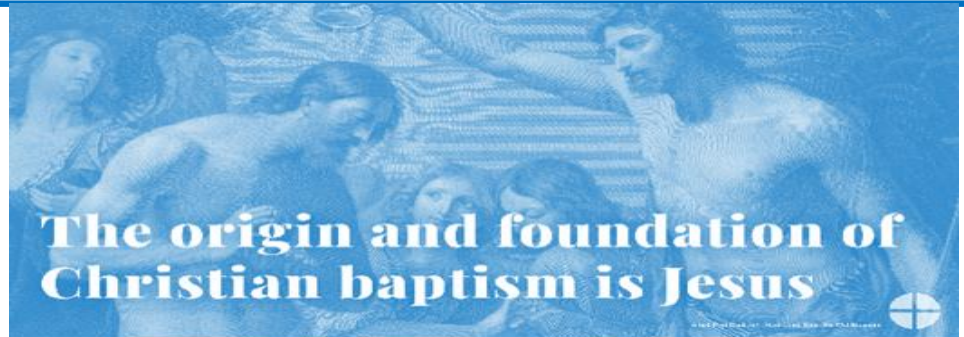




St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday January 12, 2020

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



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MISSION CHURCH:
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
 Kealakekua

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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Who has not been asked, at the dawning of young adulthood, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Today there are so many options for both girls and boys. How does one decide? Money and security are very tempting, as are fame and reputation. And then there is the other side of the story when, in the quiet of our thoughts later in life, we wonder if we became everything we might have been. Did we choose the right path or the easy one? Did we rise to the occasion when life challenged us or did we stay where it was comfortable? Did we really grow up or did we just get older? Today we cross the threshold of Christmastime and step into Ordinary Time when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciples do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start anew. The readings place two models before us—the servant in Isaiah and Jesus at his baptism. Filled with the Spirit of God, Jesus is now ready to go out into the world to proclaim God’s love and mercy and to give evidence of that love and mercy in the way he treats others. The servant in the Isaiah reading was also filled with the spirit of God in order to “bring forth justice to the nations” (Isaiah 42:1). By baptism, we, too, are filled with God’s spirit. How are

we going to use it? What do we want to be when we grow up?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR REFLECTION: ☑ What can you do to make your part of the world a better place? ☑ Look within yourself. To what might God be calling you?

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading: I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice... [IS 42:1-4, 6-7](#)

Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace. [PS 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10](#)

Second Reading: ...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, [ACTS 10:34-38](#)

Gospel: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” [MT 3:13-17](#)

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 John Dodds to take the “traveling statue” of the Blessed Virgin home where he 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 Alekah Obra Garcia, daughter of Johnson Garcia and Clarissa Baruelo Obra Garcia. Alekah received the Sacrament of Baptism on January 5, 2020.



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

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO...

...the family of Alberto Alcain Duterte who passed away on December 23, 2020. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 18, 9:00 a.m., at St. John the Baptist Mission Church. Visitation will begin at 7:30 a.m.



*“Blessed are those who mourn,
 For they shall be comforted.”*

Please take note!

As ushers and gift shop greeters, your stewardship of time and talent can be put to good use on the cruise ship dates shown below.*

COMING WEEK AT A GLANCE / PARISH CALENDAR						
MON 1/13	TUES 1/14	WED 1/15	THUR 01/16	FRI 1/17	SAT 1/18	SUN 01/19
No Masses <i>Father's Day Off</i>	7 am Mass St. Benedict 7 pm St. John's Stewardship Meeting	7 am Mass St. John Mission *Cruise Ship: Pride of America	7am Mass at St. Benedict <u>NO</u> St. John Prayer Group Meeting	7am Mass St. Benedict	4pm: Mass St. Benedict 6pm Mass St. John Mission *Cruise Ship: Carnival Splendor	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.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, Jesus, we ask for your love and mercy on those who are facing illness on this day. Please bring healing and comfort to their bodies and their spirits. Lord, may they find peace and calmness in the awesome power of your love. In all things, may your will be done. Amen.

PRAYER TO GOD-THE FATHER OF ALL LIFE

Eternal God, You have revealed Yourself as the Father of all Life. We praise You for the Fatherly care which You extend to all creation, and especially to us, made in Your image and likeness.

Father, extend Your hand of protection to those threatened by abortion, and save them from its destructive power. Give Your strength to all fathers, that they may never give in to the fears that may tempt them to facilitate abortions.

Bless our families and bless our land, that we may have the joy of welcoming and nurturing the life of which You are the source and the Eternal Father. Amen.

FAITH FORMATION

**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!

- #1 The Newspaper Prayer** (Bulletin of 1/5/2020)
- #2 Becoming a Character in the Parables** (Bulletin 1/5/20)

#3 Journaling

Read slowly the following quote and write in your prayer journal about what strikes you about the quote and how it relates to you personally. Pray for understanding and the grace to respond to God's call.

"Living our Baptism to the full... also means not accustoming ourselves to the situations of degradation and misery that we encounter as we walk along the streets of our cities and towns... We become accustomed to brothers and sisters sleeping on the streets, who have no roof to shelter them. We become accustomed to refugees seeking freedom and dignity, who are not received as they ought to be. . .Lent comes to us as a providential time to change course, to recover the ability to react to the reality of evil which always challenges us.

Lent is to be lived as a time of conversion, as a time of renewal for individuals and communities, by drawing close to God and by trustfully adhering to the Gospel. In this way, it also allows us to look with new eyes at our brothers and sisters and their needs." - *Pope Francis, General Audience, 3/5/14*

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"And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

Matthew 21:22

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 24, 2019**.

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

January 18, 2020 —St. Benedict: Peter.
St. John: Damon & Heather Ogata and Marjorie Fujimoto. 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.

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. Listen when God speaks to you!

JOIN US AND CELEBRATE SANTO NINO

Feast day: January 18, 2020
Celebration: 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
Location: Sacred Heart Church
55-3374 Akoni Pule Hwy
Hawi, HI 96719

For more information, please call (808) 889-6436



What does holy water do, and why is it near the entrance to the church?

Blessed water is a sacramental—a sign of spiritual effects and favors from God. The Church admonishes us to use sacramentals, like holy water, crucifixes, and rosaries, with reverence and respect. Water is full of mystery. Although material, it can express something spiritual. It cleanses us from filth and impurities; therefore, water is a symbol of interior cleansing and purifying. It also symbolizes life. The scarcity of water in many regions, including the Holy Land, gives it special value. What’s more, water is necessary for the existence of all plants, animals, and people. In Matthew’s Gospel, John the Baptist baptized with water as an outward sign of inner sorrow for personal sins. In the sacrament of baptism instituted by Christ, we are washed completely and born again of water and the Spirit. Water here symbolizes the grace of God washing away our sins, purifying our souls, and giving us new life in Christ. The custom of placing a holy water font near the church doors is quite old. As you enter a Catholic church, making the sign of the cross with holy water reminds you of your baptism and of cleansing yourself before you approach God’s presence. As you leave, bless yourself again and recall that baptism has marked you for eternal life. When we bless ourselves with holy water, we do it “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

In baptism, your life was already immersed in the mystery of the Trinity and you belong to Jesus. And if one day you should be taken by fear, or you think that evil is too great to be challenged, simply consider that Jesus lives within you. —GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017



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