



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

Hurry Up and Wait!

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WEEKEND MASSES
St. Benedict Hall, Honaunau
 Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m.
 Sunday 10:00 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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We've all had this experience. We rush to get ready...and then we wait: at the doctor's office, for a train, at a restaurant. For what do we hurry up and wait this Sunday? Some might say we are waiting for the birth of Jesus. But today's readings don't say this. The first reading describes people waiting for relief from the guilt of their sinfulness. Paul talks about

waiting for "the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ" at the end time (1 Corinthians 1:7). The people in the Gospel are waiting for the return of the householder to settle accounts. There's no waiting for Christmas—yet. For what should we wait if not Christmas? Isaiah tells us to hurry up and change our lives of pettiness, selfishness, and arrogance, and then to wait for the graciousness of God to "rend the heavens and come down" (Isaiah 63:19). Paul tells us to hurry up and embrace "the grace of God bestowed on [us] in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:4), and then to wait for the final revelation of his glory. The Gospel tells us to hurry up, be alert and ready for Christ's return, and then to wait for it to happen. If we don't prepare ourselves for the coming of God in the reality of our own lives, we might not recognize this salvation when it

comes. We're not waiting for an event that happened in the past; we are waiting for the grace of God that is calling us into the future. So, hurry up and wait! —*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

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FOR REFLECTION

- ☪ If you are waiting for salvation, from what weakness or sin must you be saved?
- ☪ How are you readying yourself for that salvation to take root in your life?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands. [IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7](#)

Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

[PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19](#)

Second Reading: God is faithful... [1 COR 1:3-9](#)

Gospel: Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come [MK 13:33-37](#)

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

In compliance with Bishop Silva’s directives, our Masses are being held at St. Benedict Hall Chapel. Social distancing and masks are required. Due to limited space it would be best to arrive early. No one has been turned away yet, however more are attending each week. Thank you for your understanding.

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Bishop Larry Silva has issued the following directive, **“I am hereby extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation through December 31, 2020. As I do so, however, I urge everyone who is able to return to Mass, without undue risks to their health or the health of others, to do so.”**

SACRAMENTS

Funerals may now take place again in St. Benedict Hall Chapel according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses, i.e. following all health and safety precautions. Funerals at this time may not include visitation times, only the Vigil for the Deceased, a Funeral Mass and Committal may be held.

Baptisms may take place according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses. They will be done in such a way that the same water is not poured on more than one person or stored in the font after use.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

At this time Father Sieg is available for Confessions by appointment, observing all proper precautions. Call the office 328-2227.

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospitalized

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

CONFESIONS DURING ADVENT

There will be no communal penance service this Advent. Father Sieg will hear confessions on Saturdays from 3:30—3:50 p.m., Sundays 7:30—7:50 a.m. and 9:30—9:50 a.m. or by appointment.

LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASSES

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Oahu
Sunday: 10am (Bishop Silva) Mon—Sat: 12pm
<https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live>
St. Michael 9am English and 11am Spanish:
www.facebook.com/onecatholicohana/live or
YouTube channel: bit.ly/stmichaelkonayoutube

VERY IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS INFO

In order to accommodate as many parishioners and visitors at Christmas as possible, we need **every family, couple or individual to reserve your seating.** You can call or email the office. Also there will be a sheet at the hall entrance for your convenience. Ask the greeter. If any Mass fills up, some will be asked to change their choice—the earlier you reserve the better.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the South Kona Catholic Church, comprised of St. Benedict, Honaunau and St. John, Kealahou; united in the Baptism of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, are committed to grow in understanding of and live as the people of God. Together we seek to create a warm and loving community of the Lord in our Church and families. We affirm our faith in the Living Body of Christ and reach out to our brothers and sisters in our community to share the Good News.

A FAMILY ADVENT PRAYER

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

- Author Unknown

A NEW SEASON, A CONTINUING PANDEMIC

We want to take a moment to express how much we miss celebrating the Eucharist together as an entire parish family during this time of battling the coronavirus. We are strikingly reminded that “church” is not a building, but the people who make up the body of Christ. There’s little doubt in all our minds that this is not the way any of us imagined what our passing liturgical seasons would be like going forward. It’s been said “you don’t know what you have until it’s gone.” The thing that keeps us going is the realization that this will not last forever. We are deeply grateful for your presence at Mass, for your continuing stewardship, for your understanding and especially for your prayers. Stay safe, and God bless!



PRAYER

ADVENT PRAYER FOR MARY'S INTERCESSION

May the Virgin Mary help us to open the doors of our hearts to Christ, Redeemer of man and of history; may she teach us to be humble, because God looks upon the lowly; may she enable us to grow in understanding the value of prayer, of inner silence, of listening to God's Word; may she spur us to seek God's will deeply and sincerely, even when this upsets our plans; may she encourage us while we wait for the Lord, sharing our time and energies with those in need. Mother of God, Virgin of expectation, grant that the God-who-comes will find us ready to receive the abundance of his mercy. May Mary Most Holy, "Woman of the Eucharist" and Virgin of Advent, prepare us all to joyfully welcome Christ's coming and to celebrate worthily his sacramental presence in the mystery of the Eucharist.

-Pope St. John Paul II



A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And for all your love's sake. Amen.

-St. Augustine

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH, KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Teixeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, Rudy Crusat, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Chickie and Tony Dias, Robin Crusat, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess Jr., Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, Keiki San Filippo, Michael Suber, Eddie Navas, T.Kathy Flemming, Dottie Combs.

*Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.



PRAYER

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Thank God for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist!

CALENDAR

Monday NOVEMBER 30
St. Andrew, Apostle Rom
10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday DECEMBER 1
Advent Weekday Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday DECEMBER 2
Advent Weekday Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37

Thursday DECEMBER 3
St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday DECEMBER 4
Advent Weekday Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday DECEMBER 5
Advent Weekday Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday DECEMBER 6
Second Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8



"If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself."

-St. Augustine



**What
Advent Symbol
Am I?**

1. My life span is measured in mere hours.
When I am used, I am certainly devoured.
I can be quick or I can be slow.
A gust of wind is not my only foe.
2. I am woven from sprigs or from boughs of trees, to accent the purple and pink placed within me. My pine cones or berries are so becoming; a fitting preparation for Our Savior's coming.
3. I kindle hope, peace, joy and love—and the promise of eternal life from above.
The perfect shape—an unending circle. At my center rests our Christmas miracle.

This week you have three (3) riddles to solve. Together they make up this week's Advent Symbol. Please bring it to Mass next weekend, so that Father can bless it. If not, send (or bring) us a picture of it in your home.

GROW AS A DISCIPLE

Sometimes I grow nostalgic for the laid-back Advents of my childhood: making a list for Santa, digging into the perforated cardboard Advent calendar for chocolate for breakfast, and lighting the Advent wreath (fire!) each Sunday. We all know, however, that the season can quickly become usurped by things to do—shopping, family, cleaning, etc. Today's readings remind us that this is not what Advent is about. The tone in our Scriptures which begin the Advent season is not subtle. Isaiah asks God to return, to "rend the heavens and come down" - to save and deliver his people. The psalm is equally adamant: "Lord, make us turn to you." We, as a Church, are waiting for the fullness of the Kingdom on earth, and we must prepare.

Written by The Faithful Disciple



Dear Padre,

My husband of fifty years has no medical issues with his hearing, but he still doesn't listen to me in conversation. How can I feel heard?

I humbly suggest that your husband read this edition of "Dear Padre." You might leave this bulletin someplace where he will see it. "Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice," wrote Shakespeare in Hamlet. Likewise, the Bible reads, "Everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak" (James 1:19). Good listening skills require effort and discipline. Researchers say that only about 10 percent of us listen effectively. Generally, people hear only a fraction of what someone says. Moreover, during an emotional conflict, we tend to hear even less of what another is saying. Nevertheless, Pope Francis said, "We are called to meet others and listen to their life, their cry for help." He called listening "an act of love!" In other words, being available to listen to someone in need is an expression of charity, and being present to others—a spouse, a friend, the bereaved, for example—may actually speak louder than words. In conversations, people feel heard when their feelings are validated and restated by the listener. But often the listener finds it easier to give advice, fix the problem, or win an argument, than to actively hear what the speaker is trying to communicate. It's advisable to eliminate distractions when someone wants to engage in an important conversation. People don't feel heard when a listener's short attention span wants to resume watching television. Nor do they feel respected during a serious phone conversation while the click of a computer mouse or yawning is overheard!

Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org -Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT 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. Next open for distribution on **Friday, December 4, 2020.**

NOTE: In December the Food Pantry will be open only on the first and third Fridays—12/04 & 12/18.

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Romans 15:1