



# *St. Benedict Catholic Church*

*August 14, 2022*

## *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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### **MISSION CHURCH:**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
Kealakekua

### **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.

### **PASTOR**

Rev. Siegfried Dosdos

### **BUSINESS MANAGER**

Susan Keen

### **OFFICE STAFF**

Penny Burgess

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Edwina Fujimoto

### **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT**

Edwina Fujimoto

### **MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Ariel Hadap

### **FOOD PANTRY**

Francisco and Debra Javar



### **A House Divided**

One of the heaviest burdens people are forced to carry is the distress of "a house divided." When Abraham Lincoln said "a house divided against itself cannot stand," he was referring to the division within the country during the Civil War. We experience a similar, though not as lethal, separation when our two-party system of government engenders obstinate division—not merely acceptable political diversity. Perhaps the most heartbreaking example of a house divided is a

family in which members are alienated from each other. There are as many reasons for family division as there are families. Reasons include the betrayal of one member by another, inheritance disparity, parental favoritism, sibling rivalry, to name a few. One might think that those involved should be able to resolve such differences—after all, isn't blood thicker than water? On the other hand, how are serious family rifts to be repaired if the reason for division is one's faith or commitment to God? That is the situation that Jesus describes today. We might wonder how faith in God can tear families apart. It often happens when someone leaves the religion of one's family and converts to another tradition. This might be judged as a betrayal of the family's values. This may be what many of Jesus' Jewish followers faced when they claimed that Jesus fulfilled their religious expectations while other family members did not share their belief. That was a terrible price to have to pay for fidelity to their faith, but they paid it.

***Sr. Diane Bergant, CSA***

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### *For Reflection*

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✠ *What steps might you take to heal a family rift? What's keeping you from taking them?*

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### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death... **Jer 38:4-6, 8-10**

**Psalms:** Lord, come to my aid! **Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18**

**Second Reading:** ...persevere in running the race that lies before us... **Heb 12:1-4**

**Gospel:** "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"  
**Lk 12:49-53**

**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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## 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***

Jesus says, "I came to bring division." It is not that Jesus wishes to split people up....Following Jesus entails giving up evil and selfishness and choosing good, truth, and justice, even when this demands sacrifice and the renunciation of our own interests. And this indeed divides; as we know, it even cuts the closest ties.

ANGELUS, AUGUST 18, 2013



## *Our Lady of the Assumption*

*Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you.*

*In the plan of your wisdom she who bore Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.*

*May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Pray The Rosary Daily**



## **SAINT OF THE WEEK— Feast Day August 18<sup>TH</sup> SAINT HELENA OF THE TRUE CROSS**

ca. 250—330



St. Helena was the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine who seized power in the year 312 and one year later he legalized Christianity and at about this time Helena converted to Christianity. With her son's authority Helena went to Palestine in search of the sacred sites. She was a truly zealous Christian who helped to feed and clothe the poor, giving money or supplies. She liberated some from imprisonment and also from servitude in the mines or unjust oppression. She built churches marking the place of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the site of the Ascension. Her greatest desire was to find the cross on which Jesus was hung. Constantine ordered St. Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem to search for the cross on Mount Calvary. There was found a cistern just east of Calvary where three crosses were found and the *titulus* (the board with INRI inscribed by Pilate). Tradition says Helena brought a dying woman there—she touched each cross and when she touched the last one she was instantly cured, thereby identifying the "true cross". Saint Helena was a very devout servant of God and through her work Christianity spread widely through the known world. She died in 330 with her very devoted son by her side.



# STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

## PRAYER

### THE DOGMA OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Blessed Virgin's assumption into heaven, without bodily corruption and death, had been celebrated by the church for centuries, even though there was no scriptural reference for their belief. On November 1, 1950 Pope Pius XII solemnly and officially defined the **Dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven**. The infallible document is called ***Munificentissimus Deus (The Most Bountiful God)***. This declaration took place in the Piazza of St. Peter's in the presence of 40 Cardinals, 500 bishops, thousands of priests, and close to one million lay persons. In part it stated...*by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory*".

### 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. Amen.

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

Carol Crusat, Ron & Susan Pegelow, Henry Borges, Jim Shrewsbury, Declan Garner, Emily Griego, Finnan Sambursky, Rafael Ramirez, Tamo Wong, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, Cheryl Ono, William Anderson, Linda Adkins, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Mary Bunao, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, 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** AUGUST 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

**Tuesday** AUGUST 16 Weekday Ez 28:1-10 Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday** AUGUST 17 Weekday Ez 34:1-11 Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday** AUGUST 18 Weekday Ez 36:23-28 Mt 22:1-14

**Friday** AUGUST 19 Weekday Ez 37:1-14 Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday** AUGUST 20 St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Ez 43:1-7ab Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday** AUGUST 21 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:18-21 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

**You will seek Me  
and find Me  
when you  
search for  
Me  
with all  
your heart.**  
Jeremiah 9:13







## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[All Readings]

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

[Luke 1:39-56]

### Treasure Hunt

1. **What** has Jesus come to do?
2. "Baptism by fire" (what we know as the sacrament of **C** \_\_\_\_\_) brings **a** \_\_\_\_\_ and **d** \_\_\_\_\_ to those who follow the Lord.
3. What about our faith **causes** conflict between our family members and others we meet?
4. [Jer. 38:4-10]: **J** \_\_\_\_\_ is thrown into a **c** \_\_\_\_\_ for foretelling that the Babylonians will defeat the Jews. The **k** \_\_\_\_\_ spares his life.
5. In today's *Second Reading*, Paul tells the Hebrews, "In your struggle against sin, you have not yet **r** \_\_\_\_\_ to the point of **s** \_\_\_\_\_ **b** \_\_\_\_\_."
6. Mary's response to her cousin Elizabeth shows her complete **f** \_\_\_\_\_ in God. She says, "My **s** \_\_\_\_\_ proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my **s** \_\_\_\_\_ rejoices in God my Savior..."

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

-1- your heart; -2- Gird, light, servants ready, knocks; -3- at an hour you do not expect; -4- Faith; -5- Abraham

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY 8/20 & 8/21/2022

This year, Catholic Charities Hawaii celebrates its 75th Anniversary as a non-profit in the State of Hawaii. As part of the largest private network of social service organizations in the United States, Catholic Charities Hawai'i offers much needed programs and services statewide, serving 40,000 individuals each year. Catholic Charities Hawai'i has carried out the social mission of the Church in Hawaii since 1947 by helping people in need to help themselves, regardless of their faith or culture. We provide a wide range of support and guidance, touching the lives of more than 40,000 people each year with dignity, compassion, social justice, and a commitment to excellence. Our clients include kupuna, veterans, the homeless, immigrants, at-risk youth, and families and individuals in crisis. Your gift makes all the difference.

## Dear Padre,

**A friend told me not to worry about salvation because we're predestined to be saved or condemned. Why try to be a good person if God has already decided where I'll end up?**

The idea that some people are predestined to be saved and others are damned is contrary to Catholic teaching. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that "when therefore [God] establishes his eternal plan of 'predestination,' he includes in it each person's free response to his grace" (600; emphasis added). The Catechism (1038) also cites the parable of the separation of the sheep from the goats, in which the sheep and goats are separated not randomly, but based on their actions: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory...all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father'....And [those on the left] will go off to eternal punishment" (Matthew 25:31-46). God wants to save all people. The way we respond to God's gift of salvation is called free will. Unfortunately, not everyone accepts that gift.

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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 26, 2022.**

### A ROUND OF "THANK YOU'S"

While Fr. Sieg was away a few parishioners stepped up and helped cover those things Father does on a nearly daily basis, plus a special project or two. Mahalo to Bruce Hashimoto for repairing a damaged bench for the safety of our visitors. Mahalo to Karen Sacilowski who took care of plants and hauled away the trash. Mahalo to Colette Borges who sewed a lovely new curtain for the gift shop to replace the one destroyed by weather. Someone opened the church for visitors, swept the debris from the walkways, watered the plants in the hall and church, made sure bathrooms were acceptable, emptied trash cans. If **you** can help, it would be deeply appreciated! Think stewardship!