

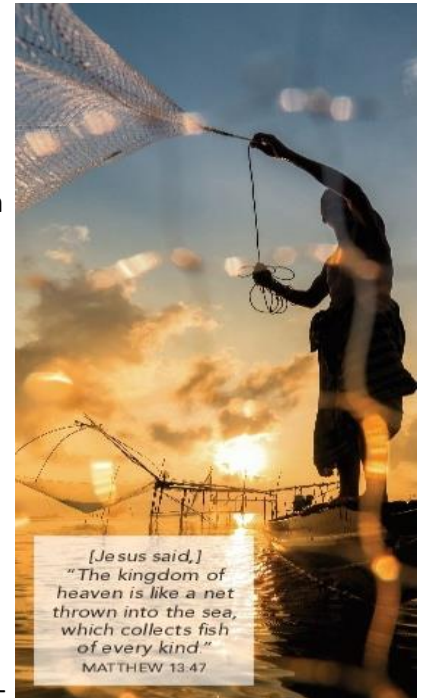


St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday July 26, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wising Up



There are various kinds of wisdom: the kind you get by watching carefully to discover how something works, or by learning from a mistake; the wisdom in taking advice from someone and not making the mistake he made; the political, social, or religious wisdom learned by those who work in these vocations. There is also wisdom that is just beyond our reach, the kind that is found only in God. This Sunday's readings discuss various kinds of wisdom. King Solomon asks for "a listening heart" (1 Kings 3:9), the knowledge needed to rule his people wisely. He is told he can ask for anything: long life, riches, security from his enemies, all blessings that would certainly benefit him. Instead he asks for something to benefit his people. It seems he is wise enough to know he needs such wisdom. The psalm response praises the law, the religious tradition that provides instruction for living a life of holiness and thus reaping the rewards of such a life. The parable in the Gospel describes various life situations in which decisions have to be made. In the first two instances, a question is posed: What is the kingdom of heaven worth to you? What are you willing to give up in order to attain it? The third depicts fishing with a net, a very strenuous task. A question here might be: Are you willing to work hard at this? Are you discerning in separating good actions from bad? It takes real wisdom to answer such questions.

[Jesus said,]
"The kingdom of
heaven is like a net
thrown into the sea,
which collects fish
of every kind."
MATTHEW 13:47

For Reflection

☞ Do you recognize the true value of our religious tradition? How do you show that?
☞ Who are the wise people in your life? Where did they get their wisdom?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night... **1 KGS 3:5, 7-12**

Psalm: Lord, I love your commands. **PS 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130**

Second Reading: We know that all things work for good for those who love God... **ROM 8:28-30**

Gospel: The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace... **MT 13:44-52**

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.**

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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.

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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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.

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.

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

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!

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".

FINDING OUR WAY BACK HOME

—Getting Un-stuck in our Prayer Life

There are times in our lives when we simply need to start something with a fresh outlook. Periodically, we need to begin again – a routine, a resolution or a relationship might need a new view. Our relationship with God is one of those things that we all need to refresh from time to time. We often make our prayer lives quite complicated, but in many ways, our relationship with God is very much like a relationship with the people we love in our lives. Whether it is a spouse, a friend or a favorite sibling, there are times when we seem out of touch, not sure what the other is thinking or feeling. How do we adjust this? We get in touch with our loved one, making plans for a nice dinner together, a cup of coffee or a phone call.

How are you? What is going on in your life? Let me tell you what I am wrestling with. Let me share what makes my life joyful, sad, confused or angry.

The very instincts we rely on to get back in touch with our loved ones are the same ones that can reconnect us with our loving God. It starts with a little time. Our lives are hectic, rushed and busy, and too often we work hard to keep them that way. In our busy-ness, we can sometimes pretend that we are not feeling lost or empty. The first step to finding our way home to God begins with a little time.

Our prayer lives can seem complicated, but they don't need to be. Too often, we arm our prayer lives with books, theories and beautiful prayers we have known since childhood. These are all good things, but sometimes these good things may become routine and can move us into thoughts in our heads rather than feelings in our hearts. Prayer is a conversation from my heart to God's and our God is waiting with delight to talk with us and to hear us share our lives.

We might begin with just five minutes a day, choosing our own best time of day. If I am a morning person, I make a commitment to rise five minutes earlier each morning to talk with God. If I am better at night, I resolve to take the last five minutes of my day for prayer.

Creighton University

(To be continued next week)



PRAYER

FAITH FORMATION

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Pray the Rosary Daily

Let the storm rage and the sky darken—not for that shall we be dismayed. If we trust as we should in Mary we shall recognize in her, the Virgin Most Powerful ‘who with virginal foot did crush the head of the serpent’.” *Pope St. Pius X*

Ask for her intercession

Holy Mary,
Help those in need, give strength to the weak,
Comfort the sorrowful, pray for God’s people,
Assist the clergy,
Intercede for religious.
Mary, all who seek your help experience your unfailing protection.
Amen.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

O Jesus, Good Shepherd,
You heal the sick and the needy
And comfort all those who mourn.
Look kindly on us today and heal us.
Restore me to strength of soul and body,
And grant me Your loving gift of peace. Amen.

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

Lord, Jesus Christ, I give you my entire self now and forever. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Teach me to know the Father and to trust his abundant generosity. Strengthen me each day in listening to and following your will. Amen

CALENDAR

Monday JULY 27
Weekday Jer 13:1–11 Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday JULY 28
Weekday Jer 14:17–22 Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday JULY 29
St. Martha Jer 15:10, 16–21 Jn 11:19–27 or Lk 10:38–42

Thursday JULY 30
Weekday Jer 18:1–6 Mt 13:47–53

Friday JULY 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Jer 26:1–9 Mt 13:54–58

Saturday AUGUST 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 26:11–16, 24 Mt 14:1–12

Sunday AUGUST 2
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1–3 Rom 8:35, 37–39 Mt 14:13–21

The Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

-Ps. 145:14

*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, August 14, 2020.**

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE PROJECT

Please Nominate a Married Couple from your parish for the 10th Annual search for the Longest Married Couple! Worldwide Marriage Encounter hopes to inspire others and the world by this couple's long-standing love and commitment to each other through the sacrament of marriage. You do not need to know the couple personally to nominate them. If you know any couple that might qualify, please call the office or WWME West Hawaii Community Pillar Couple Jim and Robbie Breidenbach (808) 209-8462. The deadline for nominations for the Longest Married Couple Project has been *extended until July 31st.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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. 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

"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be."

—*St. Therese of Lisieux*

WE ASK OUR PARISHIONERS TO PRAY...

Please remember in your prayers our young parishioners who are to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion next week. It is their time to join our Parish Community around the Table of the Lord. Pray for them that they may experience the true presence of Jesus' body, blood, soul and divinity for the first time and throughout their lives.



They are: Kana Amor, Juan Pablo Garza, Juventino Garza, Alondra Garza Cisneros, Andrea Garza Cisneros, Palani Hashimoto Branch, Leikitana Neika Kaminanga, Marvin Mariano, Lyka Lubguan Lomongo, Roy Lomongo Jr., Kenika Renee Rodriguez, Kenwick Joseph Rodriguez and Malachi Taketa.

Please also continue to pray for their transformation to awesomeness through the Sacrament of Confirmation and that their ongoing growth and journey be nourished by frequently receiving Jesus in the Eucharist.

CIVILIZE IT**Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace: A Prayer for Civility**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where uncivil words prevail, show me how to model love.

Help me remember the God-given dignity of all and invite others to do the same.

Show me how to build bridges and not walls and see first what unites us rather than how we diverge.

Let me seek to understand before asking to be understood.

Give me a listening heart filled with empathy and compassion.

May I be clear in sharing my own position and respectful and civil in describing those of others.

Let me never tolerate hateful ideas.

May I invite all to charity and love.

Lord, help me to imitate your compassion and mercy.

Make me an instrument of your peace.

Amen.

Inspired by

Nine Rules for Civility from the

Catholic Tradition,

Bishop Zubik

