



# *St. Benedict Catholic Church*

## *Sunday October 18, 2020*

### *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### OUR CIVIC DUTY

By coincidence, these readings appear during election time. They might not tell us how to vote, but they do throw some light on the notion of civic duty. Cyrus in the first reading was the Persian king whose foreign policy allowed conquered and displaced people to return to their homelands, even though they would still be under Persian control. In the Isaian passage, this foreign king is called the Lord's anointed and is blessed by God despite the fact that he is unaware of it. This suggests that even those who do not know or worship the God of Israel can be competent civic leaders as long as they work for the benefit of their citizenry. The Gospel story is a bit more complex. Jewish law banned making a graven image of a person, as was found on Roman coins. This means that those trying to trap Jesus exposed their own violation of the law by possessing such a coin. Jesus did not condemn the Romans for casting such coins. Rather, he says that political leaders deserve our civic allegiance. How the Jews were to accomplish this without using forbidden Roman coins isn't explained. But then, how civic-minded people are to uphold complicated political and social values today is hard to explain as well. This is one of the challenges of belonging to a pluralist society. No political ticket perfectly mirrors all of the gospel values. Our civic duty is to decide which values we should advance.

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
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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#### FOR REFLECTION

☪ How seriously do you take your civic duty? How informed are you about the values of the candidates you support?

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#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** I am the LORD, there is no other. [IS 45:1, 4-6](#)

**Psalms:** Give the Lord glory and honor. [PS 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10](#)

**Second Reading:** For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit... [PHIL 2:15D, 16A](#)

**Gospel:** Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" [MT 22:15-21](#)

**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

Bishop Larry Silva has issued the following directive, "I am hereby extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation through December 31, 2020. As I do so, however, I urge everyone who is able to return to Mass, without undue risks to their health or the health of others, 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  
<https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live>  
St. Michael 9am English and 11am Spanish:  
[www.facebook.com/onecatholicohana/live](http://www.facebook.com/onecatholicohana/live) or  
YouTube channel: [bit.ly/stmichaelkonayoutube](http://bit.ly/stmichaelkonayoutube)

### 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.

***Dear Lord, I resist the call to greatness that Jesus offers—to be a servant for others. Please, release me from myself, that I might be free to give myself to my brothers and sisters who need my love and care. Then, I'll enter into the toughest of situations with courage and hope.***

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

### A PRAYER FOR LIFE

GOD OF ALL GOODNESS, you have entrusted us with the gift of life. Help us to appreciate that gift from the first moments of conception to the last breaths of old age. Send your strength to all those who defend the unborn, the weak, and the dying against attempts to cut short their lives. May your Holy Spirit touch the hearts of those who are tempted to choose the way of death rather than life. Grant that your people may always be a sign of your love in the world. Amen.

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### ALL SOULS DAY, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>

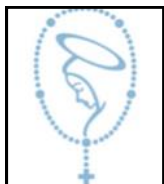
Please call the office or put a note in the collection box advising of any loved one who has passed away, with or without a funeral, since October 31, 2019 so names may be added to our Book of Remembrance. Also, please find the "All Souls" envelope in the back of your offering envelope box, which should be used for any other remembrances you wish to have at All Souls Day Mass 7:00 AM Monday, November 2, 2020 and during the month of November.



PRAYER

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**OCTOBER –Month of the Holy Rosary**



During this month we are praying a rosary before each Mass. We will start at 3:40 pm Saturday, 7:40 am Sunday, and 9:40 am on Sunday.

In his General Audience, October 7th, Pope Francis said, “In some evenings we can feel useless and lonely. It is then that prayer will come and knock on the door of our hearts,” he said. “And even if we have done something wrong, or if we feel threatened and frightened, when we return before God with prayer, serenity and peace will return as if by miracle.”

Reflect on these questions. How are you celebrating the month of the Rosary? Does the Rosary have a significant place in your personal life? How can it strengthen you in your walk of faith?

**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.

*-Saint Augustine-*

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

Angie Camello, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, Rudy Crusat, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, 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** OCTOBER 19  
Sts. John de Brébeuf  
and Isaac Jogues,  
Priests, and Compan-  
ions, Martyrs Eph 2:1  
–10 Lk 12:13–21

**Tuesday** OCTOBER 20  
Weekday Eph 2:12–  
22 Lk 12:35–38

**Wednesday** OCTO-  
BER 21 Weekday Eph  
3:2–12 Lk 12:39–48

**Thursday** OCTOBER  
22 Weekday Eph 3:14  
–21 Lk 12:49–53

**Friday** OCTOBER 23  
Weekday Eph 4:1–6  
Lk 12:54–59

**Saturday** OCTOBER  
24 Weekday Eph 4:7–  
16 Lk 13:1–9

**Sunday** OCTOBER 25  
Thirtieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time Ex  
22:20–26 1 Thes 1:5c  
–10 Mt 22:34–40



*“Though the  
grass withers  
and the flower  
wilts, the word  
of our God  
stands  
forever.”*

*Isaiah 40:8*



**CIVILIZE IT!**

“Although there are many reasons to be discouraged, amid many prophets of destruction and condemnation, and so many negative and despairing voices, **may you be a positive force**, for this society. Like the engine of a train, may you be the **driving force leading all towards their destination**. May you be **sowers of hope, builders of bridges and agents of dialogue and harmony.**”

- Pope Francis, Apostolic Journey 2017-

Civilize It is a **non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people**, even when we disagree, and to put faith in action by bearing witness to a better way forward. This year-long campaign was begun on November 3, 2020 and was initiated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). As the bishops state in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* (FCFC), “The Church calls for a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable” (FCFC, no. 14). *Below is an excerpt from a special blog post of Emily Schumacher-Novak, Assistant Director of Education and Outreach for USCCB’s Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development. The entire blog entitled “Building Bridges” can be found on the USCCB website.*

- **Civility:** Honor the human dignity of the other, recognizing each person as a *beloved* child of God. This is especially true for those we find it difficult to love, or even those closest to us, within our own families.
- **Clarity:** Seek understanding first. This might be accomplished by asking ourselves, “How do I enter this conversation? Am I trying to “win” or am I authentically looking to understand the experiences and viewpoints of others?” Assuming a posture of learning from one another often helps.
- **Compassion:** Be willing to take a step into the life and experiences of another person. Are we willing to stand together in the pain or the joy, and to seek commonality and solutions together?



**As a recovering heroin addict, do I need to go to reconciliation to confess my addiction? Addiction is a disease, not a sin. Right?**

Right, but addiction and actually using drugs are two different things. As you know, recovering addicts who don’t use drugs are still addicts, and that in itself isn’t a sin. But it’s against the law to use heroin in the United States, so even if you never committed a secondary crime to get it, getting it was a crime. More important, though, the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it’s a sin to abuse ourselves in any way. Even if it weren’t against the law, your use of heroin is certainly an abuse of your body. The sacrament of reconciliation is more than just receiving absolution for sins. It also helps us look more deeply at our lives. Before you go, examine your conscience: Ask yourself how your addiction has affected your body, your life, your relationship with God, and the welfare of others. If you bring honest answers to those questions as well as an open heart and an open mind, your conversation with your priest at reconciliation will help you heal your relationship with God and others. You will also receive the grace to improve your life and do things like overcome addiction so you can be a better person.

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SERVICE

**Thank you** to all parishioners who have helped with our current needs for lectors and ushers (we need more ushers!) and we are also grateful for your donations of Clorox wipes, hand sanitizers, etc. Mahalo!

**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, October 23, 2020**

**There will always be poor people in the land. That is why I command you to be ready to help your brother or sister. Give to the poor in your land who need help.**

Deuteronomy 15:11