



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## December 12, 2021

### Third Sunday of Advent

#### Joy to the World

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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.**  
**St. John the Baptist**  
**Saturday 6:00 p.m.**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
**St. Benedict Hall, Honaunau**  
**7:00 a.m. Tuesday,**  
**Thursday & Friday**  
**St. John the Baptist**  
**Wednesday 7:00 a.m.**

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This is the Sunday of joy, **Gaudete Sunday**. In the first reading, the people are told to “Shout for joy” because “the LORD is in your midst” (Zephaniah 3:14– 15). The psalm response tells us to “cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and holy one of Israel” (see Isaiah 12). The second reading directs us to “rejoice in the Lord always” because “the Lord is near” (Philippians 4:4–5). In the Gospel,

we see that “the people were filled with [messianic] expectation,” even wondering “whether John might be the Messiah” (Luke 3:15). All John could say was that “one mightier than I is coming” (3:16). So today, what are we waiting for this Sunday and how is God present? We know that God is already present with us in many ways: in the Church and sacraments; in the lives of good people we know; in the depths of our hearts. And so, we rejoice. We also know that the story of salvation is unfinished. There are still so many evils from which we must be saved. When you think of them, what’s at the top of your list? We are eager for God to come into our lives anew to comfort us and strengthen us. We know we cannot do it alone. Even as we wait for the day of salvation to dawn, we rejoice for we know that it came before and will come again. That’s why we sing “Joy to the World.”

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*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

#### *For Reflection*

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- Think of a few ways you have experienced God’s goodness in your life. Rejoice and give thanks for these blessings.
- What are your hopes for the day of salvation?

#### **TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading:** The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior... **Zep 3:14-18a**

**Psalm:** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. **Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.**

**Second Reading:** Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! **Phil 4:4-7**

**Gospel:** The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” **Lk 3:10-18**

**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.**

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PRAYER

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DEVOTION TO OUR LADY



The appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego in December of 1531 is one of the most amazing and powerful events in human history. The miraculous image she left behind continues to confound scientists and inspire believers 490 years later. The image on the tilma was able to do what, up to that time, the Spanish missionaries were not able to do significantly. That is, to

clearly explain Christianity to the indigenous Aztec people. The proof is in the fact that after the apparitions, eight million natives of Mexico converted to Catholicism from 1531 to 1538. Her feast day is December 12th. This year it falls on Sunday so the liturgy so the liturgical readings will be of the Third Week of Advent.

*Pray the Rosary*

**PRAYER FOR HEALING**

Think, O' God, of our friends who are ill, whom we now commend to Your compassionate regard. Comfort them upon their sickbeds, and ease their suffering. We beg for deliverance, and submit that no healing is too hard if it be Your will. We therefore pray that You bless our friends with Your loving care, renew their strength, and heal what ails them in Your loving name. Amen.

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

Tamo Wong, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, Cheryl Ono, Michelle Paopao-Skillern, William Anderson, Lionel Gaspar, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Mary Bunao, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Charles & DeeDee Tripoli, Danny Burgess Jr., Linda Adkins, Guy Miranda, Keiki San Filippo, Dottie Combs. \*\*\*Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing 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** DECEMBER 13  
St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a  
Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday** DECEMBER 14  
St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Zep 3:1-2, 9-13  
Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday** DECEMBER 15  
Advent Weekday Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25 Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday** DECEMBER 16  
Advent Weekday Is 54:1-10 Lk 7:24-30

**Friday** DECEMBER 17  
Advent Weekday Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17

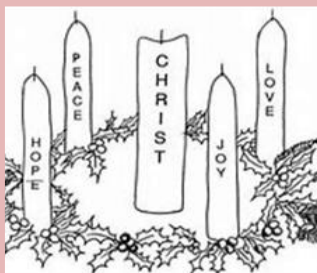
**Saturday** DECEMBER 18  
Advent Weekday Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25

**Sunday** DECEMBER 19  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10  
Lk 1:39-45



**“BE HUMBLE,  
BE SIMPLE AND  
BRING JOY  
TO OTHERS.”**

- St. Madeline Barat -



## Third Sunday of Advent Treasure Hunt

December 12, 2021

**Our Advent Treasure Hunts help us to prepare for the coming of Our Lord on Christmas.**

1. Today is \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday and the **pink** candle that is lit is called the \_\_\_\_\_ Candle to recall the announcement of the “Good News” to these men in the darkest hours of the night.
2. The evergreen branches of the Advent wreath symbolize e \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_.
3. **T/F:** John the Baptist’s message in this week’s Gospel is one of **social justice**.
4. John the Baptist affirms, “I am baptizing you with \_\_\_\_\_, but one mightier than I is coming...He will baptize you with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”
5. In his letter to the Philippians 4:4-7, St. Paul entreats all of us to \_\_\_\_\_ for “The Lord is near”

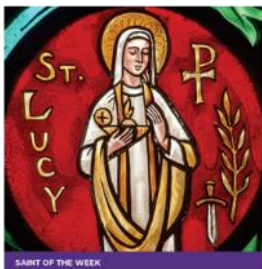
**BONUS:** December 12 is the Feast Day of \_\_\_\_\_ who appeared to a peasant boy in 1531 enjoining him to convince the archbishop to construct a shrine for her on Tepayac Hill.

**Answers to last week’s Treasure Hunt**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**

**1**– purple, prayer(4); **2**– voice, desert; **3** - Prepare, straight; **4**– Emmanuel, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”; **5**– T; **BONUS:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**  
**SAINT LUCY**

**Feast Day December 13**  
**c. 284–304**



This saint, venerated by Christians since her own time, likely was martyred in Sicily, probably during the persecutions of Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruled 284-305. Legends about Lucy include a rejected suitor denouncing her as a Christian and miracles that saved her

from life in a brothel, from being burned at the stake, and from having her eyes plucked out. Another legend says she bled to death after her throat was cut. Lucy, whose name suggests light, is among the saints listed in the canon of the Mass; she is the patron saint of electricians and ophthalmologists, and Christians pray for her intercession regarding diseases of the eyes.

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## Dear Padre,

I recently moved to a parish that includes a large Mexican community that’s known for their annual **posadas** event. **What is that?** Las posadas, a nine-day novena preparation for the celebration of Christmas, begins December 16 and ends Christmas Eve. Posada is Spanish for “inn.” The ceremony remembers Mary and Joseph’s trip to Bethlehem and their difficulty finding a place to stay. Posadas are celebrated in many ways, but the traditional celebration involves a group of people, the “pilgrims,” going to several houses, knocking on the door, and asking for posada. The pilgrims sing the part of Joseph as he explains their situation and asks for a place to stay. The people inside sing back that they have no room and that the pilgrims should just move on. On the last night, the people in the last house recognize that Mary is the Queen of Heaven and that the child she carries is the Savior of the World. They invite the pilgrims inside and hold a prayer service that may include a Scripture reading or the rosary. The celebration ends with food and singing. This tradition is more than a folksy reenactment of Joseph and Mary’s search for lodging—it’s a solemn dramatization by women and men who believe God searches with them, a touching ceremony that can help Christians today see the real needs of those who live without the security of a home, health insurance, or a steady job.

- Fr. Patrick Keyes CSsR

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## SERVICE

### ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is **normally** open on the **2<sup>nd</sup>** and **4<sup>th</sup>** Fridays of each month, from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Please take note that the final December distribution will be on **Friday, December 17, 2021**, and the Food Pantry **will not be open on the 4th Friday, December 24.**

### TIME—TALENT—TREASURE



**Thank you** to Scott and Angie Effertz for a generous donation. They have given the new lawn mower pictured here with Father Sieg behind it. Both Father and the Parish are deeply grateful for such a needed gift.

Mahalo!!