



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## Sunday August 23, 2020

### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### WHO'S IN CHARGE?



There are lots of reasons one could be in charge. You might be the only one left to do the job. Or, in the case of babysitting, you might simply be older. You could be in charge because you are a bully with the biggest fists, sticks, or guns. Or you might be in charge because you are the best qualified for the job.

Today's readings offer us two stories about being chosen for leadership. In the Old Testament reading, Shebna, an official in King Hezekiah's court, overreached his position of authority. He was demoted and replaced by Eliakim. Carrying the key symbolizes authority over the entire household. Placing it on the shoulder suggests an investiture ceremony. In the Gospel, entrusting Peter with the keys to the kingdom of heaven suggests similar authority, though in a significantly different household. In both instances the position of authority is meant to be exercised for the benefit of the members of the respective household. It was precisely because of his failure in this matter that Shebna was demoted and Eliakim placed in charge. What about Peter? The Gospel tells us that the choice of Peter followed his remarkable statement of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

(MT 16:16). These stories tell us that God chooses very ordinary people for positions of leadership. Why them? Are they the only ones left? Are they the oldest? Were they the best qualified? It was not because they were bullies. Obviously God thought they could do the job.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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#### FOR REFLECTION

☞ It's not easy being a leader of God's people. Pray for those who have been called to that role.

☞ Have you ever thought of volunteering to serve on a church committee?

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#### MISSION CHURCH:

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
Kealakekua

#### 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  
Kealakekua  
7:00 a.m. Wednesday

#### PASTOR

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#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder. [IS 22:19-23](#)

**Psalms:** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. [PS 138:1-3,6,8](#)

**Second Reading:** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! [ROM 11:33-36](#)

**Gospel:** "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." [MT 16:13-20](#)

**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](mailto:st.benedict@rcchawaii.org) **Submission deadline: TUESDAY at 5:00pm.**

**WEBSITE:** [thepaintedchurchhawaii.org](http://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.

### SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Larry Silva has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass to all the people (and visitors) of the Diocese of Honolulu through October 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.

### 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 arrange for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

### MAHALO FOR HELPING!

We appreciate everyone's stewardship in this disinfectant products. We can always use more Clorox wipes and 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/](http://nationalshrine.org/mass/) and click on the red box "Watch Mass Online".

## OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the South Kona Catholic Church, comprised of St. Benedict, Honaunau and St. John, Kealahou; united in the Baptism of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, are committed to grow in understanding of and live as the people of God. Together we seek to create a warm and loving community of the Lord in our Church and families. We affirm our faith in the Living Body of Christ and reach out to our brothers and sisters in our community to share the Good News.

## PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR THE MINISTRY OF READERS

Everlasting God,  
when he read in the synagogue at Nazareth,  
your Son proclaimed the good news of salvation  
for which he would give up his life.

Bless these readers.  
As they proclaim your words of life,  
strengthen their faith  
that they may read with conviction and boldness,  
and put into practice what they read.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



*"America, it is said, is suffering from intolerance — it is not. It is suffering from tolerance. Tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos. Our country is not nearly so overrun with the bigoted as it is overrun with the broadminded."*

- **Venerable Fulton J. Sheen**  
(from a 1931 essay)

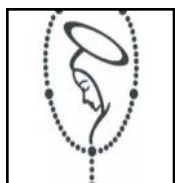


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DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

*Pray the Rosary Daily*



"Mary was the first person to take the 'way' to enter the Kingdom of God that Christ opened, a way which is accessible to the humble, to all who trust in the word of God and endeavor to put it into practice."

*Pope Benedict XVI*

*Ask for Her Intercession*

**DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL INTENTION?**

From August 23 to August 29 the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts at Regina Pacis Convent, Honolulu, will be remembering our parish in their prayers and works. If you have a special intention for prayer, you may contact them at (808) 737-5822, by email [reginasscc@cs.com](mailto:reginasscc@cs.com), or mail to Regina Pacis Community 1120 Fifth Ave. Honolulu, HI 96816.

**A PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

God of love, ever caring and ever merciful. Stand by us in our time of need.

Watch over our friends and family members who are sick, look after them in every danger, and grant them your healing and your peace.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

Liam Jones (age two), The Javar Family, Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, Rudy Crusat, Elizabeth Awa, Johnny Koene, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Chickie and Tony Dias, 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 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 **AUGUST 24**  
St. Bartholomew, Apostle Rv 21:9b-14  
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday **AUGUST 25**  
Weekday 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday **AUGUST 26**  
Weekday 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Mt 23:27-32

Thursday **AUGUST 27**  
St. Monica 1 Cor 1:1-9 Mt 24:42-51

Friday **AUGUST 28**  
St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 1:17-25  
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday **AUGUST 29**  
The Passion of St. John the Baptist 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mk 6:17-29

Sunday **AUGUST 30**  
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

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**When we pray we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us.**

*-St. Jerome-  
(Read Your Bible)*

## Prayer for the Family

Dearest FATHER in Heaven,  
Bless our FAMILY and  
Bless us with new beginnings,  
Smile upon our PARENTS  
and surround our CHILDREN  
with the soft mantle  
of your love.

Teach every CHILD of ours  
To follow in your footsteps  
And to live life in the ways of  
FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY.

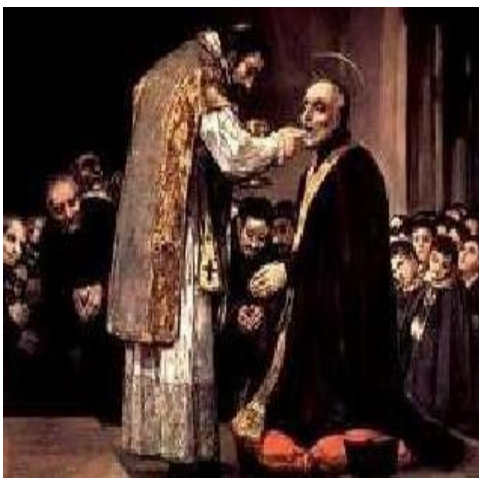
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.  
Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.  
St. Joseph, pray for us.  
St. Benedict, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, pray for us.  
St. Damien, pray for us.  
St. Marianne Cope, pray for us.



### SAINT OF THE WEEK SAINT JOSEPH CALASANZ 1556—1648 Feast Day: August 25

This Spaniard studied law at the University of Lerida and was ordained a priest in 1583, despite his father's hope that he would be a soldier. He became vicar general of a Spanish diocese, but in 1592 left for Rome, where he joined the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and worked with neglected children. In 1597 he established the first free school in Rome with three other priests. This work led him to found the Clerks Regular of the Religious (or Pious) Schools, known as Piarists. He overcame internal and external opposition and served as superior general of the order. He was canonized in 1767, and in 1948 Pope Pius XII named him the patron saint of Christian schools. He is also a patron of students.



## Dear Padre,

### What does the Church teach about body art?

I'm a bit squeamish when I see a piercing in a place other than an ear, and when I see a tattoo covering a large part of a person's body I wonder what that person will think about that tattoo in twenty years. But these things are a matter of taste; for example, I don't think there is anything wrong with earrings, but others might. The Church has no teaching on tattoos, piercings, or shaping (when a body part is purposely reshaped to fit a cultural ideal). "Do not lacerate your bodies for the dead, and do not tattoo yourselves," say Leviticus 19:28, clearly outlawing piercings and tattoos. But it also says, "Do not...spoil the edges of your beard" (Leviticus 19:27). I broke that law this morning when I shaved. In their introduction to the Book of Leviticus in the New American Bible, revised edition, the bishops teach that the laws in this book are "not merely legislative." They were designed to instill "a way of life in the book's hearers and readers." We may not have the same obligation to adhere to those rules, but it is important for Catholics to remember 1 Corinthians 3:16: "You are the temple of God." We should do nothing to deface the temple of God. So if you do get a piercing or a tattoo, remember that you're God's temple.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR  
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**A word from Pope Francis** The acceptance of our body as a gift from God is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father ...Thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy an absolute power over creation.



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## SERVICE

### 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 28, 2020.**