



St. Benedict Catholic Church
Sunday December 27, 2020
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Family Values

Some of the most popular television programs depict family interactions. Unfortunately, many of these families are dysfunctional, and those that are not often appear to be vapid, boring, even unrealistic. Today's readings offer examples of genuine family values and the kind of relationships for which most people yearn. Sirach describes the tender care that bonds parents and children. First it is the parents who care for the children. Over the years the roles reverse and adult children care for elderly parents. The family is the basic community, where one first learns the hard lessons of unselfishness and forgiveness. The psalm response also describes a model family. The husband will experience success in his work and enjoy the blessings of family life with his wife and their children. Paul provides a list of values to which family members should commit themselves: "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another" (Colossians 3:12-13). Finally, the Gospel reading provides a glimpse into the lives of the Holy Family. Here they are: a refugee family with Joseph as the protector. In a way, these are all "holy families." Prayer is important in the first reading; fear of the Lord is rewarded in the psalm; Paul calls the people "God's chosen ones" (Colossians 3:12). This feast is not meant to be only a look into the past at the Holy Family. It is an opportunity for us to look into the present and do our part to make our own families holy. -Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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FOR REFLECTION
 ☪ What already makes your family holy? ☪ What might make it holier?

"As the FAMILY goes, so goes the NATION and so goes the WHOLE WORLD."

Pope St. John Paul II

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading: ...he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. [SIR 3:2-6, 12-14](#)
Psalm: Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. [PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5](#)
Second Reading: ...and over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. [Col 3:12-21](#)
Gospel: "Now Master, you may let your servant go in peace..." [LK 2:22-40](#)

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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.

WEEKDAY MASSES
St. Benedict, Honaunau
7:00 a.m. Tues., Thurs. & Friday
St. John the Baptist
Kealahakua
7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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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 - NEW -

Bishop Larry Silva has issued the following directive, “I am extending the [Sunday Mass] dispensation through Tuesday, February 16, 2021, the day before Ash Wednesday ... I would urge all our parishioners who can safely do so to return to worship at Sunday Mass.”

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.

I urge you with all the strength of my soul to approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible. Feed on this Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles.

-Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

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 or
YouTube channel: bit.ly/stmichaelkonayoutube



PRAYER FOR STRENGTH IN THE NEW YEAR

Lord, we ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you. In Jesus Name, Amen.

A Christmas Message

This Advent Season I have prayed that each of you would find time to reflect on your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Whatever it is that we desire, whether we realize it or not, our *ultimate* desire is, and must be, Jesus Himself. For this reason, we are filled with joy and consolation at Christmas to know that all that we have hoped is fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child. In the midst of current challenges and concerns, the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son. With the angels in Bethlehem, we rejoice and sing: “Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!” We recognize that true peace on earth flows from our love of God and neighbor.



May Jesus, bless you, your families and loved ones at this joyful time of hope and grace. May Mary, Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our beloved St. Benedict Parish, always.

Fr. Sieg



PRAYER

A PRAYER FOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER'S INTERCESSION

O Heavenly Father, through Your Most Holy Mother, hear our prayers in preparation for the coming year. We pray for the Catholic Church and Her children. Soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Your friendship; grant peace to our country and peace throughout the world; bless our friends and families.

Mary, Mother of God, Pray for Us!

WORLD DAY OF PEACE JANUARY 1, 2021

Prayer of St. Benedict XVI

To the Queen of Peace, the Mother of Jesus Christ "our peace" (Eph 2:14), I entrust my urgent prayer for all humanity at the beginning of the year . . . to which we look with hearts full of hope, notwithstanding the dangers and difficulties that surround us. May Mary show us, in her Son, the Way of peace, and enlighten our vision, so that we can recognize Christ's face in the face of every human person, the heart of peace!



A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Dear Jesus our Lord, We ask you to have mercy on all who are sick. Give them your strength and your love, and help them to carry their cross with great

faith in you. May their sufferings be one with yours. Help them to overcome the power of evil, and lead others to our Father in heaven. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer, for you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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

Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, 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, Keiki San Filippo, Michael Suber, Eddie Navas, Dottie Combs.

*Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.



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 28
Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 2:13—18

Tuesday DECEMBER 29
Christmas Weekday 1 Jn
2:3—11 Lk 2:22—35

Wednesday DECEMBER 30
Christmas Weekday 1
Jn 2:12—17 Lk 2:36—40

Thursday DECEMBER 31
Christmas Weekday 1 Jn
2:18—21 Jn 1:1—18

Friday JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Nm 6:22—27 Gal 4:4—7 Lk 2:16—21

Saturday JANUARY 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22—28 Jn 1:19—28

Sunday JANUARY 3
Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1—6 Eph 3:2—3a, 5—6 Mt 2:1—12



Satan's greatest weapon is man's ignorance of God's Word.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT THOMAS BECKET 1118—1170

Feast Day December 29



A London-born clerk to Archbishop Theobald of Canterbury, Thomas studied canon law abroad and was ordained a deacon. His support of Henry II's claim to England's

throne led to his appointment as royal chancellor. He was the king's great friend until 1162, when, as the new archbishop of Canterbury, he said he changed from being "a patron of play-actors and a follower of hounds, to being a shepherd of souls." He and the king clashed over many issues, notably the jurisdiction of ecclesiastical courts. Thomas fled to France for six years; soon after his return, Henry's wish to be rid of this troublesome prelate led to Thomas' murder by four knights. This medieval martyr starred in two modern plays: Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" and Anouilh's "Becket."

Q: What's the difference between a priest and a doctor?

A: One deals with matters of life and death. The other is just concerned with the health of the body.

Dear Padre,

Why does the Church celebrate the Holy Family? Jesus doesn't seem to be much of a family person. Scripture show him ignoring—even rejecting— Mary and Joseph.

Jesus grows in age and wisdom, it becomes clear that he hasn't come to build up his own little family but to create a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the father of everyone in the family, with Jesus and all others as brothers and sisters. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father. As Jesus said: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you" (John 15:9). The roles of Mary and Joseph in this new family of Jesus were not to be only earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God's purpose. Both Mary and Joseph accepted God's path for them, even though they didn't know where the path would take them. In the new family of God, we are people who seek out and follow God's purpose in our lives. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God's direction. Jesus said this quite plainly: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). The will of God becomes the cornerstone of Jesus' new, universal family of humankind. Every Christian family, then, has a double task in raising their children: teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and to always seek God's will.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR

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ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

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May the Holy Family be a model for our families, so that parents and children may support each other mutually in adherence to the Gospel, the basis of the holiness of the family.

—Pope Francis, December 29, 2019

