

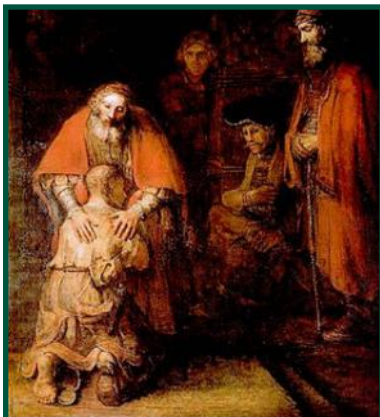


St. Benedict Catholic Church

September 11, 2022

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Filled with Compassion



Rembrandt - The Return of the Prodigal Son

Too many people think of God only as one who is offended when we make a mistake and who is ready to exact punishment for that offense. The three stories in today's Gospel passage tell a different story. They tell how, when we make a mistake, God runs after us to bring us back. The description "filled with compassion" (Luke 15:20), which describes the sentiments of the Samaritan, is really a description of God. In Hebrew, compassion or mercy comes from the word for "womb," and it describes the intimate bond between a woman and the life in her

womb. Though the Greek word in the New Testament is not related to womb, it does mean deep inner

sentiment. The word conveys the deep sentiment the Samaritan felt for a perfect stranger, the deep sentiment of the distraught father with his prodigal son, the deep sentiment of God for every one of us. These three Gospel stories highlight another important point: The compassion was not a response to repentance. The lost sheep, the negligent woman, and the wayward son were all somehow responsible for their predicaments, but nothing was held against them. Nor did they have to correct their error before the situation was corrected. None of this mattered. This was Jesus' way of saying that God's compassion is there even before we ask for it, because compassion or mercy is not simply an act; it is the intimate and lasting love that God has for us.

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For Reflection

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✿ *Reflect on this passage from Isaiah 49:15: "Can a mother forget the child of her womb?"*

✿ *Where might you show compassion to others?*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: ...who can conceive what the LORD intends? Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

Psalm: I will rise and go to my father. Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

Second Reading: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Tm 1:12-17

Gospel: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you..." Lk 15:1-32

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The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

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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 Honaunau

7:00 a.m. Tuesday,

Thursday & Friday

St. John the Baptist

Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

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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

Your children will receive their Christian identity today. And you, parents and godparents, must safeguard this identity. This is your task throughout your lifetime: to protect the Christian identity of your children. It is a daily commitment: to make them grow with the light they will receive today.



ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM, JANUARY 9, 2022

"You cannot have God for your Father if you do not have the Church for your mother....

*God is one and Christ is one
and His Church is one;*

*one is the faith and one is the people
cemented together by harmony
into the strong unity of a body....*

*If we are the heirs of Christ,
let us abide in the peace of Christ;
if we are the sons of God,
let us be lovers of peace."*

-St. Cyprian,
from "The Unity of the Catholic Church"

SAINTS OF THE WEEK– Feast Day September 16th St. Cornelius, Pope and Martyr St. Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr



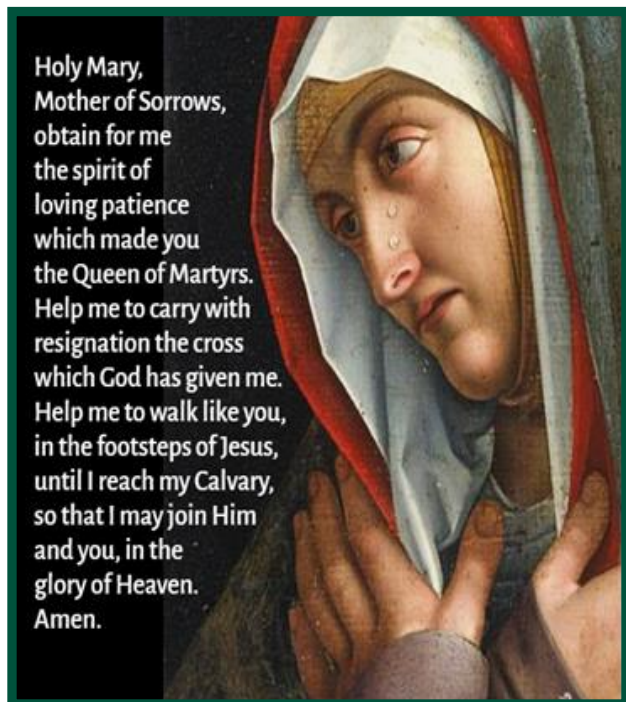
In the third century, emperor Decius was killing any Christians who would not give up their faith. He killed Pope Fabian and thought then the Church might die, so he did not allow election of another pope. A council of priests kept the church alive discretely, and while the emperor was away at war Cornelius was elected pope. A priest named Novatian started a controversy that those who renounced their Christianity to save themselves should not be allowed back in the Church. Pope Cornelius decreed that they *should* be welcomed back after an adequate penance. Novatian was one of the first antipopes. After two years, in 253, Cornelius was arrested and exiled by emperor Gallus. He died from the hardships he endured and is venerated as a martyr. His life in the Church was during the same time as Cyprian. St. Cyprian was the child of wealthy pagans and was very well educated. He is considered second only to St. Augustine for his writings. He converted as an adult and was made a priest and then Bishop of Carthage (in Africa). He also had to deal with Novatian and other apostates for nine of his ten years as Bishop. He was a good friend of Pope Cornelius. The two encouraged each other to self-sacrifice and lead good and loving lives for God. Under emperor Valerian, Cyprian was arrested and tried for being a Christian. When he was read the death sentence, he exclaimed "Blessed be God!". In 258 he was beheaded, suffering martyrdom in the presence of his flock.

STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

PRAYER

**MONTH OF SEPTEMBER -
DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS
FEAST DAY SEPTEMBER 15TH**



Pray the Rosary Daily

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Dear Jesus our Lord,
We ask you to have mercy on all who are sick. Give them your strength and your love, and help them to carry their cross with great faith in you. May their sufferings be one with yours. Help them to overcome the power of evil, and lead others to our Father in heaven. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer, for you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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

Marie Abril, Linda & Alex Cadang, 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, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Keiki San Filippo,

*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 SEPTEMBER 12
Weekday 1 Cor 11:17–26,
33 Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday SEPTEMBER 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday SEPTEMBER 14
Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b–9 Phil 2:6–11 Jn 3:13–17

Thursday SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Cor 15:1–11 Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35

Friday SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Cor 15:12–20 Lk 8:1–3

Saturday SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday 1 Cor 15:35–37,
42–49 Lk 8:4–15

Sunday SEPTEMBER 18
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4–7 1 Tm 2:1–8 Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13

"Can I disagree with the teachings of the Church and still be Catholic?" what we're really asking is, "Can I not be Catholic and still be Catholic?"



*Twenty-Fourth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
[Luke 15:1-32]
Longer Text*

Treasure Hunt

1. What were the **two** (2) **complaints** against Jesus that the Pharisees and the scribes had in this week's Gospel?
2. Jesus tells **three** (3) **parables** in Luke 15:1-32. They are about the **LOST** _____, _____, and _____.
3. **T/F**: In the third parable that Jesus told this week, the father, **like** the shepherd and woman, went out in search of his missing offspring.
4. Jesus "calls out" the Pharisees and scribes (and us too) for thinking that being r _____ means having no need for r _____.
5. What **EMOTION** is experienced on Earth **and** in Heaven when 'those who were lost are found'?

Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-1- F (false); -2- cross, come after me; -3- first calculate the cost of constructing a tower; a king marching into a battle where he is outnumbered without seeking peace first; -4- renounce, possessions; -5- "For the deliberations of mortals are timid and unsure are our plans."

WE BID A FOND FAREWELL, GOD BLESS!



Dorothy Kelepolo, a long-time parishioner, will be leaving our parish on October 1st to start a new chapter in her life with her daughter and family in Colorado. Thank you, Dorothy for spending more than 20 years working in, and managing, the St. Benedict Food Pantry. There were many

grateful clients. Serving the less fortunate ones in the community was her gift and her passion.

ALOHA, DOROTHY!

Dear Padre,

My child's godparents make no attempt to build a special relationship with her. I've talked to them about it, but it didn't help. Can I replace them?

When my niece, Hayley, was five, she asked me to be her "stepgodfather" because she didn't know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Haley's godfather has moved out of state and seems to have forgotten that Haley is his godchild. Godparents have responsibilities beyond baptism day. The Code of Canon Law says a godparent also "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it" (872). A godparent should be present for the child's first Communion and encourage the child to live a Christian life as he or she grows older. While neglectful godparents may not be replaced, parents are not limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the faith. "The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at baptism" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1255). Parents can and should ask others to help support their child's faith development as he or she grows up: a teacher, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have the responsibility to help children—and one another—lead Christian lives.

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SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

NOTE: The Food Pantry will **not** be open on the 4th Friday of this month, September 23rd, however there will be food distribution on the **5th Friday**, September 30, 2022. **Next open on Friday, September 30, 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.

