



St. Benedict Catholic Church

October 23, 2022

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thank You That I Am Better Than Others



The words of the Pharisee in today's Gospel might look like a prayer of thanksgiving. However, it is not a prayer, nor does it express gratitude. It is an arrogant statement of self-congratulation. One might think that he had a right to boast. After all, he did observe certain religious obligations and refrain from forms of public immorality. Why did Jesus say that he was not justified? First, he haughtily presented himself in the temple as a prayerful man. As

we saw last week, the fundamental character of prayer is acknowledgement of human neediness and a trust in God's loving care. This man did not see himself as needy or requiring God's care. Second, he did not realize that as important as religious observance and good works might be, they are not requirements fulfilled to earn God's love. Rather, they should flow from one's inner relationship with God. Third, he judged the inner disposition of others by observing the outer circumstances of their lives. On the other hand, Jesus praised the tax collector. Why? First, he acknowledged he was a sinner in need of God's mercy. After all, as tax collector, he worked for the hated Romans who occupied the land. Most likely he made his own living by adding a commission to the taxes he collected from others. Second, he made no claim of being righteous and deserving God's mercy. Third, overwhelmed by his own unworthiness, he compared himself to no one. His was genuine prayer.

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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
Lk 18:9-14 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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For Reflection

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☞ *What might lead you to think you are better than others?*

☞ *Acknowledge your own neediness and turn to God with confidence.*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The LORD is a God of justice who knows no favorites. Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

Psalm: The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

Second Reading: I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: "...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Lk 18:9-14

OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

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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

With his birth, Jesus made himself a bridge between God and mankind, reconciled earth and sky, and recomposed the whole human race in unity...And today he also asks you to be little bridges, where you live....Sometimes it is not easy, but if we are united with Jesus we can do it.



ADDRESS TO CHILDREN, DECEMBER 16, 2019

Prayer for the Virtue of Humility

Lord Jesus, when you walked the earth,
your humility obscured your Kingship.
your meekness confused the arrogant,
hindering them from grasping your purpose,
your nobleness attending to the destitute.

Teach me to model after your eminence,
to subject my human nature to humility.

Grant me with a natural inclination
to never view myself greater than anyone.

Banish all lingering sparks of self-importance
that could elevate me greater than you.

Let my heart always imitate your humility.

-author unknown

**SAINT OF THE WEEK— FEAST DAY OCTOBER 24TH
ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET 1807—1870**



Born in Barcelona, Spain on December 23, 1807, the fifth of eleven children, he was baptized on Christmas day. His family was in the textile business which was interrupted by the start of the War of Independence when France invaded Spain a few months after Anthony's birth. The

violence and insecurity of war times did not affect him, but instead, he gained strength. At age four or five he was brave enough to go into the fighting his family had escaped and he rescued his elderly, blind grandfather who had been left behind in the darkness. Little Anton found peace and strength from the Eucharist, becoming very close to Jesus and having a special devotion to the Virgin Mary. At age twelve he hears God calling him to become a priest. He began studies but the government closed the school. So he was brought to the family business, learned weaving, and his prayer became less often and less enthusiastic. Later he felt God calling him again and he entered the Seminary of Vic, being ordained in 1835 even before finishing his studies. He remained there four years and completed his courses. He applied to become a Jesuit in Rome but four months after starting his novitiate he suffered severe pain in his right leg that prevented walking. His Father General told him it is God's will that he go back to Spain. In Catalonia, 1849, he founded the Congregation of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary—later known as the **Claretians**. In 1850 He was consecrated as Bishop at the Cathedral of Vic. In 1857, Queen Elizabeth II of Spain chose him as her Confessor and he moved to Madrid, then the Queen appoints him Protector of the church and he held several other positions as a conservative. Some of his duties brought on feuds, hatred and the revenge of many. He was pursued as a criminal and went into the Cistercian monastery at Fontfroide. In this place surrounded by the love of the monks, he died on October 24, 1870 at 62 years of age. He was canonized by Pope Pius XII on May 7, 1950.



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...

Francisca Delo Santos, 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 24
Weekday Eph 4:32—5:8
Lk 13:10—17
- Tuesday** OCTOBER 25
Weekday Eph 5:21—33 Lk
13:18—21
- Wednesday** OCTOBER 26
Weekday Eph 6:1—9 Lk
13:22—30
- Thursday** OCTOBER 27
Weekday Eph 6:10—20 Lk
13:31—35
- Friday** OCTOBER 28 Sts.
Simon and Jude, Apostles
Eph 2:19—22 Lk 6:12—16
- Saturday** OCTOBER 29
Weekday Phil 1:18b—26
Lk 14:1, 7—11
- Sunday** OCTOBER 30
Thirty-first Sunday in Or-
dinary Time Wis 11:22—
12:2 2 Thes 1:11—2:2 Lk
19:1—10



*As the reading of
bad books fills
the mind with
worldly and
poisonous sentiments;
so, on the other hand,
the reading of pious
works fills the soul
with holy thoughts
and good desires.*

-St. Jerome-



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[*Luke 18: 9-14*]

Treasure Hunt

1. Jesus often used the Pharisees in His parables to deliver a message about people being **h**_____ and **in**_____.
2. In Jesus' time, **why** were tax collectors typically condemned or scorned?
3. What **actions** of the Tax Collector showed that his prayer was sincere?
4. In the *Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector*, **why** did the tax collector go home "justified"?
5. Today, Jesus teaches us the important lesson of praying with the right **a**_____: we must never **l**_____ **d**_____ on others or be **s**____-**r**_____ in prayer.
6. **BONUS:** The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary because the **l**_____ feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated every year on October _____.

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

- 1- His disciples, to show them to pray always without becoming weary; -2- he did **not** fear God **nor** was he respectful of any human being; -3- "Render a just decision for me against my adversary."; -4- She kept bothering him and he was afraid she would strike him. -5- faith; -6- **BONUS**- decade, forgive, save, lead, mercy.

SERVICE

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 YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

Thank you again to Jesse and Jocelyn Lomongo for sharing even more fruit which we offer to visitors for any donation.

Many thanks to Bruce Hashimoto who offered his time and muscle to clearing the clogged sewer lines in the hall bathrooms. Not a "nice" task, but - "Job well done, Bruce and his assistant!" FYI—there were no available plumbers, though many were called.

Dear Padre,

I'm tired of being distracted by children sliding around in the pews, fidgeting, and giggling with each other. How would the priest like parents to handle these situations during Mass? I presume you mean children between the ages of two and six—kids too old to be crying in their parents' arms and too young to be in religious-education programs. Many parishes have Children's Liturgy of the Word programs, but the kids still spend time at regular Mass. It's important for kids to be at Mass and to learn to be quiet for an hour. When children come to Mass, they slowly get used to the idea that they're expected to behave for a limited amount of time. Parents should bring books or soft toys—anything that won't make more noise—to keep the kids entertained. They shouldn't let their kids bring musical toys, electronic games with sound effects, or toy trucks that can be run up and down the pews. If children continue to be disruptive, parents should take them outside for a short time and then bring them back. Bottom line: Priests want children to come to Mass. It's better to have fidgeting kids at Mass than no kids at all. We want them to learn to behave now so when they get older, they're ready to deepen their participation in the Mass.

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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.

LOOKING FOR FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS!!
(God will qualify those called to service)

1. Need at least 6 people total for three teams.
 2. 2nd & 4th Friday Distribution 9am to 10am plus approx. 1-1/2 hours before to fill bags and set up and take down. Some heavy (sort of) lifting.
 3. Only *occasionally* shop at County Food Basket on Wednesday and/or Costco any day.
 4. Help recipients to fill out forms to qualify.
 5. Keep an inventory sheet for re-stocking needs.
 6. Complete a summary report once per month.
 7. Make coffee for those who for the people.
 8. It is not just about donating treasure.
- THIS IS A MUCH-NEEDED MINISTRY—NO ONE SHOULD EVER LACK FOOD AND NUTRITION!
WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!**