



St Benedict Parish

St. John the Baptist Church

ZEP 2:3 – 3: 12-13; PS 146: 6-10; 1 COR 1: 26-31; MT 5: 1-12A

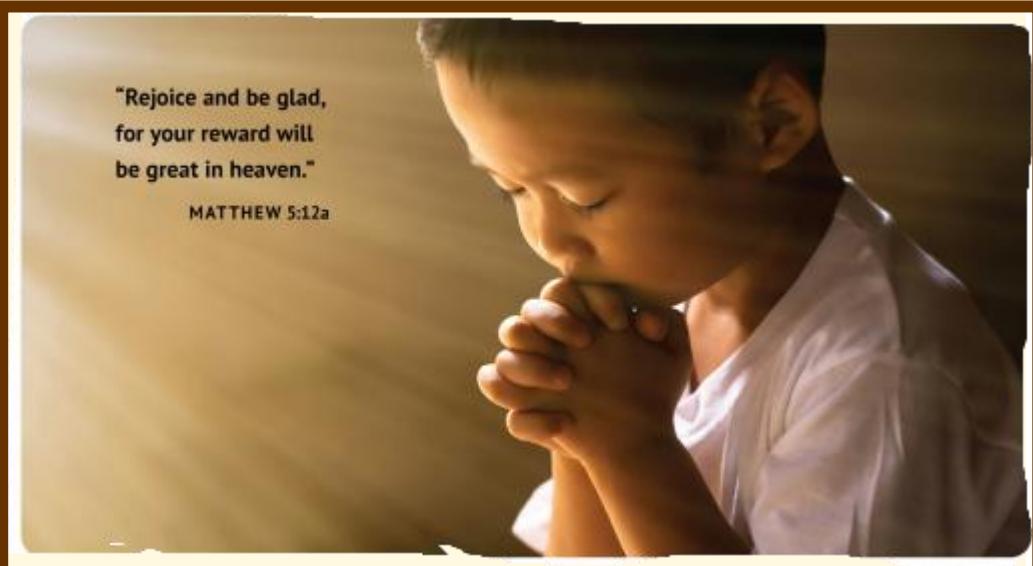
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

February 1, 2026

The New Evangelization

MIGUEL DULICK

This season of the Church we call "Ordinary Time" is full of Jesus' teaching about how to live our Christian lives. Today's readings are especially rich. When Jesus takes his place as the New Moses to deliver his Sermon on the Mount, he begins, fittingly, with a new version of the commandments, but instead of "Thou shalt not," they are blessings! And they are paradoxical; always a sign of the divine touch. The "poor in spirit" get the kingdom of heaven; mourners are blessed, for they shall be comforted. Now, who is supposed to do the comforting? We are. If the beatitudes are new commandments, we disciples are to obey them, even rejoicing in the blessing of persecution. What kind of people sign up for this? Saint Paul describes to the Christians in Corinth what kind of people God chooses: the foolish, the weak, the lowly and despised, the nothings of this world, to shame and confuse those who seem to run things. The wisdom of God seems like nonsense in a world where power reigns supreme. That sweet soul Zephaniah, author of today's first reading, saw the shift coming, from "don'ts" to "dos," from bossy to beatitude: "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land" □ LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY (Zephaniah 2:3). You will be "a people humble and lowly" who will pasture your flocks (and do the work God intends you to do) with "none to disturb" you (Zephaniah 3:12, 13). Sign me up for that! Used with permission by Liguori Publishers



"Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will
be great in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:12a

Reflect

How do Jesus' teachings work in the "real world"?

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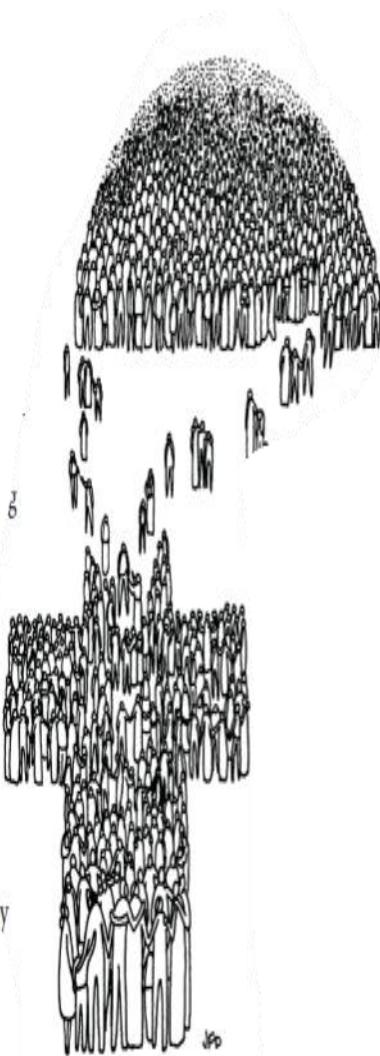
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People Who Needed to Hear Good News

These Beatitudes come at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount when Jesus went up a mountain and sat down to teach his disciples. Immediately before this passage, Jesus and his new friends had been traveling throughout Galilee, a poor area of the Middle East under the military occupation of the Roman empire and its brutal military. The people there were burdened by high rates of poverty and high taxes. Jews of those days owed triple taxes: to Rome, to Herod—the local king, and their religious Temple. They experienced tremendous rates of disease and infant and child mortality. Strict religious codes of the time excluded large segments of the population from day-to-day social interaction (women, children, foreigners, the sick and diseased, etc.).

Matthew tells us that in their travels Jesus was busily teaching and preaching the good news and “curing every disease and sickness among the people” (Mt 4:23).

Imagine someone leading a small group of students through an extremely impoverished area of a city where homeless, poor, mentally ill, and sick people are everywhere. Imagine that person unafraid to talk to, touch, and interact with such people. Imagine that person having the boldness to tell them that they are loved, that God has not forgotten them, and that they valuable. That's what Jesus had just done teaching the Beatitudes. That was the good news he was bringing to people whom the rest of society had forgotten or cast off. That was the hope he was preaching to others like him who were working for the poor and among the poor.



Mass intentions

January 31-February 1, 2026

SATURDAY

4:00 PM Missa Pro Populo

6:00 PM Amelia Leigh, special intention

SUNDAY

8:00 Colleen Gill, Patrick & Sean Gallagher, Protection and Strength

10:00 +James Essken

WEEKDAYS February 20-23, 2026

Tues. 7:00 AM +Pieter Boissevain & Steve Wilhelm

Wed. 7:00 AM +Monica Snyder

Thurs. 7:00 AM + Bill Ryan

Friday 7:00 AM Jessica & Felicia, Bright Future in God's Hands

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you for your generosity!

Jan. 24-25 2026

Collection \$ 1958.00

Feast of the

Solemnity 70.00

Maintenance 50.00

Food Pantry .00

Total 2008.00

Attendance January 24-25 2026

St. Benedict 77 6

St. John 92 25

TOTAL 169 31

1 Which line in the Beatitudes most speaks to you today? Why?

2 Who do you know (or know of) who is poor in spirit, mourning, meek, merciful, hungering for justice, etc who needs to hear—or perhaps be reminded of—the good news that they are blessed? Is there some way you can communicate that to them in the coming days?

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

*Wendell Sabarre
*Linda Alcain
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*Hano Grace
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*Deb Reed
*Gloria Grapa
*William Anderson
*Elizabeth Awa
*Johnny Koene
* Friends

The Gospel Reading for today is what is popularly called the Sermon on the Mount. Many think it is the absolute epitome of Jesus' teachings. To be sure it tells us how we are to live our lives, the attitudes we are to have. We must remember that those who were waiting and hoping for the Messiah expected a military leader, one who would lead them in battle against their oppressors.

In His Sermon on the Mount Jesus gives a more accurate perspective of Who He is. He begins what we call the Beatitudes (the word means "blessings") with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." In a sense we are all "poor in spirit." Without the guidance and strength provided us by the Lord there is no way we can escape this poverty of spirit, of spirituality, if you will.

That is why we often say that living God-centered lives is at the very core of stewardship. Being a disciple of Christ translates into being a steward of our many gifts and blessings. Some scholars believe that Jesus may have given this sermon often during His ministry. Those who followed Jesus and became the earliest Christians, the first members of the Church, were fond of quoting and referring to what the Lord said on this occasion. As stated, Jesus provides us with the secret of living a good life. If we rely on Him and follow Him, we will be blessed.

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Monday February 2
The Presentation of the
Lord Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-
18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday February 3
Weekday 2 Sm 18:9-10,
14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Mk
5:21-43

Wednesday February 4
Weekday 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday February 5
St. Agatha, Virgin and
Martyr Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12
Mk 6:7-13 Fr. Thomas M.
Santa,

Friday February 6 St. Paul
Miki and Companions,
Martyrs Sir 47:2-11 Mk
6:14-29

Saturday February 7
Weekday 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk
6:30-34

Sunday February 8 Fifth
Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt
5:13-16

LOOKING TO THE MONTH AHEAD

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.

Vicariate Meeting Tuesday Feb. 8th, 10:00-12 Lunch following
Stewardship Committee Meeting Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 6:30, St. John
Please Bring last years blessed dried Palm branches, to be burned
very soon for Ash Wednesday distribution.

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 between **6AM & 6PM** when **The St. Benedict gate will be open.**

We have 3 new Finance Council members. We welcome Kathy Jimenez, Glenda Sugi and Colette Borges to this vital Council.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Treasure Hunt

[Matthew 5:1-12, Zephaniah 2:3 and 3:12-13, & 1Corinthians

1. Matthew's Gospel, where did Jesus teach the Eight Beatitudes?
2. What is promised to "the meek"?
3. Who will be called "children of God"?
4. Why should the **blessed** "rejoice and be glad"?
5. In the *First Reading*, Zephaniah tells us three (3) things the "humble of the earth" seek. What are they?
6. T/F: There is a reference to shepherds in the *First Reading*.
- . In St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (1:26-31), for what reason did God "call" the foolish, the weak, the lowly and the despised?

Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-1- the arrest of John the Baptist; -2-the Gentiles of Galilee; -3- "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"; -4- their father and their boat; -5- taught, proclaiming, gospel; -6- Zebulun and Naphtali; -7- be of same mind and same purpose.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



The desire to work together for a common purpose reflects an essential reality: no one is Christian alone! We are part of a people, a body established by the Lord.... The Christian life is not lived in isolation.... It is lived with others, in a group and in community, because the risen Christ is present wherever disciples gather in his name. ADDRESS, ROME, JUNE 6, 2025

The closure of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome Jan. 6 marked the conclusion of a momentous year of spiritual renewal, learning and engagement for faithful in Hawaii and across the world.

After kneeling at the threshold in prayer, Pope Leo XIV secured the Holy Door — formally ending the Jubilee Year of Hope on the feast of the Epiphany.

"The holy door is closed, but the door of your mercy is not closed," the pope prayed during the ceremony, followed by the celebration of Mass.

For Bishop Larry Silva, watching Pope Francis open the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica on Dec. 24, 2024, and seeing Pope Leo close it earlier this month was one of the highlights of the special year.

"We must never stop growing in our faith, and the best way for us to grow in our faith is to share the faith with others," Bishop Silva said. "We pray that the special graces of the Jubilee Year will keep us faithful and zealous in our mission."

He said that he and many Hawaii Catholics made pilgrimages to Rome during the holy year. He even had a "blessed meeting" with the newly elected Pope Leo.

Hawaii Catholic Herald By Lisa Dahm

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