



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday July 12, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

So, What's Your Point?

Have you ever explained something so carefully and at length, and yet the other person misses your point? This seems to be the situation in today's Gospel. The scene Jesus first described was a familiar one. The people listening to him might have sown seed in this manner themselves. So, what was the point? First it is important to recall that a parable is a story with a double meaning. One meaning is literal, the other is metaphoric. The literal meaning of this parable is obvious. So, what's the point? It is in the second part of the passage that Jesus explains the metaphoric meaning. He tells his disciples that the seeds represent those who hear the word of the kingdom. Then the reality of life intervenes and each seed (the one who hears the word) must decide how to deal with that reality. One might think: Very interesting story. I know just what the seed is going through. We are now ready to ask: What's the real point of the story? The metaphoric meaning of the parable should pose several questions for each of us: What yield do I produce? Do I appreciate what it means to be a disciple; or is that privilege far from my consciousness? Am I grounded in my faith, or am I religiously rootless? Do I live according to the standards of Jesus, or do the allure and riches of the world entrap me? That's the point of the story.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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Kealahou

WEEKEND MASSES

St. Benedict Hall, Honaunau
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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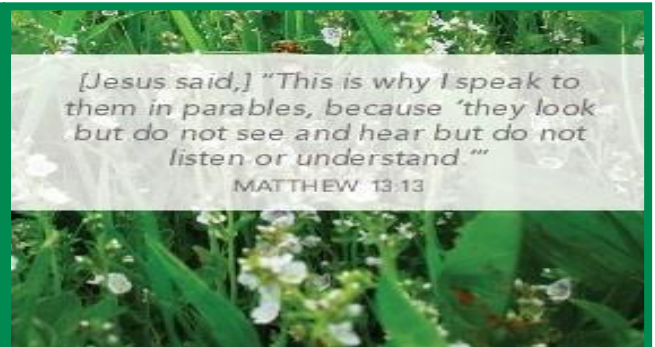
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FOOD PANTRY

Francisco and Debra Javar

For Reflection ~

- ☐ How has the word of the kingdom taken root in your family?
- ☐ What yield of goodness do you bring forth in your workplace?



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will ...[IS 55:10-11](#)

Psalm: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. [PS 65:10-14](#)

Second Reading: ...the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. [ROM 8:18-23](#)

Gospel: The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word. [MT 13:1-23](#) or [13:1-9](#)

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

In compliance with Bishop Silva’s directives, our Masses are being held at St. Benedict Hall Chapel. Social distancing and masks are required. Due to limited space it would be best to arrive early. No one has been turned away yet, however more are attending each week. Thank you for your understanding.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

At this time, all Masses are being celebrated at St. Benedict Hall Chapel. Times are as follows:
Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES HAVE RESUMED

Mass is now being celebrated every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at St. Benedict Hall and Wednesday at St. John Mission— All at 7:00 am. Praising God first thing in the morning is the most important thing on our daily calendar. Receiving Christ in the Blessed Eucharist gives us the strength to fight selfish pride and sin. In accepting the challenge of meeting Jesus daily, we will find more joy than ever.

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 make arrangements for a visit from a priest or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week Ending June 28, 2020

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!	
St. Benedict 4 pm Attendance: Adults 37 children ?	\$1,123.00
St. Benedict 8 am Attendance: Adults 21 children 1	\$1,370.00
St. Benedict 10 am Attendance: Adults 17 children 5	\$ 212.00
Offerings mailed in: Restricted Funds: ↓	\$ 0
Peter’s Pence 2nd Collection	\$ 120.00
Community Outreach	
Total Collection	\$2,933.00



MAHALO FOR HELPING!

We want to thank everyone who volunteers to help set up, organize, instruct, sanitize, usher, and donate disinfectant products. We are always grateful!

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Larry Silva extends the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass to all the people (and visitors) of the Diocese of Honolulu through August 31, 2020. All who are able to attend Sunday Mass without putting themselves or others at serious risk of infection, are encouraged to do so, but are not obliged to do so

LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASSES

[Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis’ Masses - Go to “Pope Francis-Holy Mass”.](#)

[Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Oahu](#)
Sunday: 9am (Bishop Silva) Mon—Sat: 8am

[Watchthemass.com from the Catholic TV Network - Masses daily: check website for time.](#)

[Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](#) - go to nationalshrine.org/mass/ and click on the red box “Watch Mass Online”.



PRAYER

FAITH FORMATION

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Our Lady of Mount Carmel—Feast Day July 16

Mount Carmel, which juts out into the Mediterranean near Haifa, Israel, has been considered a sacred place since the prophet Elijah built an altar there in his contest with the prophets of Baal. The Carmel headland is traditionally associated with the beginnings of the Carmelite order around 1195, when a group of lay hermits formed a community there. Mary had been honored there as early as the fifth century, and by the 12th century Mount Carmel had become a site of Marian devotion. The Carmelites chose Mary as their protectress and dedicated their oratory on Mount Carmel to her. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the patron of Bolivia and Chile. This Marian feast became an optional memorial in the Revised Roman Calendar of 1969. Well-known Carmelites include St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and St. Therese of Lisieux, all of whom were powerhouses of spiritual writing.

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake,
or watch, or weep tonight,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.
Rest your weary ones.
Bless your dying ones.
Soothe your suffering ones.
Pity your afflicted ones.
Shield your joyous ones.
And for all your love's sake. Amen.

- St. Augustine

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

Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, Rudy Crusat, Elizabeth Awa, Johnny Koene, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Chickie and Tony Dias, Phyllis Blank Leathhead, Robin Crusat, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess, Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, Keiki San Filippo, Michael Suber, Eddie Navas, Theresa Fleming. Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

CALENDAR

Monday JULY 13
Weekday Is 1:10–
17 Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday JULY 14
St. Kateri
Tekakwitha, Virgin
Is 7:1–9 Mt 11:20–
24

Wednesday JULY
15 St. Bonaven-
ture, Bishop and
Doctor of the
Church Is 10:5–7,
13b–16 Mt 11:25–
27

Thursday JULY 16
Weekday Is 26:7–9,
12, 16–19 Mt 11:28
–30

Friday JULY 17
Weekday Is 38:1–6,
21–22, 7–8 Mt 12:1
–8

Saturday JULY 18
Weekday Mi 2:1–5
Mt 12:14–21

Sunday JULY 19
Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16–19
Rom 8:26–27 Mt
13:24–43 or 13:24–
30

*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 re-
ceive 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!*

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on **every 2nd and 4th Friday** of the month. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Food Pantry, with monetary or food donations, or volunteering your time especially during this Covid-19 crisis. Next open for distribution on **Friday, July 24, 2020.**

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We have scheduled our final preparation and practices on the following Sundays after the 10 am Mass:

- July 12 11 am to 1 pm or earlier
- July 19 Reconciliation Service and practice from 11 am until complete

Individually wrapped snacks will be offered with a bottle of water however, you may pack a bag lunch for your own child(ren). We would also like to encourage parents to stay and either assist your child or observe and be available if we finish early.

Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion will be on Saturday, July 25th at 6 pm, St. Benedict Chapel (Hall) space is limited but chairs will be rearranged to accommodate more household members. Each student (Candidate) will have a space of at least 4 chairs but combined households will have a total of 8 chairs to sit Candidates, Sponsors and family. The dress attire will be modest and white. Dark slacks, skirts can be used with a white top or they can dress in all white. Unfortunately there will be no reception after due to the ongoing pandemic. Please contact Edwina at any time if you have questions or concerns. (808) 895-7105 efujimoto@rcchawaii.org

HAPPY FEAST DAY ST. BENEDICT July 16**Patron of our Parish**

Patron of spelunkers and victims of poisoning. Wrote the famous **Rule** that spread throughout Western Monasticism. His motto was Latin, "Ora et labora".

- Pray and work -

St. Benedict Pray for us!

**Recently my husband's union was involved in a messy strike that nearly turned violent. Does the Catholic Church support strikes like this?**

I grew up in Detroit. Most of my family and extended family worked in the automobile plants there. I clearly remember long strikes when my father was out of work and our family would struggle along, sometimes wondering where we would get money for the necessities of life. In the past hundred years, many of the writings of the popes and the bishops' conferences have centered on the issues of work, including the issue of receiving a just wage. The Church spoke in support of child-labor laws, eight-hour workdays, organized unions, collective bargaining, and a just wage. Because of this, at times the Church has been labeled unpatriotic, socialistic, and even communist. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops published a pastoral letter, "Economic Justice for All," which outlines the six moral principles drawn from Scripture that form the basis of the Church's social teaching. In this letter, the Church fully supports the rights of workers to form unions to secure their rights to fair wages and working conditions. Unions may also legitimately resort to strikes when this is the only available means to the justice owed the workers (EJA 104–105). The Church draws the line at violence. The strike becomes morally unacceptable when accompanied by violence (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2435).

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

This Sunday, July 12, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass, Lailea Bakken, granddaughter of Peter and Anne Estoy, will receive the three Sacraments of Initiation. In **Baptism**, she will be born anew, freed from sin, becoming a child of God. In **Confirmation** she will be filled with the Holy Spirit and made more completely in the image of God. Finally she will receive her **First Holy Communion**, eating the flesh of Christ so that she may begin a personal relationship with Jesus and have eternal life, as He said.

Congratulations, Lailea!! Welcome to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church!