



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday November 24, 2019

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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

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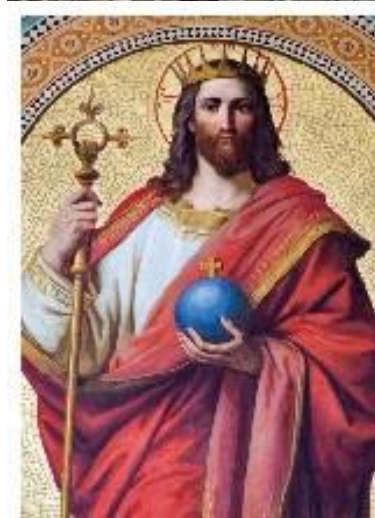
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FOOD PANTRY

Francisco and Debra Javar

**The Cross: Altar and Throne**

In his Gospel, St. Luke, the good doctor, often brings in kingly themes related to Christ's crucifixion. He does this to highlight that Jesus fulfilled the Jewish belief that the Messiah would unite the three important leadership roles—priest, prophet, and king. The inscription the Romans nailed to the cross above Jesus' head inadvertently supports the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy—he was indeed the King of the Jews. He was also the priest who offered his body as a sacrifice for the Chosen People: "It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people" (John 18:14). He is both the priest offering obedience to the Father, but he is also the victim who is offered on the altar of the cross. The cross is altar and throne because, as well as priest and victim, Jesus also is the king reuniting his kingdom under God the Father. In so doing, he undoes the sin of Adam, which had been the cause of this division. Jesus' final prophetic words, "It is finished," means he has fulfilled his mission as priest, prophet, and king from the throne of the cross. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1047) sums it up when it says that as king and high priest, his sacrifice is total, universal, and definitive. Now all of God's creatures, man and beast, both natural and in the heavens, can return to the one from whom they came forth and who declared each one good.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David is anointed king of Israel (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalms — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — The Father delivered us to the kingdom of his beloved Son (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel — The repentant criminal receives Jesus' promise of Paradise (Luke 23:35-43).

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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

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 Jim and Karen Sacilowski to take the “traveling statue” of the Blessed Virgin home where they will pray the rosary daily. If you would like to take part in this special devotion, please sign up at 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.

EUCHARIST 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 Dakota Millan Davis, daughter of David Davis and Leizyl Millan. Dakota received the Sacrament of Baptism on November 17, 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

Our church is very fortunate to have a special parish member who is willing to do tutoring for anyone who needs help in learning English. If you would like to have help in learning English, contact the office and leave your name and phone number.



COMING WEEK AT A GLANCE / PARISH CALENDAR

MON 11/25	TUES 11/26	WED 11/27	THUR 11/28	FRI 11/29	SAT 11/30	SUN 12/1
No Mass <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	7am: Mass St. Benedict	7am: Mass St. John Mission *Cruise Ship: Pride of America	7am: Mass St. Benedict HAPPY THANKSGIVING	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:

Bill Myers Sr., Dolly Primacio, Danny Burgess, Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Robin Crusat, Guy Miranda, Stephen Texeira, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, Keiki San Filippo, Chickie and Tony Dinas, 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 VOCATIONS

O Father, you desire all of us to be happy. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many men and women. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves, their lives, their time and their talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord and Savior and to His Holy Church. May more men and women go forth as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith to all others so that soon they, too, may know You better and love You more...and serving You, be truly happy. Amen.

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES...

...for the family of Dominga Abara Guillermo, who passed away on November 4, 2019. There will be visitation on Friday 11/29 at St. Benedict Hall beginning at 4:00 pm. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 11/30 at 10:00 am, also at St. Benedict. Burial will be at Kona Memorial Cemetery following the Mass.



FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION –THIS WEEK

RE Faith Formation classes for all grades are this Sunday from 10:45 am to 12:45 pm, St. John the Baptist Hall. Parents please meet with Fr. Sieg in the church. **Advent Retreat** for grades 2 thru 12 on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at St. Michael the Archangel Church from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please register your children.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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DEACON'S CORNER

Accepting the Gift of the Cross...

Our King's throne is a cross. It is through Christ's obedience unto death that he untied the knot of Adam's disobedience, and reopened the gates of heaven to the fallen, sinful human race. How can we thank our Lord for such a gift? There is only one way, by following him through those gates. But if he opened the gates by dying on the cross, then we can only go through those gates by climbing onto the cross with him. At Calvary, where Jesus was crucified, Christ teaches us what he meant when he proclaimed, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23). Today during the celebration of this Eucharist, we will become mysteriously, sacramentally present at the crucifixion. As we watch with eyes of faith, we will be in the presence of our King, hanging on his throne. As we kneel before him, let's give him the joy of knowing that he did not die in vain, and let's give him the joy of accepting his gift of salvation by accepting the gift of our cross.



-Deacon Craig Camello

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 13, 2019.

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

November 30, 2019 —St. Benedict: Peter.

St. John: Maryann Mariano and families. We appreciate all of you who labor faithfully to keep our churches clean.

...and please take note

Our cleaning teams need help! Your help by coming on Saturday mornings will surely lighten up the load. Call Ramona to find out which teams need you.

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.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in today’s special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Dear Padre,

Why was the notion of kingship so important to Jesus and his disciples? Didn’t the rulers of the day oppress Israel? You’d think they would have distrusted the Jesus-as-king idea.

Although the idea of kingship is not very important to our modern thinking, it was very important to Israel. In the early years of the Hebrew nation, the population wanted to strengthen itself politically and militarily. The people went to Samuel, their leader, and begged him to appoint a king so that Israel could be the same as other nations (1 Samuel 8:4–5). In response, Samuel appointed Saul as Israel’s first king. In Israel, the king became the prime instrument of God. David, the shepherd, was considered Israel’s greatest king. Later, that area came under the harsh domination of foreign powers—the Persians, the Macedonians, and ultimately, Rome. Many of these empires exercised their power by appointing a king, often a foreigner, to rule locally. Since both the people of Israel and the early Christians understood the notion of kingship and recalled the glory days of David and Solomon, they developed a divinely inspired theology of the king as God’s saving instrument. The theme of Jesus as king and prime instrument of God runs through the New Testament, reaching its fullness in Jesus’ victory over death and his ascent to power at the right hand of the Father. In the Gospels, Jesus preaches that the kingdom of God is now in our midst. The good news is that all of us can enter this kingdom (Mark 1:15).

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TO HELP OTHERS.
IT HAS FEET TO HASTEN
TO THE POOR AND NEEDY.
IT HAS EYES
TO SEE MISERY AND WANT.
IT HAS EARS TO HEAR
THE SIGHTS AND SORROWS
OF MEN.
THIS IS WHAT LOVE LOOKS LIKE.
-ST. AUGUSTINE**