Flemming, Dolly Mamac, Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

### **SCRIPTURE WITH LECTIO DIVINA**

- 1. **LECTIO** or reading of a text: What does the biblical text say in itself?
- 2. **MEDITATIO** or meditation: What does the biblical text say to us?
- 3. **ORATIO** or prayer: What do we say to the Lord in response to his word?
- 4. CONTEMPLATIO or contemplation: What conversion of mind, heart and life is the Lord asking of us?
- 5. **ACTIO/RESOLUTIO** or action which moves us to make our life a gift for others in charity.

### SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEARTS...

...will be praying expressly for the parishioners of St. Benedict Parish from August 25 to 31, 2019. They invite you to contact them for your special intentions by phone 808-737-5822, email at reginasscc@cs.com or by mail at Regina Pacis Community 1120 Fifth Avenue, Honolulu, HI 9816-5828.

### **FAITHFORMATION**

#### MOMENTS IN "TIME" WHEN WE SHOULD PRAY



# DEACON'S CORNER Giving TIME takes PATIENCE!

How many times during your day would you benefit from being shown a little patience from your family, friends, co-workers or strangers you encounter? How many times during your day are you given the opportunity to show a little patience to others? How does it feel when patience is not extended to you? How does it feel when you don't show patience to others?

The practice of patience is a gift that you first give yourself, and then to others. Being patient allows you the opportunity to pause, reflect and consider the great gift of time. And time is a wonderful gift, most especially when it is shared. It summons us to go deeper, to appreciate more fully, and to accept limitations more readily.

When we receive the gift of patience in one of its many forms, it brings us joy, and a reminder of how wonderfully we are made in God's image. The best response is always to pass it on and pay it forward, so that others have the same wonderful sight of our loving God in themselves.

It takes time to have patience, it takes time to pray.

Most of all we thank God for the wonderful gift of Time and Patience.

-Deacon Craig Camello-

### **CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY**

August 24, 2019 —St. Benedict: Peter. St. John: Susan Kim, Susan Morton, Verna Tavares, Linda Cadang. We appreciate all of you who labor faithfully to keep our churches clean.

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY WEEKEND OF AUGUST 24-25, 2019

Catholic Charities Hawai'i has been assisting Hawaii Island disaster survivors since the Kilauea Volcanic Eruptions and Earthquakes began in May of 2018. Many of those affected were families with children. Most of the survivors had never asked for financial assistance before. One such young family has 4 children ages 3-10, and they had just moved into their new home in Puna, near where both parents had full time jobs. Thankfully, their home was not destroyed. However, they had to evacuate due to the close proximity to active lava. In the meantime, their work hours were reduced, but they still managed to rent a small place that they could afford after being in the Pahoa Red Cross Shelter for several weeks. They also had a new mortgage to pay for a home they couldn't access! Their finances were insufficient for paying a mortgage and rent simultaneously so they were in danger of foreclosure on their home. The family qualified for Catholic Charities Hawaii disaster assistance. Catholic Charities Hawaii covered their mortgage until the Civil Defense deemed it safe for them to return home. They paid their own rent while evacuated and were eventually able to move back home and assume the mortgage again. Their story could have been so different if they hadn't had a source of assistance. This family is happy, safe and stable thanks to generous gifts from kind and caring folks like you! Catholic Charities Hawai'i has carried out the social mission of the Church in Hawaii since 1947 by helping people in need to help themselves, regardless of their faith or culture. We provide a wide range of support and guidance, touching the lives of more than 40,000 people each year with dignity, compassion, social justice, and a commitment to excellence. Our clients include kupuna, veterans, the homeless, immigrants, atrisk youth, and families and individuals in crisis. Your charitable donation to Catholic Charities Hawaii enables us to deliver a hand up- not a hand out -to those who 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. Please give generously, knowing that your gift makes a profound difference in the life of someone in need.

# **HOW WE SHOULD PREPARE FOR MASS** A Series from Creighton University, <u>Part Seven</u>

#### Arriving is part of the journey

If we go to the church, consciously aware that we are being drawn there by the Holy Spirit, and if we have a sense that we are approaching something very special and impactful on our lives, we can prepare ourselves and our family to enter the church in this spirit. It is different from entering a museum or a movie theater. We are entering the house of God in which we become God's People, giving God thanks and praise for God's tremendous love and for the nourishment we are about to receive.

#### **Holy Water**

The first symbol which greets us at the door is water which has been blessed. When we dip our hand in the water and sign ourselves with it, we can experience a sense that we are entering this church, re-connecting with our identity as baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection. If we do this intentionally, it adds meaning to our journey into the celebration.

#### Genuflecting

It is a rare and special ritual we do next. When we approach our pew or seats, we look up at the place where the Eucharist is reserved - usually signified by a red vigil lamp - and we genuflect, recognizing that we are before our God and Savior. If we really let that gesture have that level of meaning, we will do it consciously, slowly and meaningfuly. We can also say, "Lord, thank you for your Spirit's drawing me here today. Thank you for the love we are about to celebrate together." The Eucharist is there as a bridge between celebrations of the Eucharist - the presence of our Lord in our midst, connecting the last Eucharist with this one. And, we reserve the Eucharist so that we can bring this sacrament of communion to our brothers and sisters who are sick or dying.

#### A few moments before the actions begin

Just like all formal prayer, it is really important to ask for the grace we desire during this Eucharist. We have lots of things to ask for. We know people who are sick. We may be having financial difficulties. Our marriages may be strained. We might be heart sick about struggles our adult children are having. We have many needs. Our focus at this moment is to ask for the grace we need during this next hour, at this Eucharist. We might pray, "Lord, let me enter into this celebration of your love for me. I know that if I let you love me and give me your Good News, and its challenge, and if I let you fill me with your life-giving Body and Blood, I will have deeper peace and courage, hope and a sense of mission to return to my everyday life, in your Spirit." We are now prepared to enter into and participate in this Mass.