



St. Benedict Catholic Church

October 16, 2022

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Keep at It



We ask something of God because we recognize that we are needy and unable to meet the need for which we plead. This itself is a good prayer because it acknowledges our human limitation, an acknowledgement that might be very difficult for us to voice. Such prayer is also an admission of our dependence on God and our trust in God's loving care. A prayer of petition can be profound. However, what is one to do when the request is not realized? Do you ask again? And if so, how many times? If it is never realized, do you stop asking? This is precisely the issue in today's readings.

Moses held his hands up in prayer, and he grew tired. His prayer addressed a community need—victory over the Amalekites—and so two leaders of the community assisted him so that the plea for help could continue until victory was won. The Gospel passage tells a story about a woman whose need of justice made her bold. As a widow in a patriarchal society, she had no husband to speak on her behalf. She had to plead her own case again and again until a just decision was delivered. The moral of these stories is clear: Keep at it! What happens when our prayer does not seem to be answered? It is still a good prayer, acknowledging our fundamental need and God's loving care of us. The moral of our story is the same: Trust and keep at it!

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For Reflection

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☞ *Make your needs known to God and trust that God will provide what you really need. You might be surprised.*

☞ *Be patient. God knows what you need.*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight... Ex 17:8-13

Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Second Reading: All scripture is inspired by God... 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

Gospel: Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. Lk 18:1-8

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The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

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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.

HAWAIIAN MASS

Every Second Sunday

8:00 to 9:00 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.

SACRAMENTS

Funerals Please contact the office for information and to plan a funeral.

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.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the office to arrange for a priest in case of serious illness or in anticipation of serious surgery.

The Sacraments of Initiation



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

I encourage all of you...to pursue your commitment to increasing awareness and offering support to those who have emerged from the tunnel of drug addiction....They need our help and accompaniment so that they in turn will be able to ease the pain of so many of our brothers and sisters in difficulty.

ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE ON DRUG ADDICTION,
DECEMBER 1, 2018



Prayer of Thanks for Blessings

I know that I have neglected
to thank you for so many blessings.
You've blessed me and waited for me
to run back to you with thanks,
and I've gone my way.
I've taken you for granted.

Please forgive me.

Put thankfulness into my heart and soul.

Let me speak it, sing it, and live it.

That I might be a visible,
not silent, example of one whom
you have healed.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

SAINT OF THE WEEK– FEAST DAY OCTOBER 18TH ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST



Luke was the writer of the third Gospel and the only Gentile to have written a book in the Bible. Although he never met Jesus, he gained much knowledge about Him by talking to eye witnesses to the events of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. He became a believer and he wrote his gospel to help others come to know and love Jesus as well. Luke was a doctor. He traveled with Saint Paul on his second missionary journey. He cared for the physical needs of others, so he is the patron saint of doctors and surgeons. In

his Gospel, Luke recorded how concerned Jesus was for the sick, the poor, and those in need of help or mercy and forgiveness. Luke's gospel also expresses how compassionate Jesus was and he wrote about Jesus' famous stories of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. Luke is also the author of the *Acts of the Apostles*. In Acts, he tells about the Holy Spirit coming to the Apostles. He also wrote about the work of St. Paul, other Apostles, and the growth of the Church in the world. He stayed with St. Paul through his imprisonment and until his death. Some believe that St. Luke was martyred by being hung from an olive tree when he was 84 years old. Others say he died at 84 of old age.



STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

PRAYER

OCTOBER -MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Our Lady's Favorite Prayer—



Join us, please! Everyone is strongly encouraged to come early and join us in praying the rosary 20 minutes before all weekend Masses.

What should we pray for?

...conversion of sinners, reparation for the sins of the world, for the Church's protection from the devil, world peace, for those

suffering in this world due to war, terrorism, persecution, illness, poverty, injustices, natural disasters and, of course, our own personal intentions.

Pray the Rosary Daily!

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Almighty God, You are powerful and strong. You are the creative force behind all that is. You are the energy that flows through us all. I willingly believe Your strength is bigger than the weaknesses we may feel. I believe you can heal them. If it be Your will, Lord, we ask You to heal us, our families and our friends. Provide peace and comfort to those in need of it, in Your mercy. Amen.

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

Azarias Dosdos, Richard Komo, Janet Katakura, Merton Ogata, Linda & Alex Cadang, Carol Crusat, Henry Borges, Jim Shrewsbury, Emily Griego, John Sanchis, Rafael Ramirez, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, Cheryl Ono, William Anderson, Linda Adkins, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, 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.

Pray the Rosary Daily

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!*

PRAYER

CALENDAR

Monday OCTOBER 17
St. Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr Eph
2:1–10 Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday OCTOBER 18 St.
Luke, Evangelist 2 Tm
4:10–17b Lk 10:1–9

Wednesday OCTOBER 19
Sts. John de Brébeuf and
Isaac Jogues, Priests, and
Companions, Martyrs
Eph 3:2–12 Lk 12:39–48

Thursday OCTOBER 20
Weekday Eph 3:14–21 Lk
12:49–53

Friday OCTOBER 21
Weekday Eph 4:1–6 Lk
12:54–59

Saturday OCTOBER 22
Weekday Eph 4:7–16 Lk
13:1–9

Sunday OCTOBER 23
Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Sir 35:12–
14, 16–18 2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–
18 Lk 18:9–14



Pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers, asking for everything you need. To do this you must always be ready and never give up. Always pray for all God's people.

Ephesians 6:18



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Luke 17:11-19]

Treasure Hunt

1. **To whom** did Jesus tell the Parable of the Persistent Widow, **and** what was His **purpose** in doing so?
2. What **two** (2) **personality traits** of the judge did Jesus emphasize in his telling of the parable?
3. **What** did the widow want the judge to do?
4. What were the **two** (2) reasons the judge finally granted the woman's request?
5. Jesus' question to us is **not** "Will God answer our prayers?" It is: "Do we have _____ enough to be persistent in our prayers?"
6. **BONUS:** At the end of each **d** _____ of the rosary, we recite the prayer Mary gave us at Fatima: "O my Jesus, _____ us our sins, _____ us from the fires of hell; _____ all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of thy Mercy."

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

-1- lepers, "Master,! Have pity on us"; -2- "Go show yourselves to the priests."; -3- Samaritan, glorified God in a loud voice, fell at the feet of Jesus, and thanked Him; -4- "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?"; **BONUS**—Dominic, Fatima.



The PIGS!! Now they're tearing up the front side!! Fencing is coming soon. Will YOU help repair the grassy areas that have been destroyed?

Dear Padre,

I'm a recovering heroin addict. Do I need to confess my addiction? Addiction is a disease, not a sin, right? Right, but addiction and using drugs are two different things. As you know, recovering addicts who don't use drugs are still addicts, and that in itself isn't a sin. But it's against the law to use heroin in the United States, so even if you never committed a secondary crime to get it, the "getting it" was a crime. More important, though, the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it's a sin to abuse ourselves in any way. Even if it weren't against the law, your use of heroin is certainly an abuse of your body. The sacrament of reconciliation is more than just receiving absolution for sins. It also helps us look more deeply at our lives. Before you go, examine your conscience: Ask yourself how your addiction has affected your body, your life, your relationship with God, and the welfare of others. If you bring honest answers to those questions as well as an open heart and an open mind, your conversation with your priest at reconciliation will help you heal your relationship with God and others. You will also receive the grace to improve your life and do things like overcome addiction so you can be a better person.

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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, October 28, 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.

MAHALO FOR THE FRUIT!!

Thank you Jesse and Jocelyn Lomongo for sharing your fruit which we offer to visitors for a "donation".

CHURCH CLEANING –HELP WANTED

Parishioners are needed to join any one of the volunteer church cleaning groups (usually Saturdays) **or** to start a new group with your own friends and/or family. Volunteers are needed for both churches, weekly. Please call Ramona at 756-2943.

*More members in a group—less time per week.

*More groups means less weeks per group.