



St. Benedict Catholic Church

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

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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.

St. John the Baptist
Saturday 6:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Benedict Hall, Honaunau
7:00 a.m. Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday
St. John the Baptist
Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

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Birth Day

Our birth day is not the anniversary of our birth—that is our birthday. Our birth day is the actual day of our birth. However, we do have a second birth day and it is this day to which this Sunday's readings refer. We might call it our final birth day, the day when we are born into fulfillment. Jeremiah assures us that will be the day when God's promises will be fulfilled in us. We will finally have a righteous leader; the nation will be safe, and the place where God dwells amid the people will be secure. In the Gospel, Jesus is probably speaking figura-

tively about the end of the world—at least the end of the world as it is known to humans. However, it is not the end of everything, for after cosmic destruction takes place, "then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27). After suffering the so-called birth pangs of the Messiah (see Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time), something new will appear; we will see that our redemption is at hand. We will be born into a new life in a new world. Advent is the time to look forward to this new birth day of fulfillment. We do not simply await the anniversary of Jesus' human birth day, for that day announced the coming of the final birth day of each of us. His birth announces our new birth.

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For Reflection

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* *How are you preparing for your final birth day?*

* *What do you find most striking in today's readings? Why?*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I will raise up for David a just shoot ; ... **Jer 33:14-16**

Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. **Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14**

Second Reading: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all ... **1 Thes 3:12—4:2**

Gospel: "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." **Lk 21:25-28, 34-36**

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

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>

You satisfy the hungry heart

With gift of finest wheat

Come give to us oh saving Lord,

the bread of life to eat

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ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

Use your GOD-GIVEN GIFTS to serve others. 1 Peter 4:10

During Sundays in Advent you will be receiving Commitment cards to tell us what ministries you feel God is calling you to. Ministries we are hoping you will volunteer for are: Altar Servers/Sacristans, Ushers/Greeters, Church Cleaners, Money Counters, Homebound Ministry/Hospital Ministry, Choir, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors. Please prayerfully consider helping your parish. Advent is a new start and we appreciate all those who have continued in their ministry roles for years. We would like to also see new and eager volunteers coming forward.

PRAYER IN TIMES OF SEEKING GOD'S WILL PSALM 27:7-9, 13-14

Offer this prayer during the Advent season as we joyfully await the coming of Christ

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;
have pity on me, and answer me.

Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks;
your presence, O Lord, I seek.

Hide not your face from me;
do not in anger repel your servant.

You are my helper: cast me not off;
forsake me not, O God my savior.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Advent is a continuous call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal, to lead it to its fullness, which is the Lord....God is not distant, he is always with us, to the extent that very often he knocks on the door to our heart.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

8 DECEMBER 2020, TO 8 DECEMBER 2021

*Most glorious St. Joseph, pray for me, that I
may accomplish the will of God
all the days of my life.*



PRAYER

In the Our Lady of the New Advent icon, Mary is dressed



in purple, the color for Advent, and holds her hands up in the *orans* posture of prayer in a gesture of intercession. The Christ Child, who shines from within her, holds a columbine: the state flower for Colorado, in his left hand. Behind the expectant mother, the Rocky Mountains rise up out of the Colorado plains.

From [Denver Catholic.org](http://DenverCatholic.org)

Pray the Rosary Daily

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Heavenly Father, Your love is as wide as the oceans, as deep as the sea and as tall as the heavens. May your spirit rise like a mighty wave and come and restore those who are ill. You are the water of life, You are a fresh spring, You are healing rain to all those who are in need. **Come 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, Tony Dias, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess Jr., Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Keiki San Filippo, Dottie Combs

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

Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.

- Pope Francis

PRAYER

CALENDAR

Monday NOVEMBER 29
Advent Weekday Is 2:1–5
Mt 8:5–11

Tuesday NOVEMBER 30
St. Andrew, Apostle Rom
10:9–18 Mt 4:18–22

Wednesday DECEMBER 1
Advent Weekday Is 25:6–
10a Mt 15:29–37

Thursday DECEMBER 2
Advent Weekday Is 26:1–
6 Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday DECEMBER 3 St.
Francis Xavier, Priest Is
29:17–24 Mt 9:27–31

Saturday DECEMBER 4
Advent Weekday Is
30:19–21, 23–26 Mt
9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8

Sunday DECEMBER 5
Second Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1–9 Phil 1:4–6, 8–
11 Lk 3:1–6



**“Receive
Communion every
Sunday and read the
Gospel every day
to keep
discouragement
and the blues away.”**

-Pope Francis-

*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.*

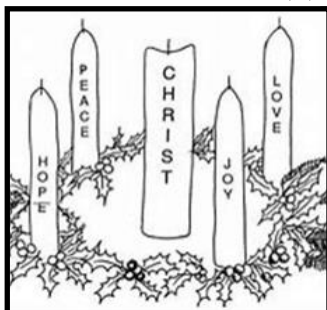
*Since I cannot at this mo-
ment receive You sacra-
mentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.*

*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!*



First Sunday of Advent Treasure Hunt November 28, 2021

The next four Treasure Hunts focus on the season of Advent to prepare us for the coming of Our Lord.

1. The word **ADVENT** is from the Latin word "adventus" meaning "_____." Advent begins a new liturgical year and lasts ____ weeks.
2. The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize Christ, "_____." [HINT: 5 words]
3. The fearful "signs" that Luke describes in this week's Gospel are forewarnings of what **GREAT** (and highly anticipated) **event**?
4. This week's Gospel reminds us that we must "be _____ at all times."
5. The first candle on the Advent wreath encourages us to always have _____ in the promises of God. This is called the "_____."

BONUS: November 30 is the feast day of _____, the brother of St. Peter, and the patron saint of _____.

Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt

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

1– "Are you the King of the Jews?"; **2**– His own nation & the chief priests; **3** – fighting to keep Him from being handed over; **4**– spiritual, truth; **5**– the firstborn of the dead; **BONUS:** on Pilate's orders Jesus was tortured and crucified.

SAINT OF THE WEEK - Feast Day November 29th SAINT FRANCIS ANTHONY OF LUCERA 1681-1742



Giovaniello Fasani's foster father sent him for his education to the Franciscans in Lucera. At fifteen he joined the order and took the name Francis Anthony after the great sainted friars. In 1705, he earned a doctorate in theology. Then he began to teach at the Franciscan college in Lucera, where he spent the

rest of his life. Renowned for his preaching and teaching, the townspeople called Francis Anthony "Padre Maestro." And his reputation for mercy drew many to his confessional. "I was indulgent, I don't deny it," he said, "but it was You who taught me to be so." Francis Anthony showed particular concern for the well-being of prisoners. And he initiated an annual Christmas collection of goods for the poor.

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Dear Padre,

What do Advent-wreath candles signify?

Most Advent wreaths have three purple candles and one rose candle to echo the liturgical colors of the Church's Advent celebrations. Whether the wreath is being used at home or in a church, the lighting of the candles should follow the liturgical colors of the Sundays of Advent. The vestments at Mass are purple during the first two weeks of Advent, so we light a purple candle on the first and second Sundays of Advent. On the third Sunday, the Church celebrates Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday, named after the first word of the day's traditional entrance verse (Philippians 4:4-5). The priest wears rose vestments at Mass as a sign of our brightening hope and joy, and on the Advent wreath we light the rose candle to reflect the theme of the liturgy. The fourth Sunday of Advent sees the lighting of the last purple candle. Some churches and families add a fifth candle to their Advent practices by placing a white candle in the center of the wreath. They light this at Christmas, again echoing the Church's liturgical color for the season and rejoicing in Christ our Lord, whose birth brings light and life to our world.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR

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SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is **normally** open on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, from 9:00 to 10:00 am. However, due to upcoming holidays there will be a couple of changes.

Next distribution: Friday, December 3, 2021, 9:00 to 10:00 am. Please take note that the final December distribution will be on **Friday, December 17, 2021**, and the Food Pantry **will not be open on the 4th Friday, December 24**. These are temporary changes due to the holidays.



**The Advent season
begins today! The
next four weeks
are a time for
reflection and
preparation of the
heart...**