



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday January 5, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord

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WEEKEND MASSES

St. Benedict, Honaunau

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:15 a.m.

St. John the Baptist
Kealahoukua

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 Kealahoukua

7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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A CHRIST FOR EVERY NATION

“Go back where you came from!” What if the Magi heard this when they came to the house where the Child was, and they heeded that deriding message? The “signs of the times” that they read told them a king had been born. They might not have known exactly where to look, but they knew what they were looking for, and they recognized that king when they found him. These righteous men were not Israelites, yet God revealed this great mystery to them. Furthermore, there is no indication that they eventually became Israelites. Rather, “they departed for their country” (Matthew 2:12). God really does not play favorites. Then how are we to understand the claim of being God’s Chosen People, whether ancient Israelites or the Christian community? What’s the point of being chosen if you are not the favorite? While acknowledging God’s special love for his Chosen People, both Isaiah and Paul answer this question.

The prophet claims that “nations will walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning” (Isaiah 60:3), and Paul says “the stewardship of God’s grace... was given to me for your benefit” (Ephesians 3:2). In other words, some have been chosen by God to bring the light of God’s love to others. The feast of the Epiphany celebrates two important realities—the revelation of God to all people and the responsibility to reveal that astounding mystery to others. The Magi personify both realities. They were men of another faith tradition to whom God revealed the mystery of the Incarnation, and they returned home and probably proclaimed to others the wonder of that mystery.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR REFLECTION ☞ *How respectful are you of the religious quests of others?* ☞ *In what ways might your life shine the light of God’s love on others?*

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading (IS 60: 1-6) ...all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (PS. 72:1,2,7,8,12,13)

Second Reading: the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body (EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6)

Gospel: ...they departed for their country by another way. (MT 2:1-12)

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 **Submission deadline: TUESDAY at 5:00pm.**

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 Penny Burgess to take the “traveling statue” of the Blessed Virgin home where she 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!*

JOYFULLY WE WELCOME...

Congratulations to Scarlet Jean Tripoli, daughter of Matthew and Kelley (Jean) Tripoli; to Zoey Laveni Lehua’alani Tupou, daughter of Brady and Noel (Tavares) Tupou; to Malina Maria Marlene Rolfzen, daughter of Joseph and Moana (Tavares) Rolfzen; to Maddox James Ramelb Yadao, son of WyethPaul and Jennifer (Ramelb) Yadao. These four children received the Sacrament of Baptism on December 29, 2019.



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 Goeas (895-0156) ASAP for information and a brochure.

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO...

...the family of Lavinia Alcain Denison, who passed away on December 12, 2019. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Benedict Church on January 11, 2020 at 10:00 am. Visitation will begin at 8:00 am with eulogy at 9:40 am.



*All the Holy Souls...
Pray for Us as We Pray for You*

COMING WEEK AT A GLANCE / PARISH CALENDAR

MON 1/06	TUES 1/07	WED 1/08/2020	THUR 01/09	FRI 1/10	SAT 1/11	SUN 01/12
No Masses <i>Father's Day Off</i>	NO 7 am Mass St. Benedict	NO 7 am Mass St. John Mission *Cruise Ship: Pride of America	NO 7am Mass at St. Benedict 7pm St. John Prayer Group Meeting	NO 7am Mass St. Benedict	4pm: Mass St. Benedict 6pm Mass St. John Mission	7:15 am Mass St. Benedict 9:30 am Mass St. John Mission



PRAYER

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

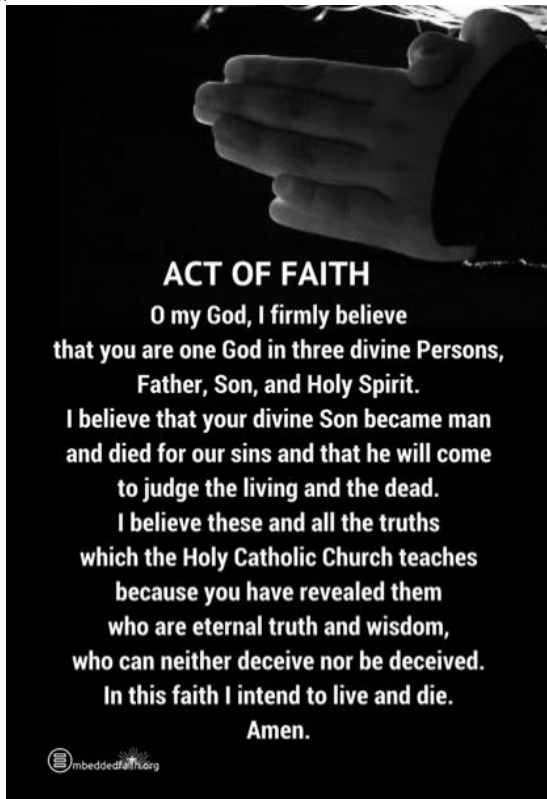


As a spiritual devotion to Mary, our Blessed Mother and the Patron Saint of the U.S., the Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary are prayed at approximately 35 minutes before all weekend Masses at St. Benedict and St. John. Join in this powerful prayer to our Mother who intercedes for us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH FOR:

Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Chickie and Tony Dias, Phyllis Blank Leathhead, Marya M., 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 Suber, Bobbie and Eddie Navas, Theresa Flemming. Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

"And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."
Matthew 21:22



ACT OF FAITH
 O my God, I firmly believe
 that you are one God in three divine Persons,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 I believe that your divine Son became man
 and died for our sins and that he will come
 to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe these and all the truths
 which the Holy Catholic Church teaches
 because you have revealed them
 who are eternal truth and wisdom,
 who can neither deceive nor be deceived.
 In this faith I intend to live and die.
 Amen.

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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. Next classes are Sunday, January 12, 2020. Parents please meet with Fr. Sieg in the church.

DO YOU ONLY PRAY WHEN YOU NEED SOMETHING FROM THE LORD? LEARN TO PRAY CREATIVELY!

9 WAYS TO PRAY

Try out these ways to pray, and then make those that you find most helpful a practice in your daily life!

The Newspaper Prayer

Look through a print or online newspaper to find a news article about an issue that affects your community or the world. Cut out (or print out) the article and bring it with you to a quiet place where you can pray. Think about how human dignity is affected by the issue or situation. Pray for God's healing and transformation for all people impacted, lawmakers, and others. Ask God how he is asking you to respond to this issue.

Becoming a Character in the Parables

Read slowly one of the following Gospel readings: John 5:1-15; Luke 8:40-56; Mark 1:40-45; or Mt. 20:29-34. Then read it again, imagining that you are the character in the story with whom Jesus interacts. Imagine how it would be to be in that character's place. How do you feel before you meet Jesus? How do you feel physically (what do all five senses experience in that time and place?), emotionally, and spiritually? What happens when you encounter Jesus? What is that experience like? Imagine every detail of the story. Next, imagine the story again in your mind, but this time, substitute a modern-day person, for example, someone who is homeless or a person who is sick with cancer or AIDS but has no health insurance. Let this exercise lead you into prayer for real people who are suffering in the world. Pray for justice and for realization of your role in making justice a reality.

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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, January 10, 2019.

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

January 4, 2020 —St. Benedict: Peter.
St. John: Wynn Hanato-Smith and Anastacia Abellera. We appreciate all of you who labor faithfully to keep our churches clean.

IF YOU ARE ABLE to join any of the church cleaning groups, or start a new one, please contact Ramona Ciriaco at 756-2943.
More volunteers are needed!

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 sharing is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!!

Mahalo, Shirley Abad, for generously keeping our Painted Church adorned with your beautiful arrangements of Protea blossoms! They are really fascinating for our visitors who have never seen anything like them. Just a brief side-note...these unique flowers have existed since prehistoric times with some estimates dating them to 300 million years ago. That is one of many facts that make the Protea so interesting. Job well done, Shirley!!

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 posted on the “week at a glance” schedule in the bulletin. That is when we really need your presence. We need to get serious about fund-raising for our treasured Painted Church, like giving one hour a day, or one day a week, or one week per month. Whatever you are able to do would be a tremendous help. The more, the merrier!!

Dear Padre,

January 5, 2020

What do we know about the Three Kings? Your question reminds us how much human tradition has embellished some of the events described in sacred Scripture. Historically, the name Magi designates members of an ancient Near Eastern priestly caste. In Matthew’s Gospel, they are presented as noble wise men and astrologers. The number three has long been associated with the Magi. However, the Gospel narratives never mention their number (though they did offer three gifts— gold, frankincense, and myrrh). Saint Matthew is also silent about their names. However, in the eighth century, Western traditions began calling them Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Other Christian traditions use different names. Though their gifts indicate they were from South Arabia, it’s doubtful that they represented particular nations or the major racial families. At the very least, the Magi represent the Gentile peoples coming from afar to find the true God in Jesus Christ. This contrasts with King Herod and Israel. Both neglected this manifestation of God’s presence in their midst. Astrology permeated ancient cultures, so it isn’t strange that astrologers appear in the Bible. The Church responded by “Christianizing” aspects of astrology. For example, the Church deliberately called Christ the “Sun of Justice,” thus replacing the pagan god Sol with one true God. In the fourth century, the Church placed the celebration of Christ’s Nativity on December 25, the birthday of the sun. We emphasize Jesus as the Light of the World and celebrate his feast every week on Sunday.

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