



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## September 26, 2021—Priesthood Sunday

### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Isn't That a Bit Extreme?

No sacrifice is too extreme in pursuit of a dream. We will forego sleep, the enjoyment of a favorite pastime, the company of good friends—even the pleasure of good food. Ask anyone who has spent hours preparing for a recital, trying out for a position on an athletic team, or studying for an entrance exam. The same is true when one's livelihood is involved. Ask farmers, people in the military, teachers, or healthcare workers. Ask new parents, or even those who have been at it for a long time. If we really value something or someone, no sacrifice is too great—at least for a while—when that cherished goal is in view. We don't seem as willing to forfeit comfort when negative inclinations are involved, and we all have them: rivalry, jealousy, fury, selfishness, slander, gossip, conceit, to name a few. We know that such pettiness or rank cruelty can harm us as well as those we offend, but too often we seem unwilling to restrain such inclinations. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus speaks quite strongly to such reticence. Does he really expect us to maim ourselves? Isn't that a bit extreme? The fact is, when we try to purge ourselves of reprehensible behavior it is like cutting off our hand or plucking out our eye. Ask anyone who deals with an addiction. If Jesus asks this of us, it means that we certainly have the strength to do it.



-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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#### MISSION CHURCH:

**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.**

**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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#### For Reflection

☪ Pray for the insight to recognize a bad habit that keeps you from being your best self.

☪ What behavior might you have to give up?

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** ...as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied. **Nm 11:25-29**

**Psalm:** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. **Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14**

**Second Reading:** ...you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. **Jas 5:1-6**

**Gospel:** ... For whoever is not against us is for us. **Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

**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.

### 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.

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***The Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy***, promulgated during Vatican II by Pope Paul VI, declares that it is "of capital importance that the faithful easily understand the Sacramental Signs and with great eagerness have recourse to those sacraments which are instituted to nourish the Christian life."  
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Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International. This year it is on September 26.

Rev. Fr. SIEGFRED B. DOSDOS, JCL  
Our Administrator



Our parish is very blessed that Father Sieg was the priest chosen for us. He adapted to his pastoral duties here quite well with no similar previous experience. He was quick at getting to know his parishioners, even though Covid struck just six months after he arrived. He had the honor of being selected by our Bishop at the request of The Vatican, to be Vice-Postulator of the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God Joseph Dutton. Father Sieg's "humble servant" side begins with beautifully celebrating Mass and liturgies for and with us. Outside of liturgy, Father has many other talents and strengths. When time permits he is doing whatever work needs to be done—inside and outdoors. This is "his home" and he presents it well to us and to visitors.



## PRAYER

### DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Next Sunday, October 3, we will resume praying the Holy Rosary before each Mass. Beginning Friday the 1st of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we can also use at home, in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

*Pray the Rosary Daily*

### PRAYER TO SAINT JUDE FOR HEALING

Pray for us most holy Apostle, St. Jude, friend of Jesus, I place myself in your care at this difficult time. Pray for me; help me remember that I need not face my troubles alone. Please join me in my need, asking God to send me consolation in my sorrow, courage in my fear, and healing in the midst of my suffering. Amen.

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

Kainoa Bray, William Anderson, Lionel Gaspar, 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.

**"Let me, my Jesus, share in  
your suffering,  
at least one of your thorns"**

-St. Rita of Cascia-

## FAITH FORMATION

### FAITH FORMATION / RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

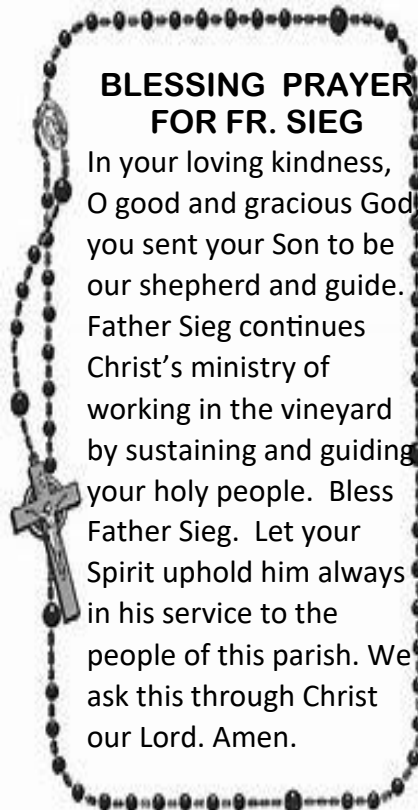
Due to the ongoing pandemic, Faith Formation is being offered to those preparing for Sacramental reception, for ages 6 thru 17. Please contact Edwina Fujimoto for more information. efujimoto@rcchawaii.org or text (808) 895-7105 with your name, email address and contact phone number. You may also sign up with the ushers for more information.

### 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/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live>

### BLESSING PRAYER FOR FR. SIEG

In your loving kindness, O good and gracious God, you sent your Son to be our shepherd and guide. Father Sieg continues Christ's ministry of working in the vineyard by sustaining and guiding your holy people. Bless Father Sieg. Let your Spirit uphold him always in his service to the people of this parish. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## PRAYER

### CALENDAR

**Monday** SEPTEMBER 27 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest Zec 8:1–8 Lk 9:46–50

**Tuesday** SEPTEMBER 28 Weekday Zec 8:20–23 Lk 9:51–56

**Wednesday** SEPTEMBER 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or Rv 12:7–12a Jn 1:47–51

**Thursday** SEPTEMBER 30 St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church Neh 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12 Lk 10:1–12

**Friday** OCTOBER 1 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Bar 1:15–22 Lk 10:13–16

**Saturday** OCTOBER 2 The Holy Guardian Angels Bar 4:5–12, 27–29 Mt 18:1–5, 10

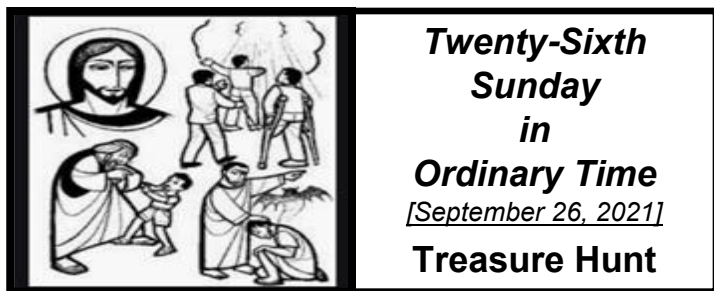
**Sunday** OCTOBER 3 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 2:18–24 Heb 2:9–11 Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12



*O Lord, you have given us your word for a light to shine upon our path; Grant us so to meditate on that word, and follow its teaching that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day.*

-Prayer of Saint Jerome-





1. In Mark's Gospel this week, what **frustration** did John bring to Jesus?
2. Jesus' reply to John was, "Do not \_\_\_\_\_ him... For whoever is not \_\_\_\_\_."
3. **About whom** did Jesus say, "... it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea."
4. What **word** did Jesus use **twice** to describe Gehenna?
5. In the *First Reading*, **who** were the **two prophets** who received "the Spirit" even though they had been left in the camp?
6. **T/F**: James, in the *Second Reading*, is saying that all rich people are evil and self-indulgent?

**Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1-** F; **2-** who was the greatest disciple; **3-** last, servant; **4-** humility; **5-** passions (or desires); **Bonus:** The Transfiguration

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**      **Feast Day September 28**  
**SAINT WENCESLAS**              **907—925**



Educated by his grandmother, St. Ludmilla, Wenceslas became duke of Bohemia (in the Czech Republic) at 15, after his father's death and an unsuccessful regency by his mother. Though young, he tried to establish the rule of law, improve education, extend Christianity and open Bohemia to the West. But he ran afoul of his nobles, who did

not approve of his acknowledging the German king as their overlord, and of his younger brother's ambition. At a church dedication, Boleslas, the brother, provoked a fight with Wenceslas in which the latter was killed. He was immediately venerated as a martyr. The relics of this patron saint of Bohemia, the Czech Republic and Slovakia are in St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague.

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Isn't evangelization a role best left to religious professionals? I worry about being ridiculed if I try to spread the Good News. Any suggestions? Many Catholics incorrectly assume that evangelization is not their job but a task for priests, deacons, or others serving in an official capacity. But it is helpful to remember that evangelization is more a matter of commitment rather than a specialized competence. The Gospel proclaims that a disciple must go out into the world and spread the Good News. Evangelization is the mission and purpose of the whole Church. It is doing God's will and work on earth. Your anxiety about being ridiculed may arise from a notion that others will reject information about Jesus Christ. This fear may be underestimating the powerful attraction of the Good News. This worry may be based on your own lack of confidence rather than the response of others. There are several ways for dealing with this concern: First, acknowledge this fear and seek counsel and advice from someone who has overcome it. Second, remember that to help us offset these negative emotions we are all given the fruits of the Holy Spirit: joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Third, remember the future—God works in mysterious ways, and grace, though powerful, may take a long time to come to fruition.

*The Redemptorists*

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**A WORD FROM Pope Francis**

It is our great responsibility, as baptized persons, to proclaim Christ, to carry the Church—this fruitful motherhood of the Church—forward. Mary, during the persecution of the first Christians, prayed so much and moved those who had been baptized to go forward with courage.

HOMILY, APRIL 17, 2013

**SERVICE**

**ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. **Next distribution will be October 8, 2021.**

**TIME—TALENT—TREASURE**

**"Love ought to consist of deeds  
more than of words."**

St. Ignatius of Loyola