



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## Sunday September 20, 2020

### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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#### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT

Edwina Fujimoto

#### MUSIC DIRECTOR

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#### FOOD PANTRY

Francisco and Debra Javar

## It's Not Fair

The story in the Gospel doesn't sound fair. Some people worked from early morning until evening; others joined them at the end of the workday. But they all got the same pay. How can that be fair? Perhaps fairness isn't the point of the story. But then, what is? The landowner, symbolizing God, hired the workers "after agreeing with them for the usual daily wage" (Matthew 20:2). If the earliest workers presumed that the agreed-upon wage would be changed, does that make God unfair? Those workers expected God to conform to what they considered just—and justice certainly is a very important value. However, God acted out of divine generosity—a quality we hope to benefit from but which might engender resentment when it is bestowed upon others. As difficult as this story might seem to us, it raises some important questions about ourselves. Perhaps the story is not so much about God as it is about our own attitudes. If we are faithful to what we believe is God's will for us, do we then presume that God owes us some kind of compensation? Do we expect that God will act according to our standards of retributive justice (this-for-that) rather than restorative justice (bring-it-back-to-life)? Do we resent God's graciousness toward others? It is better that we all look to God for generosity than for justice. If we do, we will find, as the psalm response tells us: "The LORD is gracious and merciful" (Psalm 145:8).

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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### FOR REFLECTION

☞ Do you resent others who seem to have an easier life? Does this lead you to question God's justice?

☞ Pray for the insight to realize that we earn nothing; **everything** is a gift from God.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways... [IS 55:6-9](#)

**Psalm:** The Lord is near to all who call upon him. [PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18](#)

**Second Reading:** I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. [PHIL1:20C-24, 27A](#)

**Gospel:** Are you envious because I am generous? [MT 20:1-16A](#)

**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.

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All the sacraments have a deifying purpose: Baptism introduces the Divine Life into us. Confession restores it when it's lost through sin. Confirmation strengthens it. Matrimony and Holy Orders give it vocational direction. Anointing of the Sick prepares us for the transition to our heavenly homeland. And the Eucharist is meant to Christify us.

*-Bishop Robert Barron*

## LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASSES

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Oahu

*Sunday: 10am (Bishop Silva) Mon—Sat: 12pm*

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.

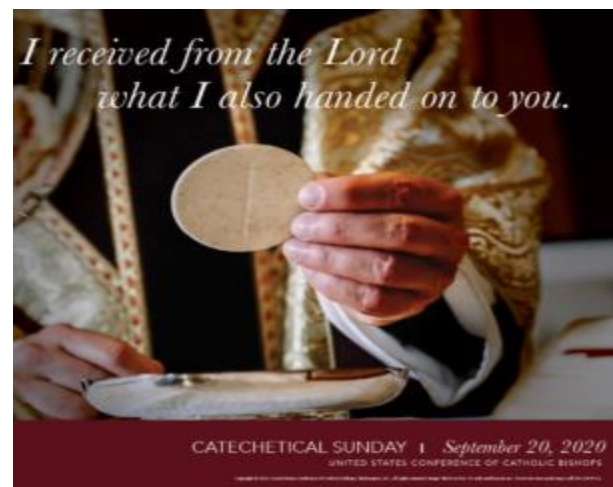
### A PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word.

Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgment about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.





PRAYER

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**DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

**SEPTEMBER - THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

**Pray the Rosary Daily  
Ask for Her Intercession**

**The Seven Sorrows of Mary**

1. The Prophecy of Simeon (LK 2:34-35)
2. The Flight into Egypt (MT 2:13-21)
3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (LK 2:41-50)
4. The Carrying of the Cross (JN 19:17)
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus (JN 19:18-30)
6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (JN 19:39-40)
7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb (JN 19:39-42)

The Seven Sorrows of Mary are important for us to know and pray. They are all scriptural and they help us to know Mary's role in salvation history. The origin of these sorrows goes back to the thirteenth century.

There was a resurgence of the devotion in the 1980's after an apparition of Mary, Our Lady of Kibeho (Rwanda), encouraged it.

**A PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Dear Jesus our Lord,  
We ask you to have mercy on all who are sick. Give them your strength and your love, and help them to carry their cross with great faith in you. May their sufferings be one with yours. Help them to overcome the power of evil, and lead others to our Father in heaven. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer, for you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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

Angie Camello, 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 Jr. , Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, Keiki San Filippo, Michael Suber, Eddie Navas, T.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 SEPTEMBER  
21 St. Matthew, Apos-  
tle and Evangelist Eph  
4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-  
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Tuesday SEPTEMBER  
22 Weekday Prv 21:1-  
6, 10-13 Lk 8:19-21

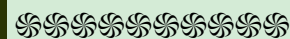
Wednesday SEPT-  
EMBER 23 St. Pius of  
Pietrelcina, Priest Prv  
30:5-9 Lk 9:1-6

Thursday SEPTEMBER  
24 Weekday Eccl 1:2-  
11 Lk 9:7-9

Friday SEPTEMBER 25  
Weekday Eccl 3:1-11  
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday SEPTEMBER  
26 Weekday Eccl  
11:9-12:8 Lk 9:43b-  
45

Sunday SEPTEMBER 27  
Twenty-sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time Ez 18:25  
-28 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-  
5 Mt 21:28-32



*“A humble man  
who lives a spiritual  
life, when he reads  
the Holy Scriptures,  
will relate all things  
to himself and not  
to others.”*

*-St. Mark the Ascetic*

## 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

#### St. Maurice and Companions

Died circa 287

FEAST DAY: September 22



In the fifth century, St. Eucherius of Lyons described the legendary martyrdom of Maurice and the Theban Legion, comprised of Christians from Upper Egypt. Maurice was first officer of the le-

gion, sent by Emperor Maximian to Switzerland to put down some rebellious Gauls. When Maximian ordered the soldiers to sacrifice to Roman gods, Maurice and his legion refused. The outraged emperor ordered “decimations” in which one of every 10 men was killed; when the remainder still would not worship Roman gods, Maximian had other soldiers massacre the entire legion of 6,000. Though the number may be exaggerated, a martyrdom of some Christian soldiers seems believable. Maurice is a patron saint of all armies, the Swiss Guard and Austria.

## Dear Padre,

**My nephew has a chronic illness. My father is saving money to send to him so he can send it to a faith healer my dad has seen on TV. What can I say to my dad to convince him this is a bad idea?**

The Catholic Church teaches that “those who dwell in heaven” regularly intercede with God on our behalf (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 956), and those intercessions include healings. But living people with the power to instantly heal physical and mental ailments are rare. Some “healers” have accomplices who fake illness or disability and are then “cured” for the sole purpose of getting people to give money to the “healer.” We should be very skeptical about these claims, because scam artists understand how easy it is to take advantage of people who are desperate for relief of pain or for the cure of a chronic or terminal illness. One thing is certain: healing ultimately comes from God. Anyone who claims he or she is the healer and not simply God’s instrument is unquestionably a fraud. Suggest to your dad that he talk to his priest before he sends any money to the “healer.” The best way for him to help his grandson is to pray for him and donate any money he has saved to an organization that does research into the condition. That way, your father will be helping everyone with the condition—not just your nephew.

—Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

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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 September 25, 2020.**

#### MAHALO FOR HELPING!

We appreciate everyone’s stewardship during these unprecedented times. We can always use more Clorox wipes and we are always grateful!