



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## Sunday December 15, 2019

### Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

**PARISH:**

**ST. BENEDICT, Honaunau**  
 84-5140 Painted Church Rd.  
 Captain Cook, HI 96704  
 Phone: 808-328-2227  
 Fax: 808-328-8482

email: [st.benedict@rcchawaii.org](mailto:st.benedict@rcchawaii.org)

**MISSION CHURCH:**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
 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

**PASTOR**

**Rev. Siegfred Dosdos**

**DEACON**

**Craig Camello**

**BUSINESS MANAGER**

**Susan Keen**

**OFFICE STAFF**

**Penny Burgess**

**GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE**

**Peter Estoy**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Edwina Fujimoto**

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT**

**Edwina Fujimoto**

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

**Ariel Hadap**

**FOOD PANTRY**

**Francisco and Debra Javar**



What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent? For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name: "Gaudete" Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a forty-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12 (just after the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), it was called "St. Martin's Lent." "Gaudete Sunday" was the Advent counterpart to "Laetare Sunday," which marks the midpoint in Lent.

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation.

Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink.

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

Today's Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, reflects this joy:

"Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

Copyright 2014, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. All rights reserved.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

*USCCB Daily Readings*

**First Reading** -Here is your God, He comes with vindication... [Is 35:1-6a, 10](#)

**Psalm** - Lord, come and save us. [Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10](#)

**Second Reading** -Make your hearts firm, ... the coming of the Lord is at hand. [Jas 5:7-10](#)

**Gospel** - "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" [Mt 11:2-11](#)

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

The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

**BULLETIN:** Articles and photos (with caption) for the bulletin must be emailed to [st.benedict@rcchawaii.org](mailto:st.benedict@rcchawaii.org) **Submission deadline: TUESDAY at 5:00pm.**

**WEBSITE:** [thepaintedchurchhawaii.org](http://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. Wynn Hanato-Smith was commissioned last week. 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!*

*Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.*

Philippians 4:4-5

## 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 Goegas (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.

**“If we would please this Divine Infant, we too must become children, simple and humble; we must carry to Him flowers of virtue, of meekness, of mortification, of charity; we must clasp him in the arms of our love.”**

St. Alphonsus de Ligouri Prayer to **Our** Lady of Perpetual Help

### COMING WEEK AT A GLANCE / PARISH CALENDAR

MON 12/16	TUES 12/17	WED 12/18	THUR 12/19	FRI 12/20	SAT 12/21	SUN 12/22
<p>No Masses</p> <p><i>Father’s Day Off</i></p>	<p>7am: Mass St. Benedict</p>	<p>7am: Mass St. John Mission</p> <p>*Cruise Ship: Pride of America</p>	<p>7am: Mass St. Benedict</p> <p>7pm St. John Prayer Group Meeting &amp; Food Prep. For Homeless</p>	<p>7am: Mass St. Benedict</p> <p>11:45—12:15 Serve Lunch at The Friendly Place</p>	<p>4pm: Mass St. Benedict</p> <p>6pm Mass St. John Mission</p>	<p>7:15am: Mass St. Benedict</p> <p>9:30 am: Mass St. John Mission</p>



## 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:

Chickie and Tony Dias, Phyllis Blank Leathhead, Rodney Crusat, Davies Lynn Carstens, Charles Tripoli, Dolly Primacio, Danny Burgess, Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Robin Crusat, Guy Miranda, Stephen Texeira, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, Keiki San Filippo, 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.

### AN ADVENT PRAYER

Joy-filled Giver of Life,  
Let the anticipation of your birth  
Fill us with overflowing joy.  
May our excitement and anticipation  
Be a sign to the world  
That you are always near.  
Amen.

## 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.

### CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH 460

The Word became flesh to make us "*partakers of the divine nature*":

78 "For this is why the Word became man, and the Son of God became the Son of man: so that man, by entering into communion with the Word and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God."

79 "For the Son of God became man so that we might become God."

80 "The only-begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that he, made man, might make men gods."

### DEACON'S CORNER

Opening Windows for Christ...How can we prepare to receive this new blessing that God wants to give us, just as Mary prepared the manger to receive the baby Jesus? The best thing we can do to prepare our hearts is to help someone else prepare their heart. Teachers always say that they only really began to learn when they had to teach. The spiritual life is similar. Our faith and friendship with Christ take on more depth and excitement the more we share them with others. Many of our friends, colleagues, and family members never knew or have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas. They have put Christ on the shelf. They no longer even think that true and lasting Christian joy is possible. But Jesus hasn't given up on them. He yearns to bring them back into his friendship and the family of the Church. A little extra generosity on our part, a little extra effort to go beyond the glitters of "season's greetings", a little extra prayer, a little reaching out to them - these are windows we can open into their lives so that Christ's grace can stream in and touch their hearts. We still have nine days before Christmas. We can open a lot of windows in nine days. If we try, Christ will surely help us - and reward us. Let the Joy of Advent continue in your hearts. God Bless!



-Deacon Craig Camello

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Help us adorn the Chapel in St. Benedict hall for the Nativity of the Lord. When Jesus was born the Magi brought expensive gifts to the Infant King. Can each family bring one poinsettia plant to prepare the hall for His joyous coming? Certain parishioners consistently donate beautiful flowers. It would be a blessing for them if we could all donate this time.

**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 27, 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.

**ASSIST THE HUNGRY 12/19—12/20**

On the third Friday of each month caring people in our parish take food for the homeless to The Friendly Place for lunch from 11:45 to 12:15. The lunches are packed the evening before by the Thursday prayer group. Saint Mother Teresa said “If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” If unable to assist them, they also will accept donations of sandwich makings, desserts, chips, drinks and bottled water. Call Ramona at 756-2943 to volunteer or donate.

*Dear Padre,*

**December 15, 2019**

**The Church is steeped in symbolism, tradition, and “living metaphors,” but it sometimes forgets common sense. Why smell up the church with incense? Why gussy up the Mass with horns, flutes, and guitars, at times turning holy Mass into a pseudohootenanny?**

The Mass is our high point of worship. All other sacred actions and activities of the Christian life “are bound up with it, flow from it, and are ordered to it” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 16). The dignity and importance of worshiping the Father in and through Christ at Mass is expressed in communion with fellow believers, and ideally through a full sensory experience with all our heart, mind, and soul. In short, if something is worth doing, it’s worth doing well—especially if “doing” opens us to the mystery of God’s presence through what we see, hear, smell, touch, and taste. “In the liturgy the sanctification of women and men is given expression in symbols perceptible by the senses and is carried out in ways appropriate to each of them” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [Sacrosanctum Concilium], 7). Not all Mass occasions call for “smells, bells, toots, and flutes,” but the visual beauty of the sacred surroundings, the sounds of sacred music, and the sacred words and actions that connect us to our traditions and to Christ’s memorial institution, are intended to elevate us in our collective prayer to God. At times, such a sublime experience of the transcendent may be inhibited by sheer practicality, efficiency, and mundanity! —Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

From Dear Padre: Questions Catholics Ask,  
© 2019 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Printed in USA. Imprimatur: “In accordance with CIC 827, permission to publish has been granted on June 27, 2019, by the Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis. No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from New American Bible, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. To order Liguori Sunday Bulletins, call 800-325-9521, or visit Liguori.org.

