



St. Benedict Catholic Church

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Build Love Not Walls

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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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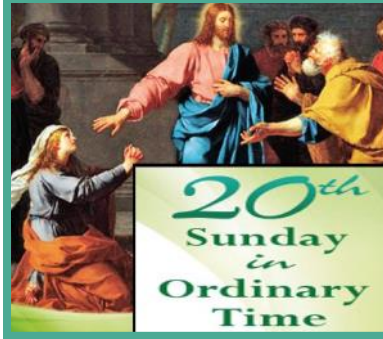
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In Robert Frost's poem "Mending Wall," he tells how each spring he meets with his farming neighbor, and the two of them walk along on either side of the stone wall that marks their property to replace the stones toppled by the ice of winter. His neighbor loves the idea of a wall, inspired by his father's advice that "good fences make good neighbors." Frost, however, is not convinced and keeps suggesting that "something there is that doesn't love a wall," as if walls are not intrinsic to God's creation.

We humans seem to like our boundaries. As children, we divide ourselves between girl germs and boy germs and draw imaginary lines in the back seats of cars. Later we build walls everywhere—the Great Wall of China, the Berlin Wall, the structures at Mexico's border, backyard fences, and gated communities. We set up national boundaries, build emotional walls, relegate people to ghettos and the other side of the tracks, and we differentiate among religions, arguing over which is God's preference. We seem to use walls rather than love to give us our identity.

Some Scripture scholars suggest that this Sunday's Gospel event was a turning point where it became clear that Jesus came to save not only the Jewish people but all people, believers and unbelievers alike. Seeing her faith, Jesus willingly cured the Canaanite woman's daughter. With God there are no boundaries or walls—not those of nations, not those imposed by languages and customs, not those we use to divide people of faith.

For Reflection

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Have you ever felt isolated by a wall? Who built it—you or someone else?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: ...my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Is 56:1, 6-7

Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you! Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Second Reading: For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: "O woman, great is your faith!" Mt 15:21-28

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 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!

WELCOME
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Updated Covid-19 Liturgical Directives and Cold & Flu Guidelines

Bishop Larry Silva has decided to allow parishes to restore Holy Communion under both kinds, on Holy Thursday, April 6th, at the pastor's discretion. 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

Confessions by appointment. Call the office 808-328-2227.

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital

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

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Each one of us has our own story and...it is not always a clean story.... Many times it is a difficult story, with a lot of pain....What do I do with my story? Do I hide it? No! We must bring it before the Lord. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!"



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National Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you give us your flesh and blood
for the life of the world, and you desire
that all people come to the
Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb.
Renew in your Church the truth,
beauty, and goodness contained
in the Most Blessed Eucharist.
Jesus living in the Eucharist,
come and live in me.
Jesus healing in the Eucharist,
come and heal me.
Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist,
come and suffer in me.
Jesus rising in the Eucharist,
come and rise to new life in me.
Jesus loving in the Eucharist,
come and love in me.
Lord Jesus Christ,
through the paschal mystery
of your death and resurrection
made present in every Holy Mass,
pour out your healing love
on your Church and on our world.
Grant that as we lift you up
during this time of Eucharistic Revival,
your Holy Spirit may draw all people
to join us at this Banquet of Life.
You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT BENEDICT

Dear Saint Benedict,
admirable Doctor of Humility,
you practiced what you taught,
assiduously praying for God's glory
and lovingly fulfilling all work for God
and the benefit of all.
Grant us against poisoning of the body
as well as of mind and soul,
and thus, be truly a "Blessed" one for us.
Amen.

Pray the Rosary Daily



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us



LITURGY OF THE WORD Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (WORD & LIFE)

1st Reading Is 56:1.6-7

God intends to gather all peoples in a family of nations which "observe what is right and do what is just," love His name, and worship Him in His Temple. Such is the grand plan outlined by the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading.

2nd Reading Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Last Sunday, the apostle Paul expressed his deep pain over the fact that the Israelites have not accepted the Gospel. Today, he reflects on what this can mean in God's long-term plan and the fact that, in His mercy, God wants all to reach salvation.

Gospel Mt 15:21-28

Although Jesus is the Savior of all mankind, his earthly mission was confined to the people of Israel. Occasionally, however, as we learn from today's Gospel passage, he knew how to make an exception, thereby showing that he was, indeed, the Savior of Jews and non-Jews alike.

*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*

CALENDAR

MONDAY

August 21
St. Pius X, Pope
Jgs 2:11-19
Mt 19:16-22

TUESDAY

August 22
Queenship of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Jgs 6:11-24a
Mt 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY

August 23
Weekday
Jgs 9:6-15
Mt 20:1-16

THURSDAY

August 24
St. Bartholomew,
Apostle
Rev 21:9b-14
Jn 1:45-51

FRIDAY

August 25
Weekday
Ru 1:1, 3-6,
14b-16, 22
Mt 22:34-40

SATURDAY

August 26
Weekday
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11;
4:13-17
Mt 23:1-12

SUNDAY

August 27
Twenty-first
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 22:19-23
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

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...

Ronald Pegelow, Mike Asada, Gwen Menchaca, Lily Anne Souza, Ronald Pegelow, Susan Pegelow, Bill Myers, Noah Mullen, Deb Reed, Joby Kanda-Alvarez, Clifford Chow Jr., Bernard Labasan, Azarias Dosdos, John Herman, Merton Ogata, Henry Borges, Rafael Ramirez, Robin Crusat, William Anderson, Linda Adkins, Gloria Grapa, Elizabeth Awa, Johnny Koene, Ruby Best, Jimmy Best.

Call the office to add your loved one
or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.



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Matthew 15:21-28

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Treasure Hunt

1. What is the **location** of Matthew's gospel this week?
2. **With what title** did the Canaanite woman address Jesus?
3. **How** did Jesus respond to the woman? **How** did the **disciples** respond to her?
4. What **metaphor** (comparison) did Jesus use to describe the begging of the Canaanite woman?
5. **With what words** did Jesus finally acknowledge the Canaanite woman? What **miracle** was granted to her?
6. In the *First Reading* by Isaiah, **of whom** does the Lord say: "...I will bring ____ to my holy mountain and make ____ joyful in my house of prayer...?"

For Reflection:

Think about a 'Gentile' you know whose life is an example of love, service and humility. Say a prayer for them this week.

Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-1- into a boat to precede Him to the other side; -2- pray -3- He walked on water to them; -4- They were terrified. Jesus said, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid,"; -5- He became frightened by the strong wind. "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"; -6- "Truly, you are the Son of God."

The Guest of our soul knows our misery;
He comes to find an empty tent within us—
That is all He asks.

-St. Therese of Lisieux



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Dear Padre

Why are the Scripture readings for Mass so piecemeal? We read part of a verse then jump to another part. Doesn't reading it like this distort the meaning of the passage?

The readings for Mass are in a book called the *Lectionary*. Our current *Lectionary* was set up after the Second Vatican Council. It uses a three-year cycle for the Sunday readings, so over three years we hear the majority of the Bible at Mass. Its introduction states, "The present Order of Readings for Mass, then, is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the whole of God's word, in a pattern suited to the purpose" (*General Introduction to the Lectionary*, Second Edition, 60). So the readings are not "piecemeal" but rather arranged so that we are exposed to the whole of God's word within three years. At times a given reading may not be complete—for example, the second reading for today is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter eleven, verses 13–15 and 29–32. This is done not only for brevity but for clarity. Those who organized the *Lectionary* thought that this excerpt made the message clearer or gave better emphasis to a point in the reading. It certainly is good to get out your Bible and read the whole section so you can see what is missing, but when the word is proclaimed at Mass, the current arrangement is most effective.

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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, August 25, 2023.

MAHALO FOR THE FRUIT! MORE IS NEEDED!

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.

Many thanks to those who have been donating!