



# *St. Benedict Catholic Church*

## *October 3, 2021*

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

#### **A Suitable Partner**



In the story of the creation of the first woman, the Hebrew word *ezer* is used to describe her relationship with the first man. Many Bibles translate that word as “helper” or “helpmate,” thus making the woman an addition to the man. The Lectionary translates the word as “suitable partner,” emphasizing mutuality rather than subservience. Since the word is generally used for divine assistance, it certainly does not imply inferiority. Another important Hebrew word is

bad, usually translated as “alone.” A common meaning is “separated from,” implying incompleteness in a relationship. This incompleteness is remedied when the man is given a suitable partner, one who is as intimate a companion to him as are his bones. The intimacy of this relationship of mutuality is found in the Gospel passage as well. There the focus is on the endurance of the relationship. Jesus insists that the bond that joins the couple together must not be severed. Many today might find this ruling too rigid. Things can happen in intimate relationships; partners can grow apart; staying together could become dangerous. While these are valid concerns today, women in the patriarchal society of the time would see Jesus’ interpretation of the law as protecting them. By law only men could divorce their wives, and reasons for doing so could be as trivial as poor cooking. Today’s readings remind us of our need for intimate relationships of mutuality. They further underscore how important it is to cherish such relationships and to nurture them by respecting our partners.

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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#### **MISSION CHURCH:**

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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*

☪ Do you consider yourself a “suitable partner”?

☪ Are you nurturing and respectful?

#### **TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading:** ...this one shall be called ‘woman’... [Gn 2:18-24](#)

**Psalm:** May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. [Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6](#)

**Second Reading:** ... by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. [Heb 2:9-11](#)

**Gospel:** ... from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.  
[Mark 10:2-16](#)

**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.**

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## 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. We welcome all to celebrate The Eucharist with us.

### EFFECTIVE EASTER SUNDAY, 4/04/2020

BISHOP LARRY SILVA has ended 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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Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift.... We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift. It is called gift because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; grace since it is given even to the guilty; Baptism because sin is buried in the water; anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; enlightenment because it radiates light; clothing since it veils our shame; bath because it washes; and seal as it is our guard and the sign of God's Lordship. (C.C.C. 1216)  
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## RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2021

*St. Joseph, defender of life,  
pray for us!*

[respectlife.org/celebrate](https://respectlife.org/celebrate)



### YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

8 DECEMBER 2020, TO 8 DECEMBER 2021

### A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,  
at the word of an angel,  
you lovingly took Mary into your home.  
As God's humble servant, you guided  
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,  
welcomed Jesus as your own son  
in the shelter of a manger,  
and fled far from your homeland  
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,  
you never hesitated to sacrifice  
for those entrusted to you.  
May your example inspire us also  
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard  
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves  
to the service and defense of human life  
- - especially where it is  
vulnerable or threatened.

Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all  
things. Amen.

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### 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](https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live)



## PRAYER

### OCTOBER –MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



*"Say the Rosary every day... Pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners... I'm Our Lady of the Rosary. Only I will be able to help you. ...In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph."*

### PRAYER FOR HEALING

Father, your only Son took upon himself the sufferings and weakness of the whole human race; through his passion and cross he taught us how good can be brought out of suffering. Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill, whom we now remember in a special way. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. pray for us most holy [Apostle](#), St. Jude, friend of Jesus,

### 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.

**God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever present help in distress.**

Psalm 46:1

## PRAYER

### CALENDAR

**Monday** OCTOBER 4 St. Francis of Assisi Jon 1:1–2:2, 11 Lk 10:25–37

**Tuesday** OCTOBER 5 Weekday Jon 3:1–10 Lk 10:38–42

**Wednesday** OCTOBER 6 Weekday Jon 4:1–11 Lk 11:1–4

**Thursday** OCTOBER 7 Our Lady of the Rosary Mal 3:13–20b Lk 11:5–13

**Friday** OCTOBER 8 Weekday Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2 Lk 11:15–26

**Saturday** OCTOBER 9 Weekday Jl 4:12–21 Lk 11:27–28

**Sunday** OCTOBER 10 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 7:7–11 Heb 4:12–13 Mk 10:17–30 or 10:17–27

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**“Before beginning to READ:**

**...raise your mind to the Lord and implore Him to GUIDE your mind Himself, to SPEAK to your heart and MOVE your will.”**

–St. Padre Pio–

*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!*



## October: Month of The Holy Rosary

[October 3, 2021]

### Treasure Hunt

***This is the first of four Treasure Hunts created to  
1.increase our awareness of the Holy Rosary.***

1. What **prayer** do we say after the Sign of the Cross as we hold the cross between our fingers?
2. The **second** prayer of the Rosary (after #1) is the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The ten (10) beads on the rosary represent each mystery. Together, they are called a \_\_\_\_\_.  
**What prayer** do we recite on these beads?
4. What is the **origin** of the "Jesus Prayer," which we say *after the Glory Be*?
5. What prayer do we say on the medal of Mary?
6. When we pray the Holy Rosary, we are offering Mary a bouquet of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt** **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1-** another driving out demons in Jesus' name; **2-** prevent, against us is for us; **3-** whoever causes one of the little ones who believes in Jesus to sin; **4-** unquenchable; **5-** Eldad and Medad; **6 - F** (false)

### SAINT OF THE WEEK    Feast Day October 6 BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER    1811-1849



Eulalie Durocher was the youngest of 10 children in a pious Quebec family; three brothers became priests and two sisters also became nuns. Because of ill health, Eulalie attended school sporadically and was rejected by several religious orders. For 12 years she helped one of her priest-brothers in his parish, organizing charitable works and the first Confraternity of Mary in Canada. In 1843, with two friends and episcopal permission, she founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary to educate poor youths, especially in the countryside. As Mother Marie-Rose, she led the congregation until her early death; she was beatified in 1982. Holy Names' sisters serve today in Canada, the United States, Lesotho, Peru and Brazil.

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## Dear Padre,

**I just got my new driver's license, and my wife is encouraging me to sign up to be an organ donor. Are organ transplants permitted by the Catholic Church?**

Yes, under certain conditions. The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms that "organ transplants are in conformity with the moral law if the physical and psychological dangers and risks to the donor are proportionate to the good that is sought for the recipient" (CCC 2296). Organ transplants from a dead person to a living person must fulfill two additional criteria: First, the donor must give free and informed consent prior to death, or those who legitimately speak on the donor's behalf must do so at the time of death. And second, the donor must be dead before the tissue can be harvested—in other words, the donor must not be declared dead prematurely, nor may the donor's death be hastened just to use the organs. The Catechism adds, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity." The transplantation of organs from a living donor must fulfill two criteria: First, the removal of the organ must not seriously impair the donor's health or bodily function. Second, the donor must make an informed and free decision recognizing the potential risks involved.

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In the first reading we also hear that God was pained by Adam's loneliness....God did not create us to live in sorrow or to be alone. He made men and women for happiness, to share their journey with someone who complements them, to live the wondrous experience of love.  
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## 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

**"Great occasions for serving God  
come seldom, but little ones  
surround us daily."**

**- St. Francis de Sales -**