



St. Benedict Catholic Church

January 2, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord

Your Light has Come!

Many traditional religions have in some way ascribed divinity to light—either they claim that light emanates from a god or that light itself is divine. This is probably because light is a primal necessity, essential for life. We find such thinking in today’s readings. “Your light has come” (Isaiah 60:1) says today’s Old Testament reading. This is Isaiah’s glorious message for the people of Jerusalem. The city had been destroyed; the people scattered; the future looked bleak. This message must have filled the people with hope. Not only does light bring them hope, but the light actually streams from their God. It is the Lord who shines, bestowing his radiance upon them. This light is filled with promise. The story of the Magi is not meant primarily for children who delight in moving figurines of the three kings a bit closer to the stable every day. This is an adult story about inner darkness and enlightenment. The strangers, ignorant of ancient Israel’s traditions, were able to read the signs of the times. Because of their openness, they found the Light of the World. The learned men of Jerusalem were well-schooled in the ancient promises, for they knew where to send the strangers. However, they felt threatened by these signs. They closed their minds and hearts to any omens that might imperil their positions of privilege. They had a chance to benefit from this new light, but they turned their backs on it.



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Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
St. John the Baptist
Saturday 6:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
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Thursday & Friday
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For Reflection

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- ☼ *What is your attitude toward new ways of understanding your faith?*
- ☼ *Pray that all people will be open to read the signs of the times.*

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading: Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. Is 60:1-6

Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

Second Reading: ...the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body...Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: ...magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” 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.

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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. We welcome all to celebrate The Eucharist with us.

BISHOP SILVA ENDED THE DISPENSATION

from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which had been in effect since mid-March, 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

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.

LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASS

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace-Oahu
Sunday: 10am; Mon-Sat: 12pm Sat: 5pm.
<https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live>

When you have made
A good confession,
You have chained up the devil.

-St. John Vianney

A PRAYER FOR THIS NEW YEAR

Heavenly Father, for this coming year
Just one request I bring.
I do not pray for happiness or any earthly thing,
I do not ask to understand the way you lead me;
But this I ask—teach me to do the thing that pleases
You.

I want to know Your guiding voice,
To walk with you each day.

Heavenly Father,
Make me swift to hear and ready to obey;
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be,

If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleases You.

-Anonymous

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US In celebrating the FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO DE CEBÚ

January 16, 2022

At St. Michael the Archangel, Kailua-Kona
2:00 pm—Assembly

4:00 pm—Mass



TRIDUUM FOR SANTO NIÑO

January 13, 2022, 7:00 pm @ St. John the Baptist

January 14, 2022, 7:00 pm @ St. John the Baptist

January 15, 2022, 7:00 pm @ St. John the Baptist

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[The Lord] is our light: a light that does not dazzle but accompanies and bestows a unique joy. This light is for everyone, and it calls each one of us....At the beginning of each day we can welcome this invitation: arise, shine, and follow today—among the many shooting stars in the world—the bright star of Jesus!



ANGELUS ON EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017



PRAYER

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DEVOTION TO OUR LADY

THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary. . .

V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary. . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Almighty God, you are the only source of health and healing. In you there is calm, and the only true peace in the universe. Grant to these, your children, an awareness of your presence, and give us perfect confidence in you. In all pain and weariness and anxiety, teach us to yield ourselves to your never-failing care, knowing that your love and power surround us, trusting in your wisdom and providence to give us health and strength, when your time is best; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 & Dee-Dee 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 mo-
ment receive You sacra-
mentally, 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 JANUARY 3
Christmas Weekday 1 Jn
3:22—4:6 Mt 4:12—17,
23—25

Tuesday JANUARY 4 St.
Elizabeth Ann Seton, Reli-
gious 1 Jn 4:7—10 Mk
6:34—44

Wednesday JANUARY 5
St. John Neumann, Bish-
op 1 Jn 4:11—18 Mk 6:45—
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Thursday JANUARY 6
Christmas Weekday 1 Jn
4:19—5:4 Lk 4:14—22a

Friday JANUARY 7 Christ-
mas Weekday 1 Jn 5:5—
13 Lk 5:12—16

Saturday JANUARY 8
Christmas Weekday 1 Jn
5:14—21 Jn 3:22—30

Sunday JANUARY 9 The
Baptism of the Lord Is
42:1—4, 6—7 or Is 40:1—5,
9—11 Acts 10:34—38 or Ti
2:11—14; 3:4—7 Lk 3:15—
16, 21—22



“Do not be
slothful
in zeal,
be fervent
in spirit,
serve the Lord.”

Romans 12:11



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Treasure Hunt

1. What Greek word (meaning “a shining on”) describes the **Manifestation**, or the “shining” of God on Jesus’ divinity?
2. What is **another name** we use to refer to the Magi?
3. The Magi’s long journey, the treasured gifts they bestowed, and their adoration of the Christ Child, is a recognition that Jesus is indeed the King of _____.
4. **T/F:** The Feast of Epiphany was established and celebrated **BEFORE** Christmas was celebrated.
5. In addition to the adoration of the Christ Child, what **TWO LUMINOUS MYSTERIES** are also encompassed in the Season of Christmas?

Answers to last week’s Treasure Hunt
The Nativity of the Lord & The Holy Family

1– mass; **2**– genealogy, Word, Light; **3**– Gloria; **4**– The finding (of Jesus) in the Temple; **5**– model/exemplar, Love;
BONUS: The Incarnation

SAINT OF THE WEEK FEAST DAY JANUARY 4
SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON 1774–1821



Raised Episcopalian in colonial New York City, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a merchant. The couple had five children. William died in 1803 in Italy, where Elizabeth learned about Catholicism from the family who gave her hospitality. Wars had

bankrupted the family’s shipping business. After becoming a Catholic in New York in 1805, the now-poor Elizabeth was abandoned by old friends, but accepted the offer of a Baltimore priest to open a school for girls there. In 1809 she founded the U.S. Sisters of Charity, whose schools and orphanages grew in number. She became the first native-born U.S. saint in 1975 and is the patron of converts.

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"Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, 'it will be happier...'"

- Alfred Lord Tennyson



How is Twelfth Night related to Christmas?

Twelfth Night is another name for the Epiphany, which traditionally occurred on January 6, the twelfth day after Christmas. Since the 1980s, United States Catholics have celebrated the Epiphany on the first Sunday after January 1, which is why we’re celebrating it today instead of Thursday. Liturgical celebrations are distinguished as solemnities, feasts, and memorials according to their importance. The two greatest solemnities, Easter and Christmas, continue for an octave (eight days). Since the octave of Christmas runs from December 25 through January 1 (the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God), it’s not affected by the transfer of the Epiphany celebration. Christmas is the great gift-giving day in the United States. In other cultures—for example, the Latino community—the anticipation and excitement of gift-giving is saved for Epiphany, the day the Magi brought their gifts to Jesus. We often complain about how frenzied Christmas is—how much shopping, wrapping, and baking there is to do. But Christmas should be a time of worship and acknowledging the gift God gave us by sending his Son. Epiphany, on the other hand, is made for celebration, gift-giving, going all out. Perhaps someday we can return to the traditions of Epiphany and restore Christmas as a day of rejoicing and worship.

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SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, from 9:00 to 10:00 am. The next distribution will be on January 14, 2021.

A Prayer for the Virtue of Humility

**Lord Jesus, when you walked the earth,
Your humility obscured your Kingship.**



**Your meekness confused the arrogant,
hindering them from grasping your purpose,
your nobleness attending to the destitute.**

**Teach me to model after your eminence,
to subject my human nature to humility.**

**Grant me with a natural inclination
to never view myself greater than anyone.**

**Banish all lingering sparks of self-importance
that could elevate me greater than you.**

Let my heart always imitate your humility.

-author unknown