



St. Benedict Catholic Church

September 3, 2023

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Called to Be Faithful

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Somewhere in every life, along its twisting curving path, we find ourselves wondering if we would not be better off somewhere else doing something different, as if with the flip of the channel we could live a parallel life. Except that changing life is never that simple. And so we live on with our foibles and our insecurities. We make do for one more day in a job that is less than satisfying, or a relationship that is worn and fraying, or caring for aging parents as we juggle the needs of two households. In every niche of life, we may find ourselves dealing with difficult people, listening to others' woes, wondering if anyone cares. Like the prophet Jeremiah, we can feel we've been duped by the Lord God. We don't need to go looking for crosses. They come our way. And it is our crosses that allow us to save our lives by losing our lives. It is these very same lives from which we wish we could escape that bring us to holiness, if for no other reason than that we *do* struggle not to have our own way all the time.



For Reflection

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What does it mean to be faithful in the circumstances of 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.

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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!

Welcome

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

Let us make sure that the cross hanging on the wall at home, or that little one that we wear around our neck, is a sign of our wish to be united with Christ in lovingly serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and most fragile. The cross is the holy sign of God's love.



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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



LITURGY OF THE WORD
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Year A (WORD & LIFE)

1st Reading Jer 20:7-9

Faithfulness to God may arouse against us opposition and even persecution. On the other hand, unfaithfulness to Him unleashes remorse and internal torment. Such was also the dilemma experienced by Jeremiah, as we learn from the prophet's reflection on his trying situation.

2nd Reading Rom 12:1-2

We should constantly seek what is good and perfect. This will transform our life into a spiritual worship that pleases the Lord. Such is the essence of Saint Paul's message to the faithful of Rome and to us.

Gospel Mt 16:21-27

Enduring bravely and patiently the difficulty of life is an integral part of being disciples of Christ and leads to life eternal. On the other hand, the pursuit of a complacent life causes the ultimate loss. Such is Jesus' stern warning to all of us today.

*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

September 4
Weekday
1 Thes 4:13-18
Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY

September 5
Weekday
1 Thes 5:1-6,
9-11
Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY

September 6
Weekday
Col 1:1-8
Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY

September 7
Weekday
Col 1:9-14
Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY

September 8
The Nativity
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16, 18-
23 or 1:18-23

SATURDAY

September 9
St. Peter Claver,
Priest
Col 1:21-23
Lk 6:1-5

SUNDAY

September 10
Twenty-third
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

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.



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*Matthew 16: 21-27
Jeremiah 20: 7-9
Romans 12: 1-2*

Treasure Hunt

1. **What** distressing news did Jesus give the disciples?
2. One disciple was given the keys to the gates of heaven in last week's Gospel, then was rebuked by Jesus. **Who** was he? **What** did he do to anger Jesus?
3. **What** three (3) commitments must we make to accompany the risen Jesus?
4. Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to s _____ his life will lose it; whoever loses his life for my sake will f _____ i _____."
5. **Who** will accompany the Son of Man when He comes again?
6. In the *First Reading*, **what happens** to Jeremiah when he decides: "I will speak in His name no more."?
7. St. Paul in the *Second Reading* implores us **not** to c _____ to the lures of society (which lacks an understanding of the Gospel), but to renew our m _____ so that we can discern the w _____ of God.

Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

-1- "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"; -2- Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." -3- Blessings, Peter, keys; -4- gates, nether-world; -5- **T** (true) -6- to tell no one that He was the Christ; **Bonus:** Eliakim was the foundation of Hezekiah's Kingdom and Peter was the foundation of God's Holy Church.

Lord, forgive me for taking the Eucharist - the covenant you left for us - for granted,
May I always sincerely seek you
and truly encounter you in Communion. Amen.



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Dear Padre

Are we supposed to pray a specific prayer after we genuflect and kneel in the pew before we take our seats? What about after Communion?

There is no particular prayer to say when we genuflect, enter the pew, and kneel for a while. Genuflecting and kneeling are powerful expressions and prayers in themselves—we kneel only to God. But these gestures can become mere routine unless we accompany them with a moment of awareness and recollection and maybe a prayer like, "I adore you, O Christ, and I bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world." Neither are there required prayers to say in the moments after holy Communion as we return to the pew. But this is a most special time. "Holy souls endeavor to remain as long as possible in prayer after Communion," wrote St. Alphonsus Liguori in *The Holy Eucharist*. "There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion." Eucharist is from the Greek *eukharistia*, which means "thanksgiving," and this is a time for giving thanks. We remain silently focused on the astonishing passion and affection of our Lord in giving himself to us to eat and make part of ourselves. So much depends on awareness; so much depends on gratitude. Prayer books may help us enter a time of thanksgiving. But we can also say simply, "Jesus, I love you."

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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!