



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

REFLECTION ON READINGS FOR SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

[IS 11:1-10; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; ROM 15:4-9; MT 3:1-12](#)

On this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love.

This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us.

The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist, in our Gospel passage from Matthew. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior's arrival. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." There is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality.

How can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can, and should, go to Confession this Advent. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.

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 Kealakekua

WEEKEND MASSES

St. Benedict, Honaunau
 Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:15 a.m.
St. John the Baptist
 Kealakekua
 Saturday 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Benedict, Honaunau
 7:00 a.m. Tues., Thurs. & Friday
St. John the Baptist Kealakekua
 7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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TODAY'S READINGS

USCCB Daily Readings-

First Reading — ...for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. (Is 11:1-10)

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. (Psalm 72)

Second Reading — ...by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4-9)

Gospel - He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (MT 3: 1-12)

OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

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WEBSITE: thepaintedchurchhawaii.org

HOSPITALITY



ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME

We welcome all visitors this weekend, and hope you will enjoy being part of our liturgical celebration. If you are living here, we invite you to become a member of our parish family. You may register by coming to our Parish Office during the week or by calling us at (808) 328-2227. There are also registration forms at the entry of the church.

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”
Romans 15:7

WELCOME OUR LADY INTO YOUR HOME

This week Father Sieg will be commissioning the Carlo and Jane Mireles Ohana to take the “traveling statue” of the Blessed Virgin home where they will pray the rosary daily. If you would like to take part in this special devotion, please sign up at the back of Church.

“The family that prays together stays together.”
-Fr. Patrick Payton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father Sieg will be available to hear confessions 20 minutes before each of the weekend Masses or by appointment.

EUCARIST TO HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITALIZED

Call the office to make arrangements for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

*Thank God...
 for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist!*

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

The remaining Reconciliation Services in the West Hawaii Vicariate are:

Tuesday, December 10th—Annunciation, Waimea.
 Wednesday, December 11th—Sacred Heart, Hawi.
 All services will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Confession is a very important part of preparing room for the coming of Christ into our hearts, and allowing Him to draw us into deeper conversion. Prepare the way of the Lord!



FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

We continue with our Coffee, Snacks and Conversation Fellowship after Sunday Mass. It has been successful. We have the first and third Sundays at St. John Mission and 2nd and 4th Sundays at St. Benedict. Bring snacks if you want. Your joining in our fellowship can be part of your stewardship of time. Come, and be happy stewards!!

ENGLISH TUTORING OFFERED

Beginning January 27, 2020, Monday and Wednesday evening, ESL (English) classes will be given at Konawaena High School. See or call Georgia Goetz (895-0156) ASAP for information and a brochure.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED*

On the calendar below two cruise ships are listed. Wednesday 12/11 and Sunday 12/15. We are in need of greeters and tour guides. It’s Advent! Consider practicing the Stewardship of Hospitality...any hours between 9:30 am and 2:30pm on ship days.

COMING WEEK AT A GLANCE / PARISH CALENDAR						
MON 12/09	TUES 12/10	WED 12/11	THUR 12/12	FRI 12/13	SAT 12/14	SUN 12/15
Immaculate Conception HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Mass 7:00 am @ St. Benedict	7am: Mass St. Benedict Reconciliation Service @ Annunciation-Waimea 6:00 pm	7am: Mass St. John Mission Reconciliation Service @ Sacred Heart Hawi 6:00 pm *Cruise Ship: Pride of America	7am: Mass St. Benedict	7am: Mass St. Benedict	4pm: Mass St. Benedict 6pm Mass St. John Mission Liturgy Mtg. 11 am At St. Benedict	7:15am: Mass St. Benedict 9:30 am: Mass St. John Mission *Cruise Ship: Carnival Miracle



PRAYER

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



As a spiritual devotion to Mary, our Blessed Mother and the Patron Saint of the U.S., the Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary are prayed at

approximately 35 minutes before all weekend Masses at St. Benedict and St. John. Join in this powerful prayer to our Mother who intercedes for us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH FOR:

Phyllis Blank Leathhead, Rodney Crusat, Davies Lynn Carstens, Charles Tripoli, Dolly Primacio, Danny Burgess, Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Rob-in Crusat, Guy Miranda, Stephen Texeira, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, Keiki San Filippo, Chickie and Tony Dias, Michael and Lynne Suber, Bobbie and Eddie Navas, Theresa Flemming. Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Almighty God, we give You thanks, for You are the Creator of all life and goodness.

We praise You for the world You have made us to build up and enjoy.

Loving God, Help us to be faithful heralds of Healing and Hope. Grant us the awareness of the healing needs of those around us and the compassion to respond willingly to those needs. We ask this through Christ, Our Healer and Source of all Hope.

Amen.

PRAYER FROM ST. JOHN PAUL II Immaculate Virgin!

Your spotless spiritual beauty is for us a living source of confidence and hope. To have you as Mother, Holy Virgin, reassures us on the path of life as a pledge of eternal salvation. Because of this, O Mary, we have recourse to you with confidence. Help us to build a world where human life is always cherished and defended, every form of violence banished, the peace of all tenaciously sought.

FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE Faith Formation classes for all grades are from 10:45 am to 12:45 pm, St. John the Baptist Hall, every 2nd and 4th Sunday. Parents please meet with Fr. Sieg in the church.

Sunday, December 8th

Stay after 9:30 Mass to celebrate Mary, The Immaculate Conception. All parishioners are invited to join us in the Church for reflection and prayer.



Monday, December 9th Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at St. Benedict at 7:00 am

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

DEACON'S CORNER

Dcn. Craig Camello

If God is faithful, as today's celebration and the whole Advent season are telling us he is, that means he is worthy of our trust. God is faithful. He will not abandon us, and he will not lead us astray. In this world, this post-modern, post-Christian world, we need to have someone we can trust.

His Gospel is trustworthy, true and unchanging. His Church, through which he has promised to guide us until the end of time, never tires of reminding us about the truths, the top priorities, the milestones on the path to meaning, interior peace, and everlasting success. To obey his voice, expressed in the Ten Commandments, in our conscience, and in the Church's official teaching about faith and morality, is to put ourselves and our loved ones safely inside the only boat that is guaranteed to make it to the port of heaven. He will prove it once again by coming to us today in the Eucharist. When we receive him, let's thank him for his faithfulness; let's renew our commitment to trust in him by obeying his voice as we journey with Christ this Advent season. God Bless!



FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on **every 2nd and 4th Friday** of the month. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Food Pantry, with monetary or food donations, or volunteering your time. Next open for distribution on Friday, December 13, 2019.

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

December 14, 2019 —St. Benedict: Peter.

St. John: Susan Kim, Verna Tavares, Susan Morton, Linda Cadang. We appreciate all of you who labor faithfully to keep our churches clean.

MAHALO FOR YOUR FRUIT DONATIONS!!

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate fruit to our gift shop. We are grateful for all. The tourists love the abundance of your tropical farm produce. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Help your parish! It is high season for visitors. Come to the Painted Church and greet them. Remember the Pillar of Hospitality. Talk to Father or anyone on the Stewardship Committee or call the office. Bus tour days will be on the “week at a glance” schedule in the bulletin. That is when we really need your presence.

OUR MINI MINISTERS OF MASS MUSIC

The young people pictured above led the Mass music November 24th, the Children’s Mass, with guidance from Ariel Hadap, our Music Director. Left to right are: Isabella Bowen, Sophia Burgess, Jennifer Medina and Brad Lee Aoki. Good job, everyone!

Dear Padre,

December 8, 2019

An intellectual friend told me that she loves the great dogmas of Advent. I smiled and agreed, but I don’t have the faintest idea what she meant!

Dogma refers to Church teachings defined by an ecumenical council, including the pope, or by the pope alone acting as head of the Church. The magisterium, the Church’s teaching authority, tells us these must-be-believed truths have been divinely revealed to us. During Advent, we celebrate two dogmas: the immaculate conception of Mary, which we honor tomorrow, and the Incarnation, which includes the birth of Christ that we prepare for now. Both dogmas speak of God’s extraordinary connection with humanity. God specially gifted Mary because of her role in becoming the Mother of God. Mary, from the instant of her conception, was free from original sin. Her closeness to Jesus was established from the earliest moments of her existence. The dogma of the Incarnation is defined simply by St. John. “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (John 1:14). During the year, we first celebrate the Incarnation on March 25, at the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Scripture and Tradition hold that Jesus was conceived in Mary’s womb when she accepted God’s will by answering yes to the angel’s announcement that she would bear the “Son of the Most High” (Luke 1:32). During Advent, we eagerly anticipate the result of that Incarnation, Jesus’ birth. Dogmas can sometimes seem disconnected from our lives. The customs of Advent put an everyday face on the book definitions and remind us that God lives in our midst.

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