



St. Benedict Catholic Church

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who's Calling?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

God called Isaiah: "You are my servant.... I will make you a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:3, 6). God called John the Baptist: "The one who sent me to baptize with water..." (John 1:33). God called St. Paul: "Called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus..." (1 Corinthians 1:1). And Paul says God calls us: We are "called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2). Given that call, the question is, "What are we called to do with our lives?" Frederick Buechner, an author, suggests we are called to wherever our deep hunger and the world's great need meet. As he explains, the world's great need may be to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless, but if we become depressed helping the poor, that is not where God wants us to be. On the other hand, we may love designing sandcastles, but the world has no great need for sandcastles, so that surely is not what God calls us to do. Rather, God calls us to the place where what we love doing and what the world desperately needs intersect. Adults are often inclined to ask children what they want to be or do when they grow up. Perhaps asking them what they think God wants them to do might be a question laced with greater wisdom. To turn the question may call forth a more thoughtful answer. ●

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The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

- Frederick Buechner

For Reflection

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What is God calling you to do now, and how has God's call changed over the years?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I will make you a light to the nations, ... Is 60:1-6

Psalm: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Second Reading: ...to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus... 1 Cor 1:1-3

Gospel: 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' Jn 1:29-34

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

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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WEEKEND MASSES

St. Benedict

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:15 a.m.

HAWAIIAN MASS

Every Second Sunday

7:15 a.m.

St. John the Baptist

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.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!

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

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

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

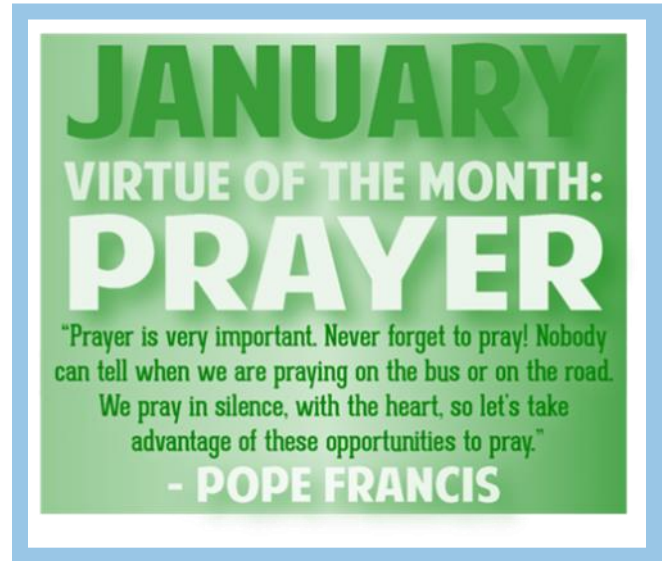
Call the office to arrange for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The Lord is deliberate in repeating the word all. He knows that we are always using the words "my" and "our": my things, our people, our community.... But he constantly uses the word all. All, because no one is excluded from his heart, from his salvation.



HOMILY, WORLD MISSIONS DAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019



SAINT OF THE WEEK– FEAST DAY JANUARY 16 SAINT MARCELLUS - BISHOP, MARTYR (d. 309)



Under Diocletian's persecution it was said that, within thirty days, sixteen thousand Christians were martyred. The Church in Rome was disorganized and scattered. There was no pope for more than two years. When Emperor Maxentius came into power he had a policy of toleration allowing a pope to be chosen. Marcellus, a Roman

priest was elected. He was faced with reorganizing the badly dispirited Church. He divided Rome into twenty-five parishes, each with its own priest. The more challenging problem was what he should do with the many who compromised their faith under Diocletian. Marcellus stuck firm to the doctrine that penance was required before absolution. The apostates wanted immediate readmission to communion and violently opposed the harsh penance demanded by Marcellus. Riots erupted and Emperor Maxentius intervened by banishing Marcellus. Pope Marcellus died a short time after exile and is considered a martyr due to the abusive treatment he received that led to his death.



DIOCESE OF HONOLULU TEACHING MASS

Today you will find another special insert from our Diocese in line with the ongoing National Eucharistic Revival. Please read them each week as you should find them to be very informative. The purpose of the Revival is to "Inspire, Educate, and Unite" Catholics in the Holy Eucharist.

EVER-VIRGIN, MARY...



499 The deepening of faith in the virginal motherhood led the Church to confess Mary's real and perpetual virginity even in the act of giving birth to the Son of God made man.

^[154] In fact, Christ's birth "did not diminish his mother's virginal integrity but sanctified it."^[155] And so the

liturgy of the Church celebrates Mary as *Aeiparthenos*, the "Ever-virgin."^[156]

500 Against this doctrine the objection is sometimes raised that the Bible mentions brothers and sisters of Jesus.^[157] The Church has always

understood these passages as not referring to other children of the Virgin Mary. In fact James and Joseph, "brothers of Jesus," are the sons of another Mary, a disciple of Christ, whom St. Matthew significantly calls "the other Mary."^[158] They are close relations of Jesus, according to an Old Testament expression.^[159]

501 Jesus is Mary's only son, but her spiritual motherhood extends to all men whom indeed he came to save: "The Son whom she brought forth is he whom God placed as the first-born among many brethren, that is, the faithful in whose generation and formation she co-operates with a mother's love."^[160]

From The Catechism of the Catholic Church

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...**

Clifford Chow Jr., Patsy Sabarre, Bernard Labasan, Azarias Dosdos, John Herman, Janet Katakura, Merton Ogata, Carol Crusat, Henry Borges, Jim Shrewsbury, Emily Griego, John Sanchis, Rafael Ramirez, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, William Anderson, Linda Adkins, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Ruby Best, Jimmy Best, 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!*

PRAYER

CALENDAR

MONDAY JANUARY 16
Weekday Heb 5:1–10 Mk 2:18–22

TUESDAY JANUARY 17 St. Anthony, Abbot Heb 6:10–20 Mk 2:23–28

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18
Weekday Heb 7:1–3, 15–17 Mk 3:1–6

THURSDAY JANUARY 19
Weekday Heb 7:25—8:6 Mk 3:7–12

FRIDAY JANUARY 20 Week-day Heb 8:6–13 Mk 3:13–19

SATURDAY JANUARY 21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Heb 9:2–3, 11–14 Mk 3:20–21

SUNDAY JANUARY 22 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Is

Pray the Rosary Daily

PRAYER BEFORE READING SCRIPTURE

Father, anoint me with your Holy Spirit, so that as I read your eternal word, your word may penetrate my whole being and transform me. Grant me the blessing to be a faithful disciple in believing the Word of God and that I may be a light shining upon all who are in darkness.

Amen



**Second Sunday
In Ordinary
Time**
[John 1:29-34]

Treasure Hunt

1. What title does John the Baptist use to describe He who “takes away the sins of the world”?
2. Even though John was born before Jesus, **WHY** does he say, “A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.”?
3. **True or False:** When Jesus came to be baptized, John already knew him.
4. **What** was John’s **urgent** purpose in baptizing people with WATER?
5. John baptized with water; Jesus baptized with the _____.

BONUS:

In last week’s homily, Father Sieg gave us four (4) enlightening acronyms using batteries to guide us to ‘BRING MAGNIFICENT LIGHT TO OTHERS.’



Choose TWO (2) batteries and tell what **LIGHT** we are reminded to **GIFT** to others.

Answers to last week’s Treasure Hunt

The Epiphany of the Lord

-1- Epiphany; -2- troubled; -3- they were led by a star; 4- royalty, divinity, sacrifice/humanity; -5- they received a warning in a dream. **BONUS:** -a- a lamb, Paschal Lamb; -b- Cologne Cathedral in Germany.

READY TO FALL DEEPER IN LOVE WITH THE EUCHARIST?

You are invited to create an account at the National Eucharistic Revival website to access their library of free video :

www.eucharisticrevival.org/video-content-sign-up

It’s FREE and easy to join!

Dear Padre.

I am African American. When I go to church, I feel disconnected from the rest of my life. How does the Church fit with my culture?

Church documents lift up different cultures as treasures to be preserved and incorporated into the life of the Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, “[The gospel] must be proclaimed, celebrated, and lived in all cultures in such a way that they themselves are not abolished by it, but redeemed and fulfilled: It is with and through their own human culture, assumed and transfigured by Christ, that the multitude of God’s children has access to the Father, in order to glorify him in the one Spirit” (CCC 1204). Many think “catholic” means homogenous, that the Mass should be exactly the same everywhere. On the contrary, it is “catholic” because it takes in everything. It is, or at least it should be, a cross-cultural experience, for we all are the children of God. All cultures should find their expression in the Catholic Mass. The difficulty is putting this into practice, especially in communities with members from more than one culture. Receptivity on the part of the pastor is important, too. As he learns about another culture, he’ll be more open to using the best of it in worship. Perhaps you, along with other concerned parishioners, might discuss this with your pastor. There are resources and institutes available to assist you in making your worship truly reflect who you are, individually and communally.

— Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR / DearPadre.

SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The **regular** St. Benedict Food Pantry schedule continues to be the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. **Next Distribution will be on Friday January 27, 2023.**

MAHALO FOR THE FRUIT!

Thank you to all who share their abundance of fruit with the Painted Church. Many visitors have never seen some of the tropical varieties we display. Tasting adds a little extra to their ‘Aloha’ experience.

“Often, the answer to our prayer does not come while we’re on our knees but while we’re on our feet serving the Lord and serving those around us.”

—Dieter F. Uchdorf