



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

September 10, 2023

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Tweaked by God

Fr. Joseph Juknialis



While the Scripture readings this week remind us we are responsible for one another, do any of us really want someone serving as our conscience, telling us what to do? A national insurance company once aired a TV ad in which “Cynthia” takes it upon herself to make sure everyone was abiding by the established regulations of the subdivision. She checks to make sure everyone is breaking down cardboard, cuts down hanging flower baskets that are contrary to regulations, and takes a chainsaw to mailboxes that are even two inches too high. None of us want a “Cynthia” for a neighbor. It may be that

it takes a community to raise a child, but once we have become adults—well, thanks but no thanks. So what do we do with these readings? The Gospel adds the ingredient of community to the “cake batter.” Praying with a faith community can help correct our personal opinion, remind us what we might be blind to, and broaden our vision by affirming that we are a part of a larger world, all from the perspective of faith. A faith community that reflects “Cynthia” thinking is a church that seeks to control. It motivates by fear, discourages prayerful reflection, and expects everyone to march in unison. A healthy faith community is a church that respects everyone as serious individuals of faith, encourages study and dialogue to seek out truth, and recognizes that growth in faith occurs in different ways. Prayerful, respectful communities of faith are how God tweaks our lives.

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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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#### For Reflection

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*What role does the faith community play  
in your religious practice and your spirituality?*

### 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!



### 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

*The great gossip is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Gossip is a plague more awful than Covid!*



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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

### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (WORD & LIFE)

#### 1st Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

One of the main tasks of a prophet was to warn transgressors about their impending punishment if they did not repent. Such was the vocation of Ezekiel, the prophet sent by God to be “a watchman for the house of Israel.”

#### 2nd Reading Rom 13:8-10

After having reminded us about our duties toward God, today Saint Paul turns his attention to our duties toward our neighbor. The essence of his teaching is that what matters most is to love all, for love is the fulfillment of the law.

#### Gospel Mt 18:15-20

How to correct an erring brother or sister who has offended us has always been a test of the sincerity of our love of neighbor. In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus gives us some simple guidelines which single out discretion, gradualness, and 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*

## CALENDAR

### MONDAY

September 11  
Col 1:24—2:3  
Lk 6:6–11

### TUESDAY

September 12  
Col 2:6–15  
Lk 6:12–19

### WEDNESDAY

September 13  
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church  
Col 3:1–11  
Lk 6:20–26

### THURSDAY

September 14  
The Exaltation  
of the Holy Cross  
Nm 21:4b–9  
Phil 2:6–11  
Jn 3:13–17

### FRIDAY

September 15  
Our Lady of Sorrows  
1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14  
Jn 19:25–27  
or Lk 2:33–35

### SATURDAY

September 16  
Sts. Cornelius,  
Pope, and  
Cyprian, Bishop,  
Martyrs  
1 Tm 1:15–17  
Lk 6:43–49

### SUNDAY

September 17  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sir 27:30—28:7  
Rom 14:7–9  
Mt 18:21–35

#### 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 12, 2023** 6:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting at St. John the Baptist Hall.

**September 19, 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-third  
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In Ordinary Time*

*Matthew 18:15-20  
Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Romans 13:8-10*

1. **What three (3) efforts to reconcile** are you to take upon yourself, "If your brother sins against you?"
2. **What pronouncement** made by Jesus to Peter in the Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time was **repeated** in today's gospel?
3. **How many people** must agree on what they ask for in prayer before God will answer them?
4. **To whom** does Jesus give assurance with His words, "I am in their midst..."?
5. In *Ezekiel* the Lord appoints watchmen for the House of Israel. What was **the main duty** of the watchmen?
6. In St. Paul's *Letter to the Romans*, he tells his faithful brothers and sisters that all the commandments can be summed up in **ONE COMMANDMENT**. What is that commandment.

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

-1- He tells them what will happen to Him in Jerusalem ; -2- Peter took Jesus aside to rebuke Him about His foretelling of what was going to happen to Him; -3- deny oneself, take up His cross and follow Him ; -4- save, find it; -5- Angels -6- fire burns in his heart and he can't endure holding in his fervor; -7- conform, mind, will

Mary, Mother of Jesus, give me your Heart, so beautiful, so pure, so Immaculate, so full of love and humility, that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life, love Him as you loved Him and serve Him as you served Him, in the distressing disguise of the poorest of the poor.

-St. Teresa of Calcutta-



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*Dear Padre*

**Recently our new pastor relocated the rectory away from the church and parish office. Why is this becoming more common?**

"The laborer deserves his payment" from Luke 10:7 has been traditionally interpreted to suggest that ministers for the Lord engaged in pastoral service are provided with certain basic necessities, such as a place to call home. Some priests are now choosing a distinct location in which to live that is apart from where their ministry is primarily conducted. A reason for this move is often attributed to rectories that have no clear boundaries between the private living space and the parish office. While clergy in apostolic ministry are not necessarily seeking a cloistered existence, they do deserve the fundamental privacies enjoyed by everyone else. Sometimes this courtesy is not respected by those who have an unhealthy curiosity about the lives of their parish priests or by those who are preoccupied with being "in the know" (and sharing what they know with the rest of the congregation). Dedicated priests can be accessible and available at various hours during the day or night without having to live in a fishbowl. Sometimes this may warrant a new rectory location or facility, especially if the pastor in stocking feet on his day off can't pour his morning coffee without stumbling into a DRE staff meeting!

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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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 Friday, September 22, 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!*