



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

August 27, 2023

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Jesus Question

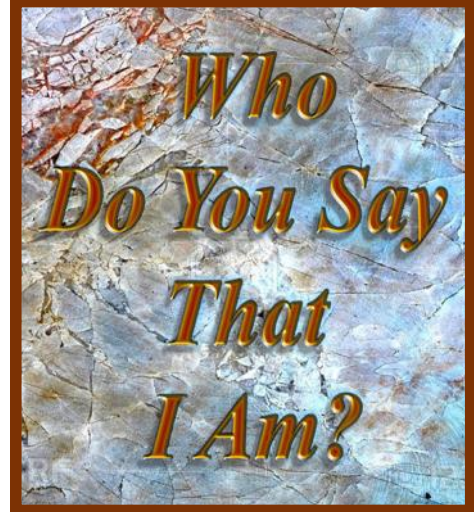
Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Over the years I've asked many people what they believe about Jesus and who he is for them. I've always nudged them away from the expected answer simply because I was interested in who he was for them down deep in their spirits. It's been a whole wheelbarrow full of answers, yes it has, a full and varied garden.

Some said they thought he was a very good human being, though they hedged when I asked if they thought he was also of God. Others thought he was a prophet, though they also backed away from anything that hinted of the divine.

For some, Jesus was God dressed in human skin, as if he were simply playing at being human. Some labeled him a reformer and others a teacher. None of them dismissed Jesus as irrelevant or a remnant of the past. And for many, Jesus is the truth professed by Peter, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." He is the Word made flesh, the wisdom of God among us, the one who lives.

In one way or another all of us must answer the question Jesus asks of his disciples in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" The question is just as relevant today as it was when Jesus asked it. For some, their yes is without doubt. For others, it is a questioning journey of coming to faith. All of us are faced with that question: Who is Jesus for us today in the way we live our life?



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**MISSION CHURCH:**

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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*Who do you say Jesus is and how does your answer  
make a difference in your life?*

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

#### For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday 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](mailto:st.benedict@rcchawaii.org) Submission deadline: TUESDAY at 5:00pm.

**WEBSITE:** [thepaintedchurchhawaii.org](http://thepaintedchurchhawaii.org)

ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME!

Faith Family  
Friends  
for these we give thanks

### 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

Even today, so many people think Jesus may be a great prophet, knowledgeable teacher, a model of justice....And even today Jesus asks his disciples, that is, all of us: "Who do you say that I am?" ...Let us pray that God grants us the grace to respond..., "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."



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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



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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A (WORD & LIFE)**

### 1st Reading Is 22:19-23

In Biblical times, to give the keys of a house to a person meant to bestow on him the power of stewardship over that house. The “promise of the keys” we read about in today’s passage foreshadows the much more important promise Jesus would make to Peter about the “keys of the Kingdom of heaven.”

### 2nd Reading Rom 11:33-36

After having reflected on God’s universal saving love, the apostle Paul bursts into this beautiful hymn of praise we should learn to make our own.

### Gospel Mt 16:13-20

Simon Peter’s declaration that Jesus is the promised Messiah, and the Son of the Living God gives Jesus the opportunity to reveal his plan about the Church and Peter’s unique leading role in it. Today’s passage is the foundation of our belief that the Church is the new “People of God” which will endure until the end of time under the stewardship of Peter’s successors.

*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 28**

*St. Augustine,  
Bishop and  
Doctor of the  
Church*

1 Thes 1:1–5,  
8b–10

Mt 23:13–22

### TUESDAY

**August 29**

*Passion of  
St. John the  
Baptist*

1 Thes 2:1–8

Mk 6:17–29

### WEDNESDAY

**August 30**

*Weekday*

1 Thes 2:9–13

Mt 23:27–32

### THURSDAY

**August 31**

*Weekday*

1 Thes 3:7–13

Mt 24:42–51

### FRIDAY

**September 1**

*Weekday*

1 Thes 4:1–8

Mt 25:1–13

### SATURDAY

**September 2**

*Weekday*

1 Thes 4:9–11

Mt 25:14–30

### SUNDAY

**September 3**

*Twenty-second  
Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jer 20:7–9

Rom 12:1–2

Mt 16:21–27

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with your peace. Amen.

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES

**September 5, 2023** 10:00 am Vicariate Meeting at St. Michael the Archangel Grace Hall

**September 12, 2023** 6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at St. John the Baptist Hall

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

Mike Asada, Gwen Menchaca, Lily Anne Souza, 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.





*Twenty-first  
Sunday  
In Ordinary  
Time*

*Matthew 16: 13-20  
Isaiah 22: 19-23  
Romans 11:33-36*

***Treasure Hunt***

1. At the beginning of this week’s Gospel, what **question** did Jesus ask His apostles?
2. What **answer** did the apostles (except for Peter) give Jesus? What **answer** did Peter give Jesus?
3. Jesus commissioned Simon in three (3) ways that day by giving him: His **B** \_\_\_\_\_, “**P** \_\_\_\_\_” (his new name), and the **k** \_\_\_\_\_ to heaven.
4. Jesus said, “The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ shall not prevail against it.”
5. **T/F:** The apostles did **not** understand fully what Jesus had said to them.
6. What command did Jesus give His apostles at the end of this week’s Gospel?

**BONUS:**

What is the **connection** between Eliakim and Peter in this week’s Gospel and First Reading?

**Answers to Last Week’s Treasure Hunt  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 1- Tyre and Sidon; -2- Lord, Son of David -3- He did not speak to her or answer her plea; the disciples asked Jesus to send her away; -4- He described her as a dog trying to take food away from children; -5- “O woman, great is your faith.” / He healed her daughter who was possessed by a demon; -6- foreigners who join themselves to the Lord.

*“Two things are needful for me in this life,  
and without these two I cannot continue to live:  
God’s word is light, and his sacrament  
living bread for my soul.”*

-Thomas a Kempis-



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*Dear Padre*

**Why do Catholics believe they are the only true Church?**

Roman Catholics believe our Church has historical continuity with St. Peter and the apostles who were present on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church. Catholics believe the work begun by Peter and the other apostles continued under men they appointed and on whom they laid hands—giving them apostolic authority to carry their work into the next generation. Apostolic authority, understood by Catholics to be historical and traceable, is a mark of authenticity and continuity of the Church. For Catholics, this essential mark of the Church is missing if a Christian community rejects apostolic authority and Peter’s leadership of the other apostles—carried on by their successors in the persons of bishops and popes—over the last 2,000 years. Nevertheless, “numerous elements of sanctification and truth” are present in separated Churches and ecclesial communities, and “the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as instruments of salvation” (*Responses to Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church*, by the Vatican Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2007). Dialogue with other Christians continues, and we hope the love and respect we have for one another can grow over time. While our Church leaders have the role of conserving the faith we have received, all Christians should remember that the Law of Love must prevail. If we violate that principle, we fail to comprehend an essential truth of our faith.

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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, September 8, 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!*