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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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### St. Benedict Catholic Church

November 13, 2022

### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### The Lord is Coming

Who does not get excited when they know that the day is coming? Which day? A wedding day, the birth of a child, the last day of school, the first day of retirement. We all look forward to special days. Ancient Israel looked forward to the day of the Lord, that day when everything would be set right. Enemies would be scattered, the sick would be

healed, the poor would know comfort, and all people would experience peace. Even though Israel had suffered terribly, God had made promises to their ancestors, and God always keeps promises. Initially, they expected that day to be one of punishment and retribution for their enemies, while they would enjoy vindication and blessing. Today's first reading asserts that Israel will enjoy no preference. If they sin, they also will face the righteous anger of God. In the Gospel passage, Jesus describes the terrifying events that will precede the destruction of the temple. This was probably less a prophecy of a future event than it was a warning of the suffering they might have to endure as his followers. Such suffering would pave the way for the fearful day of the Lord. If they persevere, such affliction would be purifying for them rather than punishing. Though the reading does not include mention of the day of the Lord, it would have been in the minds of those who heard Jesus' words. Many would believe that God's ancient promises were about to be fulfilled.

Dianne Bergant, CSA

#### For Reflection

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\$ God works through people to set things straight. How might God be working through you?

**Secure Secure 3.** Reflect on this verse: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading: Lo, the day is coming... Mal 3:19-20a

**Psalm:** The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9

Second Reading: ...we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you... 2 Thes 3:7-12

Gospel: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." Lk 21:5-19

**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.

**WEBSITE:** thepaintedchurchhawaii.org



#### HOSPITALITY

#### ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME!

# Updated Covid-19 Liturgical Directives and Cold & Flu Guidelines

All remaining Covid-19 liturgical restrictions are lifted except for the suspension of the distribution of the Precious Blood to the congregation.

As always, you are reminded to use common sense for your health and safety during the annual cold and flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from coming to Mass. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. A smile and a heartfelt "Peace be with you" should suffice. All of us must be aware of such sensitive matter in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from a physical expression of the sign of peace out of care of our well-being and not out of unkindness or lack of piety.

#### **SACRAMENTS**

<u>Funerals</u> Please contact the office for information about available dates *before* making arrangements with the mortuary or cemetery.

<u>Baptisms</u> 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

How is Jesus' voice discerned? "Many will come in my name," the Lord says, but they are not to be followed: wearing the label 'Christian' or 'Catholic' is not enough to belong to Jesus. We need to speak the same language as Jesus: that of love, the language of the you.

HOMILY, VATICAN BASILICA, NOVEMBER 17, 2019

#### A Prayer for Veterans Day

Heavenly Father,

bless our veterans and all who serve our nation defending our freedom.

For those who bravely gave their lives, grant them eternal rest.

For those who are serving, give them courage.

For all those who served, we offer our gratitude.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

# SAINT OF THE WEEK- FEAST DAY NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY- 1207 - 1231



Elizabeth was the daughter of the King of Hungary. She chose a life of penance and non-indulgence instead of the luxury she could have had. Her choice was known and it endeared her to the common people. At age 14, Elizabeth was given in marriage to Louis of Thuringia, of German Royalty. She bore three children with him and loved him deeply. Her life was one of prayer and ser-

vice to the poor. Daily she took bread to hundreds in the land who came to her gate. After six years she was grief-stricken when her husband was killed in the Crusades. His family mistreated her then for "squandering" the royal purse. They sent her off but when her husband's allies returned from the Crusades they insisted she be taken back into the castle since her son was legal heir to the throne. She joined the Secular Franciscans and spent her remaining few years caring for the poor in a hospital which she founded in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. Being in very ill health she died before her 24th birthday in 1231. She was so renowned for her selfless life that she was canonized four years after her death by Pope Gregory IX.

#### PRAYER

#### **OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SOULS**



The Church, in November, commemorates all the souls in purgatory and we pray for their release into the eternal presence of God.

Blessed Virgin Mary, said to Saint Bridget, "I am the Mother of all the Poor Souls, for my prayers serve to mitigate their sufferings every single hour that they remain there." St. Thomas

Aquinas said, "Many souls are in heaven through 'the prayers of Mary' who otherwise would not be there."

O Mary our Mother, Mother of Grace, Mother of Mercy, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. O Eternal Father through the most Precious Blood of Jesus and through the Sorrows of Mary have pity upon the holy souls in purgatory. Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Dear God, we pray for our loved ones who are ill and in need of Your healing. We commend them to Your warm and loving embrace. Please, comfort them and ease their suffering. Lord, if it is Your will, deliver them from the hardship they are undergoing. We humbly ask that You have mercy, renew their strength, and heal what afflicts them, in Your loving name O Lord. Amen.

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

Francisca Delo Santos, Azarias Dosdos, Janet Katakura, Merton Ogata, 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 permít me to be separated from you.

> Thank God ... for the gift of Jesus

Amen

PRAYER

#### **CALENDAR**

**Monday** NOVEMBER 14 Weekday Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5 Lk 18:35–43

**Tuesday** NOVEMBER 15 Weekday Rv 3:1–6, 14–22 Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday NOVEMBER 16 Weekday Rv 4:1–11 Lk 19:11–28

Thursday NOVEMBER 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious Rv 5:1–10 Lk 19:41–44 Friday NOVEMBER 18 Weekday Rv 10:8–11 Lk 19:45–48

Saturday NOVEMBER 19 Weekday Rv 11:4–12 Lk 20:27–40

**Sunday** NOVEMBER 20 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Sm 5:1–3 Col 1:12–20 Lk 23:35–43



"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds."

Romans 12:2



### Saints & the Beatitudes

[Part II]

Treasure Hunt

This is the second Treasure Hunt about SAINTS who modeled the 8 Beatitudes. Who are they?

#### Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

 A native of Spain, I was a Jesuit priest who went to Cartagena, Columbia, the heart of the slave market in the New World. I dedicated 33 years of my life to the abolition of the slave trade and the conversion of slaves to the Christian faith. I followed my converts to the plantations, encouraged them to live Christian lives, and appealed to their masters to treat them humanely.

#### Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

2. I was born to peasants when France was at war with England and my country was devastated by the plague. At age I heard the voices of St. Michael, St. Catherine, and St. Margaret. I convinced Charles VII to put me into battle. I came to Orleans on a donated horse with a sword and banner, and relied purely on God to give me and our army the courage to be victorious. The English kidnapped me and I was burned at the stake. I believed, "It pleased God thus to act through a simple maid in order to turn back the King's enemies."

# Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

3. I was the first pope given the title of "The Great" and was unanimously selected by the papal conclave after the death of Pope Sixtus III. I was gifted in bringing reconciliation between disputing groups of Christians. I worked to root out heresies that threatened Catholicism and am known as a great defender of the Church's doctrine declaring Jesus to be One Person—human and divine in nature.

# Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

4. I was a lawyer, author. Lord Chancellor, and counsel to King Henry VIII until I refused to sign an oath of allegiance to him and to approve his divorce from Catherine of Aragon. For my righteousness and deep convictions, I was imprisoned in the Tower of London and beheaded.

# Dear Padre,

I was taught that when we die, we will spend some time in purgatory and then go on to heaven. I notice some of our hymns say we will be raised on the last day. I'm confused.

It is not surprising that there is confusion about the issue. There is a difference between judgment and resurrection, even though they are obviously connected. Some people think of these two things occurring at the same time. Our Catholic teaching separates them, to some extent. The teaching says there are two kinds of judgment. The first is that which occurs at our death and is called "the particular judgment." In this judgment we may go to heaven, hell, or purgatory. The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it this way: "Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ" (CCC 1022). The second judgment is the general judgment that occurs at the end of the world. The resurrection of the body will take place at this judgment when our particular judgment is confirmed and our soul and body are reunited. The hymns that say we will be raised on the last day refer to the general judgment, as do most of the Scripture passages about judgment. Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

#### 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.

#### ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The regular St. Benedict Food Pantry schedule continues to be the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 9 am to 10 am. PLEASE NOTE: NEXT OPEN ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> so that food will be distributed before Thanksgiving. DECEMBER DISTRIBUTION DATES will be ONLY on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, December 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt Saints & the Beatitudes [Part I]

- -1- St. Catherine of Siena; -2- St. Elizabeth of Hungary;
- -3- St. Francis of Assisi; -4- St. Therese of Lisieux