

# **t. Benedict Parish**

## **St. John the Baptist Mission Church**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**08/31/2025**

### **Life Out of Focus**

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I found myself angry the other day, as we all do, I suppose, whenever we put our foot in our mouth, or forget about an important engagement, or scramble whatever it was we had hoped would be picture-perfect. What I had scrambled was a homily. For some reason, the image came out wrong, or the example did not fit, or it just did not come together the way I had hoped. And I was angry with myself to the point that it caught me off guard. It was an unexpected glimpse of what I didn't want to admit: the fact that the way people might perceive me as a preacher had taken on more importance than preaching God's word. Life had gotten out of focus. A perspective had been lost. It happens to us all in the course of our lifetimes, and more than once. Grades become more important than learning, or being right more important than the relationship, or the address of where we live more important than the people living together. It happens between parent and child when a parent places greater significance on the son's or daughter's profession than on that son's or daughter's happiness. Like in the parable of Jesus, where we sit at table takes on greater meaning than the people who gather or the meal that is shared. That is what pride does. It distorts what is real and shifts the focus of life to ourselves. The antidote? A prayerful awareness of who we are and who God is. •

**Reflect: What is more important to me than it should be?**

Processional: #761 Table of Plenty  
Mass Setting Music begins #195 including Eat this Bread  
Responsorial Psalm: # 993 God in Your goodness, You have made a home [a home] for the poor.

Presentation of Gifts: #732 Only This I Want

Communion: #829 Only This I Want

Recessional: #535 Change Our Hearts

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**Kealahou**

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

**\*St. Benedict**

**Saturday 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday 8:00 a.m.**

**Second Sunday Hawaiian**

**Mass 8:00 a.m.**

**\*St. John the Baptist**

**Saturday 6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m.**

**3rd Sunday Pohnpei Choir**

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

**St Benedict, Honaunau**

**7:00 a.m. Tuesday- Friday**

**PASTOR /Administrator**

**wquiamjot@rcchawaii.org**

**Rev. William**

**Quiamjot (kee-yam-hot)**

**Confession at St. Benedict**

**Saturday 10AM-12:00**

**Noon**

# Long Live the Humble and the Generous!

This Sunday, the Word of God invites us to reflect on the disastrous consequences of pride and the preciousness of humility. Pride was what cast Lucifer into hell. The ambitious desire to become like God was what brought Adam and Eve to ignore God's prohibition. Pride has caused so much suffering to millions of human beings all through human history. Its opposite- HUMILITY – brings joy, peace and encouragement to all. Humble people readily acknowledge that all the good qualities they have are gifts from God and that every success has its origin and support in Him. In this Eucharistic celebration let us ask for the grace to be truly HUMBLE. This will enable us to be GENEROUS and thereby become a source of blessings and happiness for so many of our brothers and sisters.

## First Reading from the Book of Sirach 3:17-18.20.28-29

Humility, eagerness to learn real wisdom, and generosity were virtues exalted by the wise people of old like Sirach. His advice is most appropriate even in our days, for the virtues he inculcates are timeless values.

## Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24

Jesus is the mediator of the New Covenant, the new relationship with God which is characterized not by fear, but by trust and communion with angels and saints.

## Gospel Luke 14:7- 14

Jesus is the perfect model of humility and generosity and wants all his followers to practice these virtues. The sight of people scrambling for places of honor gives him the opportunity to inculcate these virtues in the guests and in us.

**August 30-31, 2025**

**Mass intentions**

**SAT. 6:00 +Jerry Sheehan**

**SUN. 8:00 Elizaveta Popoloveb,  
re-entry into the USA**

**10:00 Nick Myers, healing**

**WEEKDAYS (no daily mass)**

**TUES> Jerry & Joyce Schumacher  
Anniversary, Spec. Intention**

**WED > +Brandon Russell Rnault**

**THURS> Misa Pro Populo**

**FRI> Jack and Mary Wilder,**

**Blessings for 50 years of Marriage**



## Stewardship of Treasure

**Thank you  
for your generosity!**

**Week of Aug. 24, 2025**

**\$ 1660.00 Collection**

**25.00 Maintenance**

**10.00 Food Pantry**

**1695.00 Total**

### Attendance

|              |            |           |
|--------------|------------|-----------|
| St. Benedict | 23         | 3         |
| St. John     | 92         | 15        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>125</b> | <b>18</b> |

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WHICH IS NOT PAYPAL, IT WILL  
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PAL. FUNDS ARE SENT DIRECT-  
LY TO CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT.**  
There are 2 options shown on our  
website, One option continues to  
be PayPal.

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**FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING , GRACIOUS LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...**

|                   |                       |                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| *Paul Ruskey      | *Carla Vonderahe      | *Mahina Kaupiko   |
| *John Sanchis     | Susan Keen            | *Kamala Galletes  |
| *Drew Sanbei      | *Hank Silva           | *Marguerite Naito |
| *Miriam Janczak   | *Joevelyn Delas Reyes | *Kathy Wood       |
| *Gwen Menchaca    | *Deb Reed,            | *Gloria Grapa     |
| *William Anderson | *Elizabeth Aw         | *Johnny Koene     |



Mahalo for everyone's continued help and support in raising funding for the parking lot! Of course we will continue to do what we can to support this huge project! Whether the Parking Lot Donation Envelopes (In the back of church) can help stretch out your gift to fit your budget or a one time contribution, thank you!

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS To follow [Jesus]...means "carrying one's cross": shouldering, like him, one's own burdens and those of others, making one's life a gift, not a possession, spending it in imitation of his own generous and merciful love for us. These are decisions that engage the totality of our lives.

HOMILY, ROME, SEPT 4, 2022



**St. Benedict and St. John Activity Calendar**

|                      |                                    |  |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Sept. 3, 2025        | 6:00 Building and Maint. Committee | <b>St. Benedict Lanai</b>                          |
| Sept 6, 2025         | 3:30 Blessing of Parking Lot       | 4:00 Mass <b>St. Benedict</b>                      |
| Sept 6, 2025         | 10 am                              | <b>St. John Hall</b>                               |
| Sept. 7, 2025        | 6:30am Holy Hour                   | 8:00am Mass <b>St. Benedict</b>                    |
| <b>Sept. 8, 2025</b> | <b>7:00am-5pm</b>                  | <b>Reopening of St. Benedict to Daily Visitors</b> |
| Sept. 9, 2025        | 7:00am Daily Mass Tuesday-Friday   | <b>St. Benedict</b>                                |
| Sept. 9, 2025        | 10:00-1:00 Vicariate Meeting at    | <b>St. Michael</b>                                 |
| Sept. 9, 2025        | 6:30pm Parish Pastoral Council     | <b>St. John Hall</b>                               |
| Sept.11, 2025        | 7am                                | <b>St. Benedict Devotion at St. Benedict</b>       |



**MON Sept 1**

Weekday

1 Thes 4:13-18

Lk 4:16-30

**TUES Sept. 2**

Weekday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11

Lk 4:31-37

**WED Sept. 3**

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Col 1:1-8  
Lk 4:38-44

**THUR Sept. 4**

Weekday

Col 1:9-14

Lk 5:1-11

**FRI. Sep. 5**

Weekday

Col 1:15-20

Lk 5:33-39

**SAT Sept 6**

Weekday

Col 1:21-23

Lk 6:1-5

**SUN Sept7**

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Wis 9:13-18b  
Phlm 9-10, 12-17  
Lk 14:25-33

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Treasure Hunt



[*Luke 14:1 & 7-14, Sirach 3:17-29, & Hebrews 12:18-19 & 22-24*]

1. The **THEME** of this week's readings is **h**\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Because Jesus was dining at the home of an important **P**\_\_\_\_\_, the people there were closely \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
3. What **lesson** did Jesus teach when He told the people the parable about the guests at a wedding feast?
4. **Who** should the host invite to future feasts?
5. According to the wisdom of Sirach (*First Reading*), what should one do if something is 'too sublime' for him? How about if something is 'beyond his strength'?
6. Among the ways St Paul described Mount Zion to the Hebrews, complete his words: 'the city of the \_\_\_\_\_,' the \_\_\_\_\_ Jerusalem' ... and 'the assembly of the \_\_\_\_\_ enrolled in heaven'.

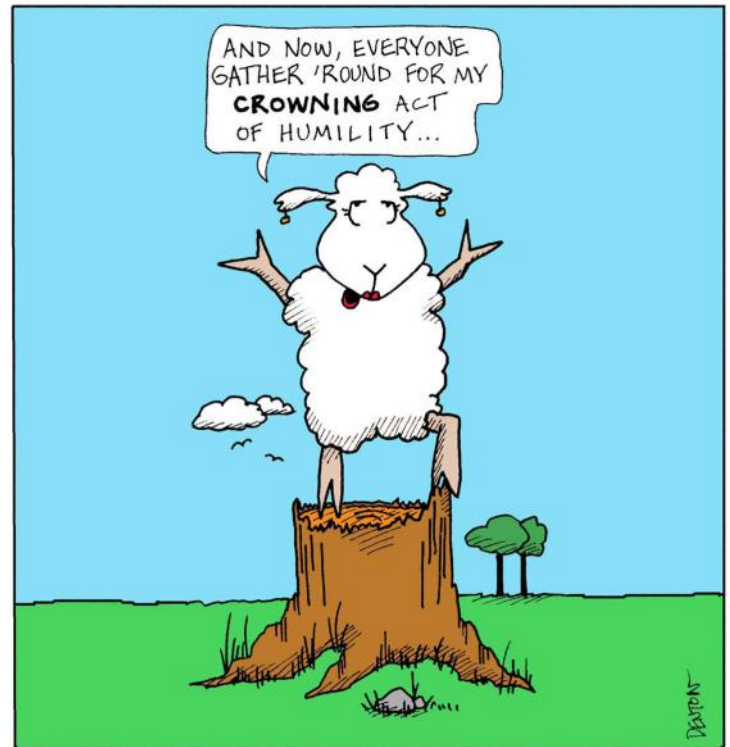
### Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt

#### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

-**1**- narrow, attempt, strong; -**2**- (B) Moses; -**3**- last, first; -**4**- nations, language, glory; -**5**- discipline,

DEAR VISITOR TO ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
ALOHA! 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.



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"Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,  
and you will find favor with God."

### Sheepish Question:

Who am I trying to impress?



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