



St. Benedict Catholic Church

September 5, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

He Has Done All Things Well

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St. Benedict Hall, Honaunau
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
St. John the Baptist
Saturday 6:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
St. Benedict Hall, Honaunau
7:00 a.m. Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday
St. John the Baptist
Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

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Deep in the heart of each of us is a desire for a perfect world—a world of peace and harmony, where life flourishes and people care for one another. From beginning to end, our religious tradition promises that such a world is just ahead of us. Today's readings assure us that physical obstacles will not prevent its accomplishment, because the graciousness of God is stronger than any other power. Today's reading from Isaiah instructs us: "Be strong, do not fear!" (35:4). It encourages us to believe in this promise of ultimate fulfillment and to trust that God will see it through. Our focus changes slightly in the Gospel passage. What was a promise of the future for Isaiah bursts forth as a reality in the Gospel, where the healing of broken bodies and troubled lives is realized by the warm words and gentle touch of Jesus. Do such miracles really happen? Or are these fanciful stories that provide hope for people with little scientific understanding? Are miracles real? Of course they are. However, their true meaning might be much more profound than we realize. A miracle is a manifestation of divine power far beyond human control or comprehension. It is an experience of being made whole again, an occurrence in which peace and harmony are reestablished. Sometimes a miracle is spectacular; at other times it is far too deep to be seen. But always it is God working in our lives to create us anew.



-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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For Reflection

- *Where does your life need healing? What are you doing about it?
- *How might you be a source of healing in the lives of others?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Here is your God, he comes with vindication; **Is 35:4-7a**

Psalms: Praise the Lord, my soul! **Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10**

Second Reading: ...have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs? **Jas 2:1-5**

Gospel: "...he makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." **Mark 7:31-37**

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

Welcome...
may all who enter as guests
leave as friends ☺

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.

FROM BISHOP LARRY SILVA: **EFFECTIVE EASTER SUNDAY, 4/04/2020**

I am ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which has been in effect since mid-March, 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

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.

**“Lord, teach us to step outside ourselves.
Teach us to go out into the streets
and manifest your love.”**

-Pope Francis

LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASS

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Oahu
Sunday: 10am (Bishop Silva) Mon—Sat: 12pm Sat:
5pm. [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live)
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YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

8 DECEMBER 2020, TO 8 DECEMBER 2021



“According to [St.] Jerome and Origen, Joseph had no suspicion of adultery because he knew the modesty and chastity of Mary. Moreover, he had read in Scripture that the virgin would conceive and that ‘a shoot shall sprout from the stock of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom’. He knew also that Mary was descended from the line of David. Thus it was easier for him to believe that Isaiah’s prophecy had been accomplished in her than to think that she could have let herself descend into debauchery. This is why, considering himself unworthy to live with a person of such great sanctity, he wanted to send her away secretly—like when Peter says to Jesus, ‘Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’” —
-St. Thomas Aquinas

*Most glorious St. Joseph, pray for me,
that I may accomplish the will of God all
the days of my life.*

FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL

**** IF YOU FEEL SICK PLEASE STAY HOME! ****

WE MUST CONTINUE TO:

1-WEAR MASK

2-SOCIAL DISTANCE –SIX FEET

**3-SANITIZE OUR HANDS BEFORE ENTERING OUR
HALL CHAPEL**



PRAYER

DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1. The prophecy of Simeon
2. The Flight to Egypt
3. Loss of Child Jesus for 3 days
4. Meeting Jesus carrying His Cross
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus
6. The Pieta -receiving Jesus' Body
7. Jesus is laid in the tomb

Pray the Rosary Daily

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...

William Anderson, Lionel Gaspar, Susan Pegelow, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Cheryl Ono, Mary Bunao, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Tony Dias, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Robin Crusat, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess Jr., Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Venancio Mendoza, Keiki San Filippo, Dottie Combs
 ***Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

"Pray, hope, and don't worry.

Worry is useless.

God is merciful and will hear your prayer.

~ Saint Padre Pio

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 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!*

CALENDAR

Monday SEPTEMBER 6
Weekday Col 1:24—2:3
Lk 6:6—11

Tuesday SEPTEMBER 7
Weekday Col 2:6—15 Lk
6:12—19

Wednesday SEPTEMBER 8
The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary Mi
5:1—4a or Rom 8:28—30
Mt 1:1—16, 18—23, or
1:18—23

Thursday SEPTEMBER 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 3:12—17 Lk 6:27—38

Friday SEPTEMBER 10
Weekday 1 Tm 1:1—2,
12—14 Lk 6:39—42

Saturday SEPTEMBER 11
Weekday 1 Tm 1:15—17
Lk 6:43—49

Sunday SEPTEMBER 12
Twenty-fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Is 50:4c—
9a Jas 2:14—18 Mk 8:
27—35



**"The more empty
the soul is of self,
The greater the
room in it for God.**

~Venerable Fulton J. Sheen



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Treasure Hunt

1. What **three** (3) things did Jesus do while healing the deaf man?
2. Precisely, **how** did Jesus pray to the Father?
3. What did Jesus order the witnesses to do after he performed the miracle?
4. What **declaration** did the witnesses make that showed their astonishment about Jesus' healing?
5. In this week's First Reading (*Isaiah 35:4-7*) what are we told about God's intervention when we are frightened?

BONUS: Jesus had been to Decapolis before. What are two (2) differences between Jesus' miracle in this week's Gospel and His miracle in Mark 5:1-20?

Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1- Pharisees and certain scribes; **2**—eating without washing their hands, not purifying the eating utensils; **3**—“their hearts are far from me.”; **4**—hypocrites, vain; **5**—James, doers, hearers.

SAINT OF THE WEEK Feast Day September 9 Saint Kieran of Clonmacnoise 512-545



From his birthplace in Connaught, Ireland, Kieran traveled at age 15 to study under St. Finnian at Clonard. According to legend, he took along a cow for milk. He became the most learned monk there, then spent seven years with St. Enda in the Aran

Islands, where he was ordained. He moved on to Isel, but soon left because other monks complained of his generosity to the poor. About 545, with eight companions, he founded the monastery at Clonmacnoise, on the River Shannon, which became a famous religious center for its manuscripts and metal liturgical objects. Kieran died at Clonmacnoise and is counted among the Twelve Apostles of Ireland.

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Dear Padre,

Martyrs and people who commit suicide willingly sacrifice their lives, so how are they different? If I deliberately put myself in a position to be killed— even for a worthy cause—isn't that a form of suicide?

Life is a gift from God. While both martyrdom and suicide contradict the natural human disposition to preserve and perpetuate life, the former is a totally self-giving act; the latter, a self-inflicted one. The early Church believed that martyrs went directly to heaven because their sacrifice of life was the ultimate Christ-like expression. Their courageous endurance of indignities and tortures—their heroic willingness to die in defense of the faith or to save another's life—demonstrates a supreme love of God and neighbor over love for life itself (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2473). Those who take their own lives to end personal suffering or despair make a decision that belongs to God alone. It's an action that can revolve totally around the “self,” often with little thought given to its consequences. It's a sin against hope (CCC 2091) that reveals a lack of faith and trust in God. Conversely, martyrdom is a profound expression of faith, trust, and hope in God. Nevertheless, our compassionate God fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide and “can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance” (CCC 2283).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*



Remember that story about the poor widow lady...Her husband had committed suicide; he jumped from the bridge into the river. And she wept. She said, “I am a sinner, a poor woman.

But my poor husband! He is in hell.”...And the Curé of Ars said, “But wait a moment, ma'am, because between the bridge and the river, there is the mercy of God.”
HOMILY, MARCH 18, 2019

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SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will not be open during the month of September, and until further notice, due to the increase of COVID-19 cases on the island.

TIME—TALENT—TREASURE



God has provided all these things to us.