

Luke 6:27 – 38

Love your enemies

- Do good to your enemies
- Bless and pray for your enemies
- Give to those in need (including enemies)
God rewards those, to love all people
 - Jesus demonstrates the power of love on the cross
 - Others revealed power of love throughout centuries

St. Benedict Church

St. John the Baptist Mission Church

03/02/2025 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WEEKEND MASSES

*St. Benedict

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Holy Hour

6:30-7:30 am

Second Sunday Hawaiian
Mass 8:00 a.m.

*St. John the Baptist

Sunday 10:00am

3rd Sunday Pohnpei Choir

Holy Confession Saturdays
10:00-12:00 St. Benedict
Church

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Benedict, "Painted Church"

7:00 a.m. Tuesday- Friday

St. Benedict Church is open
for visitors 7days a week
7 am-5 pm

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Rev. William

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Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves — mind and heart — in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

The first reading from Sirach offers timeless counsel: "the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had: so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks." Jesus uses the very same analogy in today's Gospel reading from Luke: "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit."

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, TikTok, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, reflects what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift which we must steward well.

In the same Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us, "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." The more time we spend with Jesus, our teacher, through regular prayer and a strong sacramental life, the more we will become like Him. Then all that we do and say (and tweet and post) will bring others closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

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Opening: # 827 Alleluia Raise the Gospel

Responsorial Psalm: # 951 Lord it is good to give thanks to You.

Preparation of gifts: # 685 Seek Ye First

Communion: #792 God's Holy Gifts

Sending Forth: #415 Alleluia Alleluia



BECOMING WHO & WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO BE

Today's liturgy invites us to BECOME the kind of person God calls us to be. This means that we must be people who have fully assimilated the values of the Kingdom and constantly endeavor to be "disciples" who reproduce in ourselves, as close as possible, the traits of the Master. In a world full of superficiality, pretenses, and hypocrisy, – all forms of moral blindness – if we really want to help and guide those who are affected by such blindness, we must rid ourselves of the many specks or logs that impair our moral vision and may even blind us completely. The best way to help our brothers and sisters blinded by sin is for us to become morally sound "trees" that bear abundant fruits of an authentic Christian life. In this Eucharistic celebration let us implore the grace to do just that!

A SUMMARY OF TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading from the First Book of Sirach 27:4-7

The wise man Ben Sira reminds us today of the importance of the gift of speech as a means to reveal what we carry in our hearts.

Second Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 15:54-58

St. Paul reminds us that our final resurrection will mark the definitive victory over death and sin, thanks to Christ's redemptive work, and especially his Resurrection.

Gospel Luke 6:39-45

As we continue reading from Jesus' "Sermon on the Plain," in this series of sayings he reminds us of the importance of being humble, and of the need that we get rid of our own moral defects if we want to help others to get rid of their own.

GOOD NEWS

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There are days when the darker side of who we are rises up and slaps us in the face. One evening, I decided to go to see a film. I bought a ticket, made my way into the theater, and found a seat that would give me an unobstructed view of the screen, one that had patrons on either side of the open seat in front of me. Fairly sure that no one would sit in front of me, I felt good about my maneuver. A few minutes before the film began, a group of four walked down the aisle, looking for a string of open seats in the crowded theater. One of them stopped at my row and asked if I would move down a seat. Immediately, I realized my predicament. If I moved, I'd be behind someone tall, with my vision of the screen blocked. I'd spend the film gazing through someone's head. I said no. The woman who had asked was taken aback, said so, and then moved on. Just as quickly, I found myself shocked by my own selfishness. Where had that come from? Was I really not who I thought I was? I discovered that there are hidden pieces of who we are that seldom come to light, and when they do, we cringe. If we are fortunate, the Lenten journey we begin on Ash Wednesday might reveal to us what it is that lives in our hearts. • Printed with reflection What can I do for Lent that may help me see myself more clearly?

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Reflect: What can I do for Lent that may help me see myself more clearly?



MONDAY March 3
 Weekday: **Sir 17:20–24 Mk 10:17–27**
TUESDAY March 4
 Weekday: **Sir 35:1–12 Mk 10:28–31**
WEDNESDAY March 5
 Ash Wednesday:
Jl 2:12–18 2 Cor 5:20–6:2 Mt 6:1–6, 16–18
THURSDAY March 6
 Thursday after Ash Wednesday:
Dt 30:15–20 Lk 009:22–25
FRIDAY March 7
 Friday after Ash Wednesday: **Is 58:1–9a Mt 9:14–15**
SATURDAY March 8
 Saturday after Ash Wednesday: **Is 58:9b–14 Lk 5:27–32**
SUNDAY March 9
 First Sunday of Lent
Dt 26:4–10 Rom 10:8–13 Lk 4:1–13



THANK YOU 02/16/2025	
<i>Grateful Givers</i> 	
St. Benedict Attendance: Adults 106 children 8	
St. John Attendance: Adults 66 children 19	
Church Offering	\$ 2,538.00
Food Pantry	\$ 40.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 345.00
Augustine Education Fund	\$ 25.00
	\$ 2963.00

**FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH,
 We pray to the Lord!**
 *Drew Sanbei
 *Marguerite Naito
 *Hank Silva *Miriam Janczak *Kelii Lovell,
 *Jerry Sheehan
 *Joevelyn Delas Reyes
 *Kathy Wood
 *Gwen Menchaca
 *Deb Reed, *Gloria Grapa
 *William Anderson
 *Elizabeth Awa
 *Johnny Koene

***St. Benedict doors are open
 Monday through Sunday
 7:00am-5:00pm**

At a Glance in March
 3/1-3/2 2nd Collection/Fr. Ely
 3/5 Ash Wednesday
 *7am St. Benedict *7 pm St. John
STATIONS. Thursdays 7:00 St. John
 Fridays 12:00 Noon St. Benedict.
 3/13 Fr. Ely Wake Mass 6:00, Hawi
 3/23 Restored Order
 Children's Confession
 3/25 Lenten Penance Service with
 private confession

Mass Intentions
Saturday
 4:00 PM Ginny, Safety & Health, Anniversary
 6:00 PM Mary Jo Ortwine
Sunday
 8:00 AM
 Jamie, Cody & Rose, Intention
 10:00 AM Grainno Niall Barry
 3/4-3/7/2025
 Tuesday 7:00 AM
 August P Johnson
 Wednesday 7:00 AM
 +Michael & Josephine Fontanarosa
 Wednesday 7:00 PM
 Kass Koele, Healingl
 Thursday 7:00 AM
 Sara Mantle Vanwyk, Special Int
 Friday 7:00 AM MPP
 Mass Request forms are available at the church entrance.. The usual stipend is \$10 or more. You may place it in the collection or mail to the office. You may also submit via PayPal through our website at: thepaintedchurchhawaii.org

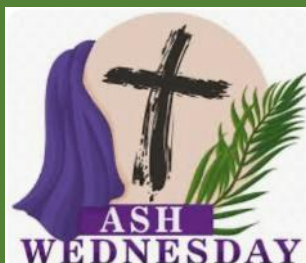
BUSINESS MANAGER Susan Keen
OFFICE SECRETARY Carolyne Craven
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Angie Tabieros
MUSIC DIRECTOR Ariel Hadap
 Choir Practice
 Wed. 5:30 St. John Church choirs for both churches
FOOD PANTRY
 Kenneth & Gloria Ciriako
 Tom & Vicky McLoughlin

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Luke 6:27-38, Sirach 27: 4-7 & 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58]

Ash Wednesday

[Matt. 6:1-6 & 16-18, , Joel 2:12-18, & 2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6.2]



Treasure Hunt

1. In the parable of a blind man leading another blind man, what does Jesus say will happen to both of them?
2. What is the hypocrisy Jesus points out in those who notice the splinter in their brother's eye?
3. To explain how good will bear good and vice versa, Jesus says, "For people do not pick _____ from thornbushes, nor do they gather _____ from brambles."
4. The "spirit" of Matthew's Gospel on *Ash Wednesday* is summed up in the word - h _____.
5. Ash Wednesday is a holy day of p _____, f _____, and repentance.
6. The phrase most commonly associated with *Ash Wednesday* is:
"Remember, _____ you shall return."

Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

-1- hate; -2- offer the other cheek, expecting repayment; 3- "for the measure with which (we) measure will in return be measured out to (us)"; -4- "Do to others as you would have them do to you."; -5- Saul was anointed by God; -6- By His sacrifice, we bear the image of the heavenly or spiritual One.

Treasure Hunt is created by Georgia Goeas and is printed with her permission to share with each of you!

Dear Padre

Does pregnancy qualify as an exemption from abstinence and fasting in Lent? Yes, it does. Just to be clear, abstinence is not eating meat on the Fridays of Lent and applies to Catholics over the age of fourteen. **On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are obligated to fast, that is, eat only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal.** In addition to children and elders, exemptions from these disciplines include pregnant or nursing women and the physically or mentally ill, including those with chronic illnesses, like diabetes. It is presumed that mature Catholics will seek balance and integration in the practice of the faith and will routinely make careful, informed decisions and apply them to spiritual practice. Obviously, being informed and aware of what the Church teaches, why the Church teaches something, and how it is to be applied and understood will only enhance a person's discernment. The health of an unborn baby is a clear responsibility and of the utmost importance. Maintaining a healthy and balanced diet during pregnancy and adjusting any habitual practices that may endanger the health of the baby should be a primary concern. While exempt from fasting and abstinence, a pregnant woman may want to observe Lent by adopting another penitential discipline, something that would do no harm to the baby but would still be in the spirit of Lent. • Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org
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DEAR VISITOR TO ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, THANK YOU FOR VISITING US TODAY! WE WISH YOU A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE AND THAT YOU LEAVE ST. BENEDICT'S, TODAY, REFRESHED IN SPIRIT AND WITH PEACE IN YOUR HEART!

SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH, IT HAS BEEN A CATHOLIC TRADITION TO OFFER A "MASS INTENTION". THIS IS A WAY OF REMEMBERING A PERSON AND LIFTING THEM UP IN PRAYER. YOU MAY ASK THE GREETER FOR A FORM AND ENVELOPE.



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Thank you for supporting our Parish!