



St. Benedict Catholic Church

July 24, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 Honaunau

7:00 a.m. Tuesday,

Thursday & Friday

St. John the Baptist

Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

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The Power of Prayer

"I'll pray for you." What a simple promise. When we make this promise, what do we expect it will accomplish? The sentence is really a statement of faith. It assumes a caring relationship between us and those for whom we pray. It presumes the other person trusts that we do care. Most importantly, it acknowledges there is so much we humans cannot achieve by ourselves, and so we turn in confidence to God that our needs are the concern of God as well. Today's first reading is the startling account of Abraham's prayer for two sinful cities. He pleads with God to spare them for the sake of any righteous citizens found there. God is willing to do

that if righteous citizens can be found. Abraham prays for people who do not deserve God's mercy. But there it was. God's mercy outstrips the most horrendous crimes. Abraham kept pleading, and God kept saying, "All right." The same persistence in prayer is found in the Gospel passage. The message there? Keep at it. We don't know whether the praying will end as Abraham's did or like that of the determined friend in the Gospel. That's not our concern, because the way prayer is answered belongs to God, not to us. So then why pray if we can't be confident about the answer? Because we believe we are connected to each other, and together we stand in need before a loving God who wants the best for us.

Diane Bergant, CSA

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For Reflection

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☞ *How often do you promise: "I'll pray for you"? How often do you keep that promise?*

☞ *What do you hope prayer will accomplish?*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time..."

Gn 18:20-32

Psalm: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. **Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8**

Second Reading: ...And even while you were dead, ...he brought you to life with him

Col 2:12-14

Gospel: "...ask and you will receive; seek and you will find..." **Lk 11:1-13**

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.

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ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

***IF YOU ARE FEELING ILL OR HAVE OUTWARD SYMPTOMS PLEASE STAY HOME! ***

MASKS ARE NOW OPTIONAL.

Safe distance is no longer required in Church or in meeting places. Food can be shared only if served by designated persons wearing masks or if individually pre-packaged.

Exposed (close contact) to COVID-19 is defined as being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (regardless of mask use).

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. Please contact the office for most current guidelines.

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.

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Is your faith, is my faith tired? Do you want to reinvigorate it? Look for God's gaze: sit in adoration, allow yourself to be forgiven in confession, stand before the Crucified One. In short, let yourself be loved by him. This is the starting point of faith: letting oneself be loved...by he who is Father.

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Prayer to Saint James

***Saint James,
you died a shocking
and unjust death.
May your courageous
witness to Christ
at the end of your life,
and your impetuous
generosity toward Him
during your life,
make all Catholics
bold and forthright
in their love of
the things of God.***

SAINT OF THE WEEK— SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE Feast Day July 25



James was one of the twelve apostles, brother of John the Evangelist; also, one of the "Three" - Peter, James and John. These three were the inner core surrounding Jesus and they were present to witness Jesus raising the son of Jairus from the dead and the Transfiguration of Christ with Moses and Elijah. They were near Him as He prayed to His Father in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before He was crucified. James' personality in the Gospels seemed to be heedless and headlong. He wanted Jesus to bring fire down on the Samaritans, and he also wanted to sit at Jesus' right hand in the Kingdom. Jesus called James and John the "Sons of Thunder". According to St. Luke in the Acts of the Apostles, Herod had James killed by the sword for his witness to Christ and the growing church. James' martyrdom was the only one of the Apostles' deaths recorded in the New Testament.

PRAYER

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



Woven Tapestry
St. Lioba Cloister,
Freiburg, Germany

**Our Lady,
Mother of Mercy**

In this picture the idea of protection is the dominant message. As the merciful mother, Mary holds her devotees under her mantle, she gives them protection against evil and persecution.

Pray The Rosary Daily

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, grant them healing, according to Your will. Keep them in Your loving care, and surround them with Your peace.

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

Carol Crusat, Ron & Susan Pegelow, Henry Borges, Ken Norin, Jim Shrewsbury, Declan Garner, Emily Griego, Jeanette Laris, Finnan Sambursky, Gwen McKinney, Rafael Ramirez, Tamo Wong, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, Cheryl Ono, Michelle Paopao-Skillern, William Anderson, Linda Adkins, Gloria Grapa, Mary Bunao, Tamayo Hanato, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Lionel Gaspar, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Linda Laskow, Keiki San Filippo, 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** JULY 25 St. James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7–15 Mt 20:20–28
- Tuesday** JULY 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Jer 14:17–22 Mt 13:36–43
- Wednesday** JULY 27 Weekday Jer 15:10, 16–21 Mt 13:44–46
- Thursday** JULY 28 Weekday Jer 18:1–6 Mt 13:47–53
- Friday** JULY 29 Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Jer 26:1–9 Jn 11:19–27 or Lk 10:38–42
- Saturday** JULY 30 Weekday Jer 26:11–16, 24 Mt 14:1–12
- Sunday** JULY 31 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Eccl 1:2; 2:21–23 Col 3:1–5, 9–11 Lk 12:13–21

WORD OF GOD

From age to age
his mercy extends
to those who live
in his presence.

- Luke 1:50





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[Luke 11:1-13]

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Treasure Hunt

1. When Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them to pray "just as John taught his disciples," Jesus taught them (and us), _____'s _____.
2. Jesus tells the *Parable of the Midnight Friend* to show us that if we do not give a friend what they need out of **f** _____, they will eventually get it from us because of their **p** _____.
3. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us to **A-S-K**. **How** are we to **A-S-K** the Lord to give us what we need?
4. To "bring home" the message of '**A-S-K**-ing', Jesus says, "What father among you would hand his son a **s** _____ when he asks for a **f** _____; or a **s** _____ when he asks for an **e** _____.
5. **What** (or **Who**) will the Heavenly Father give to those who **A-S-K**?

Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt
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-1- welcome, refreshments and hospitality; -2- allowing Sarah to bear him an heir, order Mary to help with serving Him; -3- worried or concerned about mundane things; -4- listen, Grace; -5- the travelers tell Abraham that when they return in a year, Sarah would have borne a child **-BONUS:** an ancient shrine 20 miles south of Jerusalem.



**Welcome, Fr. Gregorio Honorio,
Diocesan Vicar of Clergy,
and many thanks for celebrating
our Masses this weekend.**

Dear Padre,

My good friend is converting to Catholicism and learning things that I, a cradle Catholic, never knew. Why wasn't I taught these things? I'm embarrassed that a convert knows more than me. Catholics receive most of their religious education as children. Even at the high school level, teachers are not able to explore religious topics with the same breadth and depth that occurs during the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) formerly known as RCIA. The Bible, for instance, is taught to children as stories, but adult faith requires us to read and understand Scripture as more than a story. Adults learn differently from children; adults ask different questions. The facts and contents remain the same, but it's not possible for your early religious education to have the same content and depth as that of an adult who is converting to Catholicism. Most Catholic parishes need a faith-formation program for adults who want to take their faith to a deeper level. If yours doesn't offer adult-education programs, many publishers offer programs that can be used for individual study. Let your own interest and curiosity be your guide.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR
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SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The regular St. Benedict Food Pantry schedule continues to be the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 9 am to 10 am.

Next open on Friday, August 12, 2022.

SHARE YOUR HARVEST WITH OUR VISITORS

If your harvest is bountiful, please bring a portion to St. Benedict Gift Shop where we offer it to visitors as part of their "aloha experience" at the Painted Church.

*No human tongue can describe the immense favors and blessings which we receive from the Mass. The sinner obtains pardon, the good man becomes more holy, our faults are corrected, and our vices uprooted by hearing **Holy Mass**.*

– St. Lawrence Justinian