



St. Benedict Catholic Church

December 5, 2021

Second 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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And the Word Was Made Flesh



Many of us grew up thinking that this life doesn't amount to much. It's full of pitfalls and enticements that threaten our eternal salvation. Such disdain often boils over into contempt for the world. According to this thinking, it is only the next life that is important, which will unfold in a much better place. Today's readings challenge such extreme thinking. They assure us that the glory of God is partially revealed to us even within this life. They astound us by insisting that God speaks to us through life's events—events that

often appear to be quite mundane. Baruch tells of Jerusalem, the city loved passionately by every Israelite. This was a city like so many other cities. However, God dwelt there and wherever God dwells is, for that reason, a holy city—be it is Jerusalem, Munich, or Detroit. God dwells in our midst, right here, right now. Hence, this imperfect life and this damaged world are holy. The Gospel situates John the Baptist in the middle of the ancient Near Eastern world. It was a Roman world controlled by Caesar and a Jewish province ruled over by Herod. John stated that it was to that place at that time that the Promised One would come, and it was up to John to “prepare the way of the Lord” (Isaiah 40:3; Luke 3:4). Most importantly, we must never forget that God took on the troubles and sins of this world and entered our life, making it his life. This is the real reason that this world is holy.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

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* Incarnation means that Jesus is made of the stuff of this world, just as we are.

* Nothing is too common that it can't be holy. What does that mean?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: ... for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company. **Bar 5:1-9**

Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. **Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.**

Second Reading: ... discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ... **Phil 1:4-6, 8-11**

Gospel: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” **Lk 3:1-6**

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>

"The Sacrament of Reconciliation must regain its central place in the Christian life."

-Pope Francis-

Apostolic Letter—*Misericordia et Misera* (paragraph 11)

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 for Second Week in Advent

Almighty God,
unto Whom all hearts and minds are open
and from Whom nothing is hidden,
please help us to work for,
and to practice peace in our personal lives.
Please help all those living
in and near war-torn countries
and those living
in communities plagued with violence.
Please change the hearts
of the violent ones among us.
If they harden their hearts against You
by refusing to change their evil ways,
please remove them from our midst
so the world can live in peace.
Amen.

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

To prepare the way of the Lord's coming, it is necessary to take note of the requirements of conversion to which the Baptist invites us....First of all we are called to fill the "valleys" caused by coldness and indifference, opening ourselves to others with the same sentiments as Jesus, that is, with affection and fraternal attention.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 9, 2018



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.



Pray
the
Rosary



The Immaculate Conception of Mary, December 8th– Mass 7:00 am @ St. John Mission

490 To become the mother of the Savior, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role."¹³² The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace".¹³³ In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace. 491 Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God,¹³⁴ was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.¹³⁵ (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

PRAYER FOR HEALING—COME LORD!

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.

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, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Charles & DeeDee Tripoli, Danny Burgess Jr., Linda Adkins, Guy Miranda, Keiki San Filippo, Dottie Combs
***Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

PRAYER

CALENDAR

Monday DECEMBER 6
Advent Weekday Is 35:1–10 Lk 5:17–26

Tuesday DECEMBER 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 40:1–11 Mt 18:12–14

Wednesday DECEMBER 8
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9–15, 20 Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 Lk 1:26–38

Thursday DECEMBER 9
Advent Weekday Is 41:13–20 Mt 11:11–15

Friday DECEMBER 10
Advent Weekday Is 48:17–19 Mt 11:16–19

Saturday DECEMBER 11
Advent Weekday Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 Mt 17:9a, 10–13

Sunday DECEMBER 12
Third Sunday of Advent Zep 3:14–18a Phil 4:4–7 Lk 3:10–18



"Dear Families,
listen to the
word of God,
meditate on it
together, pray with
it, let the Lord
fill your lives with
mercy."
-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.*

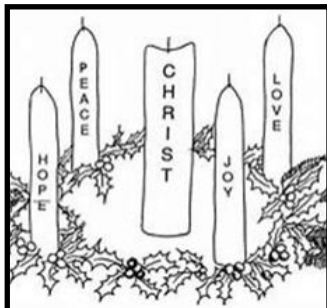
*Since I cannot at this mo-
ment receive You sacra-
mentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.*

*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!*



Second Sunday of Advent Treasure Hunt

December 5, 2021

Our Advent Treasure Hunts help us to prepare for the coming of Our Lord on Christmas.

1. During **ADVENT**, the liturgical color _____ signifies a time of _____, penance and sacrifice.
2. The prophet Isaiah foretold of John the Baptist, "**a** _____ **of one crying out in the** _____."
3. In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist proclaimed, "**_____ the way of the Lord and make** _____ **his paths...**"
4. This name means "*God with us.*" It is in the title of our most traditional Advent hymn. What is this **NAME** and the **TITLE** of the hymn we sing?
5. **T/F:** Catholic doctrine states: Mary, the mother of Jesus was conceived in the womb of her mother without original sin."

BONUS: What Holy Day of Obligation are we observing this week?

Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt

The First Sunday of Advent

1— "coming", four (4); 2— "the light of the world"; 3— the second coming of the Son of Man; 4— vigil; 5— hope, "the prophet's candle"; **BONUS:** St. Andrew, Scotland.

SAINT OF THE WEEK SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

**Feast Day December 3
1506-1552**



Known as the Apostle to the Indies and to Japan, Francis was born in Spanish Navarre, the youngest in a large family. He studied at the University of Paris, where he met St. Ignatius of Loyola, and was among the first seven Jesuits who vowed to be spiritual soldiers for Christ. They were ordained as a group in 1537. For 11 years, from 1541 until his untimely death after only two weeks on the Chinese coast, Francis evangelized in the East Indies, Mozambique, India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Japan. A missionary prone to seasickness who had trouble learning foreign languages, Francis is the patron saint of missionaries, Borneo, the East Indies, India, Pakistan, Japan and Outer Mongolia. Reprinted (excerpted) from Catholic Current, copyright © [year of original publication], United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.

Dear Padre,

My sister says that singing the O Antiphons are her favorite part of Advent. What are they? An antiphon is a brief refrain, usually from the Bible, either sung or said during worship. An O Antiphon is an antiphon that starts with O, as in "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"—each verse of that song is made up of an O Antiphon. The antiphons are most at home in the Liturgy of the Hours—the collection of psalms, hymns, prayers, and readings that make up the regular rhythm of the Church's prayer at morning, midday, evening, and night. The O Antiphons your sister refers to are verses used during the Church's evening prayer from December 17–23. With one verse spoken or sung before Mary's Magnificat each evening, these antiphons call on the Lord to come to his people using titles taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah. When the O Antiphons are sung in Latin, they present a sort of acrostic with a hidden message. The first letter of each title in the antiphon spells sarcore, which is ero cras (Latin for "tomorrow I come" or "tomorrow I shall be") spelled backward. In their original language and context, the O Antiphons have a particularly rich significance, but they remain beautiful even when sung simply in English as in the verses of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

- 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. 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.**

TIME—TALENT—TREASURE



Thank you to Scott and Angie Effertz for a generous donation. They have given the new lawn mower pictured here with Father Sieg behind it. Both Father and the Parish are deeply grateful for such a needed gift.

Mahalo!!