

t. Benedict Parish

St. John the Baptist Mission Church

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

09/07/2025

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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

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Rev. William

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Confession at St. Benedict

**Saturday 10AM-12:00
Noon**



When Life Becomes Lose-Lose

There is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country's Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel's imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation. President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face. A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs. Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel's command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. **The question of "What would Jesus do?" is never without consequences. •**

Born Free

Today's readings are heartwarming, particularly the story of Onesimus. He was a slave, but he was called, through the ministry of St Paul, to the glorious liberty of the children of God. Paul, ever the free man despite his imprisonment, exhorted Philemon to do the right thing and recognize the freedom to which, not only Onesimus, but all of us, are called to, by God's will and love! We are born free! This is God's flawless and irrefutable design for us all. Let this Sunday Eucharistic celebration, be not only a reminder, but a recognition on our part, along with a deep commitment, for us all to go on growing in freedom . . . to be free to love and to obey God's commands, cost what might. It is not easy to love. That is why to love "the Jesus way" requires plenty of moral strength and a long apprenticeship. But this is the only way to be a real disciple of the Lord, for it is only through such a strong love that the Kingdom of God flourishes and we can attain authentic interior freedom. Today, let us ask for the grace to love Jesus above all, both in words and deeds.

First Reading from the Book of Wisdom 9:13-18

Among the many things that we do not know are God's plans and will. It is only through the gift of divine Wisdom that we can overcome such limitation and be in a position to please God with our behavior.

Second Reading from the Letter to Philemon 9:10.12-17

Slavery was a black stain in all ancient societies. By emphasizing the reality of "universal brotherhood in the Lord," St. Paul lays the foundation for the abolition of all forms of enslavement.

Gospel Luke 14: 25-33

Using hyperbolic language, Jesus emphasizes the stern demands of authentic discipleship. If one wants to follow him faithfully, one has to be totally detached from even the closest relatives, oneself, and material possessions.

September, 6-7, 2025

Mass intentions

SAT. 4:00 PM Suzanne Foti,
Healing, blessings, strength
SUN 8:00 AM Morgan -Yancey
Family
10:00 AM +Infant Yazzy Abaya

WEEKDAYS

TUES> Misa Pro Populo
WED> Those affected by wildfires
THURS> +George Klisures
FRI> +Nancy Luther



Stewardship of Treasure

**Thank you
for your generosity!**

Week of Aug. 30-31, 2025

\$ 1772.00 Collection
30.00 Maintenance
70.00 Food Pantry
\$ 1872.00 Total

Attendance

St. Benedict	21	5
St. John	91	10
TOTAL	112	15

NEW QR CODE FOR PARKING

LOT. THE DONATION OPTION, WHICH IS NOT PAYPAL, IT WILL LOOK DIFFERENT THAN FUNDS ARE SENT DIRECTLY TO CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT.

There are 2 options shown on our website, One option continues to be PayPal.

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



Processional: #827 Alleluia Raise the Gospel
 Mass Setting Music begins #195 including Eat this Bread
 Responsorial Psalm: # 996 In every age oh Lord, You have been our refuge.

Presentation of Gifts: #801 Unless a Grain

Communion: #671 On Eagles Wings

Recessional: #627 Rain Down

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In **Gaza**...children, families, and elderly are reduced to starvation. In **Myanmar**, new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives. Finally, war-torn **Ukraine** awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace. **We implore [Our Lady's] intercession** for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer.



MON. 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

TUES. September 9
 St. Peter Claver,
 Priest Col 2:6–15
 Lk 6:12–19

WED. September 10
 Weekday
 Col 3:1–11
 Lk 6:20–26

THUR. September 11
 Weekday
 Col 3:12–17
 Lk 6:27–38

FRI. September 12
 Weekday
 1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14
 Lk 6:39–42

SAT. September 13
 St. John Chrysostom,
 Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 1 Tm 1:15–17
 Lk 6:43–49

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

St. Benedict and St. John Activity Calendar

Sept. 7, 6:30am Holy Hour 8:00am Mass **St. Benedict**
Sept. 8, 7:00am-5pm Reopening of St. Benedict to Daily Visitors
 Sept. 9, 7:00am Daily Mass Tuesday-Friday **St. Benedict**
 Sept. 9, 10:00-1:00 Vicariate Meeting at **St. Michael (Focus this month- Buildng & Maintenance members)**
 Sept. 9, 6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council **St. John Hall**
 Sept.11, 7am Monthly St. Benedict Devotion at **St. Benedict**
Sept. 12 9am-10 am Food Pantry
 Sept. 13, 10 am Liturgy Committee Sept 13,
 Sept. 14, 8:00 Hawaiian Mass, Share Sunday
 Sept.. 22 6:30 Stewardship Committee St. John Hall



*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

Treasure Hunt



**[Luke 14:25-33, Wisdom 9:13-18
& Philemon 9-10 & 12-17]**

1. According to Jesus, what are the **stumbling blocks** that prevent people from coming to Him?
2. In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Whoever does **not** carry his own **c** _____ and come after me **cannot** be my **d** _____."
3. What **two** (2) **analogies** does Jesus use to make His point that "**calculating the cost**" of something must precede any action?
4. Jesus concludes His teaching by saying, "...*anyone who does not* **r** _____ *all his p* _____ **cannot** be My disciple."

As stated in the *First Reading*, **what** made it possible for us to "*know God's counsel*"?

In the *Second Reading*, St. Paul gives his "son", **O** _____ to the people so that the good they do will **not** be **f** _____ but **v** _____.

Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

-1- humility; **-2-** Pharisees, observing; **-3-** it is always best to be humble rather than embarrassed as an invited guest; **-4-** the poor, crippled, lame and blind; **-5-** seek it not, search it not; **-6-** living God, heavenly, first born.

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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"The corruptible body burdens the soul."

Sheepish Question:

What weaknesses frustrate my commitment to follow Jesus' way?



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