



St. Benedict Catholic Church

September 18, 2022

Twenty-Fifth 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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God or Mammon

Jesus tells a story that might sound confusing to us because it reflects economic practices of his time, not ours. His original audience likely recognized the situation as one that was familiar to them. In the story, an employee fails to oversee and enhance the material holdings of his employer. However, when it came to getting what he could for himself from the employer's assets, he shows remarkable ability. One might say: Good for him! Even the employer thought the employee's actions showed resourcefulness. Jesus does not applaud the specifics of the man's behavior, acceptable or not, as the case may

have been. Rather, he notes that the man used whatever was available to him to ensure his own comfort in the future. Jesus then states that the ingenuity of such a man is more noteworthy than that of children of light. What a condemnation! Jesus goes on to condemn mammon. Just what is that? It is too easy to say that mammon is money, though money is part of it. A good definition is **"the greedy pursuit of gain."** This could be any kind of gain over others when we make that gain the primary value in our lives. The story shows that the employee was amazingly industrious in his pursuit. In comparison, the children of light (you and me?) too often fail to demonstrate comparable industry in pursuing the true wealth of which Jesus spoke. Once again, a choice is placed before us: God or mammon?

Diane Bergant, CSA

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For Reflection

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☞ *What is the driving pursuit in your life? Is it worthy of you?*

☞ *How committed are you to religious pursuits?*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done! **Am 8:4-7**

Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. **Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8**

Second Reading: — I am speaking the truth, I am not lying — **1 Tm 2:1-8**

Gospel: You cannot serve both God and mammon. **Lk 16:1-13**

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

In these times when social concerns are so important, I cannot fail to mention the Servant of God Dorothy Day, who founded the Catholic Worker Movement. Her social activism, her passion for justice and for the cause of the oppressed, were inspired by the Gospel, her faith, and the example of the saints.

ADDRESS TO JOINT SESSION OF US CONGRESS,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015



Prayer for Priesthood Sunday

Heavenly Father, grant that our priests
be strengthened and healed
by the power of the Eucharist
they celebrate.

May the Word they proclaim
give them courage and wisdom.

We pray that all those
whom they seek to serve
may see in them the love and care of Jesus,
Our Eternal High Priest,
who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church,
look tenderly upon your sons, our priests.

SAINT OF THE WEEK– Feast Day September 19th ST. JANUARIUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR



Not much is known about the early life of Saint Januarius. He was a bishop in the third century and was martyred during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian. Legend says, he and his

companions were thrown to the lions in the amphitheater of Pozzuoli, but the animals did not attack. They were then beheaded and eventually Januarius' blood was taken to Naples. It is a dark substance sealed in two 4-inch glass ampoules inside a double reliquary in Naples cathedral. The blood is expected to liquefy three times a year, on the first Saturday of May, on September 19th, his feast day, and on Dec. 16, the anniversary of the 1631 eruption of nearby Mount Vesuvius. When it does, it is carried in a solemn parade through the city. This year (2022) the blood liquefied on April 30th – a day earlier than usual. The past two years it also liquefied but due to Covid-19 there was no procession. On occasions when it does not liquefy (very few), it is considered by some Neopolitans as a bad sign such as war or disease. It would be interesting to check the Church news or the Naples, Italy news to see if the miracle happens on his feast day this year.

STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

PRAYER

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER - DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

The Seven Sorrows of Mary

1. The prophecy of Simeon and Anna
2. The Flight into Egypt
3. The Loss of the Child Jesus
4. The Condemnation of Jesus
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus
6. The retrieval of Jesus' body
7. The Burial of Jesus



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, Emily Griego, Finnan Sambursky, John Sanchis, Rafael Ramirez, 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 19
Weekday Prv 3:27–34 Lk 8:16–18

Tuesday SEPTEMBER 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs Prv 21:1–6, 10–13 Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday SEPTEMBER 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1–7, 11–13 Mt 9:9–13

Thursday SEPTEMBER 22
Weekday Eccl 1:2–11 Lk 9:7–9

Friday SEPTEMBER 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Eccl 3:1–11 Lk 9:18–22

Saturday SEPTEMBER 24
Weekday Eccl 11:9–12:8 Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday SEPTEMBER 25
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 6:1a, 4-7 1 Tm 6:11-6 Lk 16:19-31

"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from The Savior of the world is communicated to us through this Book."

-Abraham Lincoln



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[Luke 16: 1-13]

Treasure Hunt

1. Jesus tells *The Parable of the Unjust Steward*. **What** had the steward done to cause his master, a rich property owner, to dismiss him?
2. Upon being called to account for his actions, the steward had three (3) options available to him. Two options were impossible for him to do. **What were they?**
3. **T/F:** The steward called upon his master's debtors one by one so that they would receive him in their homes if he became impoverished.
4. Jesus said, "*The person who is trustworthy in _____ is also trustworthy in _____.*"
5. Jesus also said, "No servant can serve two m _____. He will either h _____ one and love the other, or be d _____ to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and m _____."

Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt

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- 1- Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them;
- 2- sheep, coin, (Prodigal) son; -3- F (false);
- 4- righteous, repentance; -5- joy.

TWO PRIESTHOOD SUNDAYS

The last Sunday of September is Priesthood Sunday in the U.S. Fr. Sieg will not be here to celebrate that day. Today we pray for him and all should make a special point of showing our appreciation of all he does for us.

Next Sunday, our *visiting* priest will be away from his home on the actual Priesthood Sunday. We will also pray for him and show our appreciation for his vocation. A pot luck type meal after 10:00 Mass is being planned. If you want to participate, please call the office this week or speak with Marjorie after Mass.

Dear Padre,

A friend sent me a copy of The Catholic Worker newspaper. It was founded by one of his heroes, Dorothy Day. What can you tell me about her?

Dorothy Day was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1897. She finished high school at age sixteen and joined the Socialist Party in 1914 as a college student. She converted to Catholicism in 1927. During the Great Depression, Dorothy's commitment to the poor deepened. In 1932 she met Peter Maurin, with whom she founded the Catholic Worker Movement. In 1933 she created The Catholic Worker newspaper, through which she proclaimed the rights of workers to dignity and to fair and honest treatment by industry and government, landlords, and neighbors. Her pro-labor and anti-war beliefs caused her to be labeled a Communist, but she was never a member of the Communist Party. Dorothy's concern for social justice grew—among other things, she worked with Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers. She was orthodox, pious, and had a deep sense of Catholic morality. She died in 1980. In 2000, St. John Paul II granted the Archdiocese of New York permission to open a cause for Dorothy Day's sainthood. That cause was endorsed in 2012 by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, who called her "a saint for our time." In December 2021, Servant of God Dorothy Day's cause advanced from the Archdiocese of New York to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of the Saints.

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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.

"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace."

-St. Padre Pio