



*St. Benedict Catholic Church*  
*Sunday November 22, 2020*  
*The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,*  
*King of the Universe*

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**MISSION CHURCH:**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
Kealahou

**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**  
**Kealahou**  
**7:00 a.m. Wednesday**

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**Our Shepherd King**

The prominent image for God in today's readings is the shepherd. This might be an unfamiliar image for city dwellers, but it is a very rich religious image. The Bible tells us that early Israelites were herders, so they know a lot about shepherds. They knew that shepherds follow the wandering of their sheep and attended to their needs—not the other way around. They knew that shepherds lived with their sheep in the hills for long periods, away from family, friends, and the comforts of life. They knew that shepherds helped birthing and dying. They knew that all of this is a messy, smelly business, and no job for the fastidious. Many nations of the ancient world, Israel included, thought of their kings as shepherds of the people—leaders who should be willing to do for their people what the shepherd does for the sheep. This explains why, on the feast of Christ the King, we represent our king as a shepherd rather than a victorious military commander, as many kings are. But more than this, throughout his life—at his passion and death, and now in his risen glory—Christ cares for us and leads us as a shepherd does. He embraces the messy, smelly reality of life. He is a shepherd-king, intent on our needs, searching for us when we seem to be lost. How comforting it is to know he carries us on his shoulders. —*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA* © 2020 Liguori Publications • Liguori, MO 63057-9999

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“The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries, and oppression; the reign of Christ is a “kingdom of justice, love and peace.” For a Christian, speaking of power and strength means referring to the power of the cross, and the strength of Jesus’ love: a love which remains steadfast and complete.”

**-Pope Francis**

ANGELUS, SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING, NOVEMBER 22, 2015

**FOR REFLECTION**

☪ Recite today's responsorial psalm slowly and thoughtfully.

☪ Which images of Psalm 23 touch you the most?

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** "...I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats." [EZ 34:11-12, 15-17](#)

**Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. [PS 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6](#)

**Second Reading:** The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [1 COR 15:20-26, 28](#)

**Gospel:** He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left... [MT 25:31-46](#)

**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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# 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.

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*In the sacraments we discover the strength to think and to act according to the Gospel.*

*-Pope Francis*

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/onecatholicohana/live) or  
YouTube channel: [bit.ly/stmichaelkonayoutube](http://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 may be asked to change their choice—the earlier you reserve the better.

## 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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## AS THIS PANDEMIC GOES ON...

We are so thankful for the cooperation of all our parishioners, for your patience and understanding as the months pass. We remain grateful for your generosity, and we ask that you please continue to support St. Benedict and St. John the Baptist Churches to the extent you are able.

Your many prayers and sacrificial generosity toward St. Benedict Parish throughout the years have always been appreciated, but particularly during this difficult time in our lives. Please know that each of you remain in our daily prayers as well. Stay safe!



PRAYER

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DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



Prayer to Mary for the Souls in Purgatory

Immaculate Mary, Queen of Heaven, hear the cries of your suffering children in purgatory and in this month of the Holy Souls, we ask that you intercede for them at the throne of God. See in them, dear Mother most faithful, the suffering of your Divine Son Who gave Himself for their salvation. Remember His poignant and bitter Passion and Death, and see in them the suffering that He endured. With faith and confidence, O Mother of Mercy, we pray that you will obtain their release from such suffering, so that they, in union with you and all the Choirs of Heaven, may contemplate the Beatific Vision in heaven forever. Amen.

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.



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 23 Weekday Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday NOVEMBER 24 St. Andrew DūngLac, Priest, and Companion, Martyrs Rv 14:14-19 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday NOVEMBER 25 Weekday Rv 15:1-4 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday NOVEMBER 26 Weekday Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a Lk 21:20-28

Friday NOVEMBER 27 Weekday Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2 Lk 21:29-33

Saturday NOVEMBER 28 Weekday Rv 22:1-7 Lk 21:34-36

Sunday NOVEMBER 29 First Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37



GOD LOVES US AND HE TELLS US SO IN HIS WORD.

MEDITATE ON HIS PROMISES!



**Role Models of  
Thankfulness  
from Holy Scripture**

1. I was by no means perfect, but all my life I loved and depended on the Lord. In my Psalm of Lament (#6), I begged God to deliver me from distress. He answered me. Grateful for and trusting of His Ways, I ruled His people.
2. I didn't heed my calling at first. Instead, I boarded a ship to avoid preaching to the wicked. A lesson learned the hard way, I uttered my prayer of thanksgiving, "Salvation is of the Lord," from the belly of a fish.
3. I literally lost my senses before setting upon a new path. As a bearer of The Good News, my words are prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord for His workings in our lives. On Thanksgiving Day, pray with me in gratitude for the work the Lord is doing through, with, and in all of us.

Before shifting our "Treasure Hunt" focus from Saints to Advent, let's search this week for role models of Thanksgiving in the Bible. Write your answers on a piece of paper. Bring it to Mass. (Include your name.) Or, email your answers to the church.



*All the Holy Souls...  
Pray for Us as We Pray for You*



Catholic  
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*Dear Padre,*

**Today we celebrate Christ the King. Why isn't this changed to "Christ the Lord"? The notion of "king" seems outdated.**

Christ the King is not the easiest concept to get close to and celebrate. Kings, queens, and monarchies aren't part of our cultural heritage. With the current penchant for cutting celebrities and politicians down to size, a king or queen wouldn't fare well. With the turmoil of England's royal family, we frequently witness the demythologizing of the world's monarchies. Christ's kingship obviously cannot fall into any of these woeful categories. Christ came to establish a different kind of kingdom, the kingdom of God, and that in itself puts Jesus on a different plane than all other concepts of earthly monarchies. Jesus came to proclaim God's reign, God's rule, in the manner in which God the Creator and Maker of all wants things to be. We, however, are fiercely independent and freedom-conscious people. We don't want anyone telling us what to do. We want to participate in all decisions. We resent being pushed around by anyone. And that's fine. But in this case of God's kingdom, we have nothing to fear. God's power is to serve and give life, not to exploit or corrupt. God's kingdom is the redemptive presence of God. Whenever people love one another, forgive one another, bear one another's burdens, and work to build a just and peaceful community, God's redemptive and liberating presence is being manifested. That is the kingdom and kinship we celebrate.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSSR

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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, November 27, 2020.**

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

**MAHALO FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!**

**Thank you** to all parishioners who have helped with our current needs for lectors and ushers (we need more ushers!) and we are also grateful for your donations of Clorox wipes, hand sanitizers, etc. Mahalo!