

St Benedict Parish

St. John the Baptist Church

January 25, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 8:23—9:3 / 1 Corinthians 1:10–13, 17 / Matthew 4:12–23 or 4:12–17

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do — rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who



have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us. We are cherished members of God's family.

What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His Good News to all those we meet — at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home — in other words, to live as His good stewards.

And there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait!

In this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "at once they left their nets and followed him." They put our Lord and His will first.

This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do — it's who we are.

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The Eucharist is a sacred meal!

I like to eat. Or, rather, I like to *dine*. There's a difference I am told, and I like the distinction. We eat to stay alive. So, most often, breakfast and lunch are a matter of eating—my main goal is to take in the necessary nourishment to stay alive. But supper is different. Then I prefer to dine, because I enjoy gathering with my community or going out with family or friends to share life together over a meal. There is conversation and friendship, as well as food and drink. It becomes an experience that is more than just fulfilling a biological need. It becomes a social event.

Jesus also liked to share meals with his disciples and friends. He even says that people called him a glutton. But he knew that in sharing a meal, people are participating in a life-giving event that builds community, as well as nourishes the body. Perhaps that's why we seldom like to eat alone, especially when we want to dine. But at its heart, the Eucharist is the sacrifice of Jesus offered to his Father in the context of a community meal. It is the Lord's Supper. And when we ritually remember that fact, Jesus makes his sacrifice present to us as food and drink for our life. So, it's not by accident that the Eucharist is a meal, for Jesus intended to feed us with his body and blood as true food and drink.

It was at the sacred meal of his Jewish faith, the Passover, that Jesus instituted the Eucharist as a memorial of his death and resurrection. He and his disciples were remembering the great saving event of the Passover when God saved his people by passing over the homes marked with the blood of the lamb and saved them from death. But Jesus gave the ritual new meaning and made it a remembrance of his own passing over to new life. He told us to "Do this in memory of me." And as often as we do, we continue his sacrificial offering to the Father and share in his meal.

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Mass intentions

January 1-124/25, 2026

SATURDAY

4:00 PM +Alex & Felicia Sacilowski

6:00 PM + John Mosh

SUNDAY

8:00 +Lauren Starcevich

10:00 Maria Dolores Spencer, continued good health at age 99

WEEKDAYS January 20-23, 2026

Tues. 7:00 AM Alexopoulos Family, Spec. Int.

Wed. 7:00 AM Misa Pro Populo

Thurs. 7:00 AM + Donald O'Keefe

Stewardship of Treasure Thank you for your generosity!

Jan. 17-18, 2026

Collection \$ 2117.00

Feast of the

Solemnity 70.00

Maintenance 260.00

Food Pantry 60.00

Total 2507.00

Attendance January 17-18 2026

St. Benedict 90 12

St. John 94 7

TOTAL 184 19

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Eucharist is also considered a sacrament of initiation. The life that was given in Baptism and strengthened in Confirmation is nourished in the Eucharist. And because we always need nourishment, Eucharist is an *ongoing* sacrament of initiation. Unlike the other sacraments of initiation, which can be received only once, the Eucharist can be celebrated and received many times throughout life, even daily.

FOR STRENGTH, PEACE
AND HEALING,
MERCIFUL GOD, HEAR
OUR PRAYERS.

*Wendell Sabarre
*Linda Alcain
*Nasi Fernandez
*Terrance Terada
*Hano Grace
*Craig Camello
*Pam Shultise
*Merla Kline
*Paul Ruskey
*Carla Vonderahe
*Mahina Kaupiko
*John Sanchis
*Kamala Galletes
*Hank Silva
*Miriam Janczak
*Joevelyn Delas Reyes
*Gwen Menchaca
*Deb Reed
*Gloria Grapa
*William Anderson
*Elizabeth Awa
*Johnny Koene
* Friends

Dear Padre,

Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4). When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong. However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

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Monday January 26

Sts. Timothy and Titus,
Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or
Ti 1:1-5 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday January 27

Weekday 2 Sm 6:12b-15,
17-19 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest
and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday January 29

Weekday 2 Sm 7:18-19,
24-29 Mk 4:21-25

Friday January 30

Weekday 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-
10a, 13-17 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday January 31

St. John Bosco, Priest
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk
4:35-41

Sunday February 1

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 1
Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

Looking ahead to February and Lent

Stations' garden planters: We appreciated all your time and efforts last year. After so much rain, could you schedule a time to weed and tidy up your gardens a bit before Lent begins?

Hawaiian Mass (Food Pantry share Sunday) St. Benedict 8:00 Feb. 8, 2026

Please watch for a collection container at all 4 MASSSES, The recipients who will come to the **Food Pantry** Friday, February 13th are very appreciative of your generosity.

Please Bring last years dried Palm branches, next week, to be burned for Ash Wednesday.

ASH WEDNESDAY Feb. 18. Mass St. Benedict 7 AM St. John 6PM

Every Friday of Lent, Stations of the Cross - St. Benedict

Feb. 20 at Noon. Outside, or if it rains, inside the church. Any groups or families are welcome to come any day.

The St. Benedict gate will be open from 6 o'clock AM to 6 PM during Lent.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Treasure Hunt

[Matthew 4:12-23, Isaiah 8:23-9:3 & 1Corinthians 1:10-13 and 17]

1. **What event** caused Jesus to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum?
2. According to Isaiah's prophesy, who are the people who "...sit in darkness (and) have seen a great light..."?
3. **What** was the **message** Jesus preached **aloud** to the people?
4. What **two** (2) "**treasures**" did the brothers, James and John, leave behind to follow Jesus?
5. As He went around Galilee, Jesus **t**_____ in the synagogues, **p**_____ the **g**_____.
6. In the *First Reading*, which **lands** were to be degraded by the Lord before He glorified the land west of the Jordan?
7. When St. Paul addresses the divisions among the disciples in the *Second Reading*, what are the **two** (2) **things** he asks of them to regain their focus on Jesus' death on the cross.

Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt

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-1- Lamb of God; -2-because he accepted the **Divinity of Christ** (three persons in one God); -3-T (true); -4- so that Jesus would be made known to Israel; -5- Holy Spirit; -6- "a light to the nations"; -7- grace and peace from God and Jesus Christ.

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



"Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Sheepish Question:

What recent occurrences have lifted my spirit and hope?

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2)

is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling. Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus' words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on "repent," or is the emphasis on the announcement, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand"? Does it make any difference? Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged. The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees" (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: "for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. By FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

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