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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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St. Benedict Catholic Church December 12, 2021 Third Sunday of Advent

Joy to the World



This is the Sunday of joy, **Gaudete Sunday**. In the first reading, the people are told to "Shout for joy" because "the LORD is in your midst" (Zephaniah 3:14–15). The psalm response tells us to "cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and holy one of Israel" (see Isaiah 12). The second reading directs us to "rejoice in the Lord always" because "the Lord is near" (Philippians 4:4–5). In the Gospel,

we see that "the people were filled with [messianic] expectation," even wondering "whether John might be the Messiah" (Luke 3:15). All John could say was that "one mightier than I is coming" (3:16). So today, what are we waiting for this Sunday and how is God present? We know that God is already present with us in many ways: in the Church and sacraments; in the lives of good people we know; in the depths of our hearts. And so, we rejoice. We also know that the story of salvation is unfinished. There are still so many evils from which we must be saved. When you think of them, what's at the top of your list? We are eager for God to come into our lives anew to comfort us and strengthen us. We know we cannot do it alone. Even as we wait for the day of salvation to dawn, we rejoice for we know that it came before and will come again. That's why we sing "Joy to the World."

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Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

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- Think of a few ways you have experienced God's goodness in your life.
 Rejoice and give thanks for these blessings.
- What are your hopes for the day of salvation?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior... **Zep 3:14-18a Psalm:** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. **Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.**

Second Reading: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Phil 4:4-7

OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

Gospel: The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" <u>Lk 3:10-18</u>

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

<u>Funerals</u> 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.

<u>Baptisms</u> 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 328-227.

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

"Let us keep the flame of faith alive through prayer and the sacraments: let us make sure we do not forget God."

~Pope Francis

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 Third Week in Advent

God ever gentle, ever caring,
you call us home from the exile of
selfishness to the freedom of justice,
the balm of healing,
and the joy of sharing.
Make us eager to join you
in your holy work,
as friends of strangers and victims,
companions of those whom others shun,
and as the happiness
of those whose hearts are broken.
We make our prayer through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(CSJ of Medaille)

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Many Christians have that face...from a funeral wake, a face of sadness. But Christ is risen! Christ loves you! And you have no joy? Let us think a bit about this and let us ask: "Do I have joy because the Lord is close to me, because the Lord loves me, because the Lord has redeemed me?" GAUDETE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

TIME-TALENT-TREASURE

MAHALO to John Mark Kamela Jenny (Keoni), Wynn and Marjorie for providing for and creating the two beautiful Advent wreaths for St. Benedict and St. John the Baptist.



PRAYER PRAYER

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY



Pray the Rosary

The appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego in December of 1531 is one of the most amazing and powerful events in human history. The miraculous image she left behind continues to confound scientists and inspire believers 490 years later. The image on the tilma was able to do what, up to that time, the Spanish missionaries were not able to do significantly. That is, to

clearly explain Christianity to the indigenous Aztec people. The proof is in the fact that after the apparitions, eight million natives of Mexico converted to Catholicism from 1531 to 1538.

Her feast day is December 12th. This year it falls on Sunday so the liturgy so the liturgical readings will be of the Third Week of Advent.

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Think, O' God, of our friends who are ill, whom we now commend to Your compassionate regard.

Comfort them upon their sickbeds, and ease their suffering. We beg for deliverance, and submit that no healing is too hard if it be Your will.

We therefore pray that You bless our friends with Your loving care, renew their strength, and heal what ails them in Your loving name. Amen.

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.

An Act of Spírítual Communíon

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 13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Nm 24:2–7, 15–17a Mt 21:23–27

Tuesday DECEMBER 14 St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Zep 3:1–2, 9–13 Mt 21:28–32

Wednesday DECEMBER 15 Advent Weekday Is 45:6b–8, 18, 21c–25 Lk 7:18b–23

Thursday DECEMBER 16 Advent Weekday Is 54:1– 10 Lk 7:24–30

Friday DECEMBER 17 Advent Weekday Gn 49:2, 8–10 Mt 1:1–17

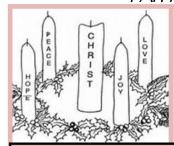
Saturday DECEMBER 18 Advent Weekday Jer 23:5–8 Mt 1:18–25

Sunday DECEMBER 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent Mi 5:1–4a Heb 10:5–10 Lk 1:39–45

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"BE HUMBLE,
BE SIMPLE AND
BRING JOY
TO OTHERS."

- St. Madeline Barat -



1. Today is

Third Sunday of Advent Treasure Hunt

December 12, 2021

Sunday and the **pink** candle

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

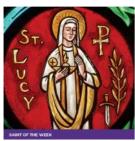
	that is lit is called the Candle to recall the announcement of the "Good News" to these men in the darkest hours of the night.
2.	The evergreen branches of the Advent wreath symbolize eI
3.	<u>T/F:</u> John the Baptist's message in this week's Gospel is one of <i>social justice</i> .
4.	John the Baptist affirms, "I am baptizing you with, but one mightier than I is comingHe will baptize you with and"
5.	In his letter to the Philippians 4:4-7, St. Paul entreats all of us to for "The Lord is near"
<u>BONUS</u> : December 12 is the Feast Day of who appeared to a peasant boy in 1531 enjoining him to convince the archbishop to construct a shrine for her on Tepayac Hill.	

Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt **The Second Sunday of Advent**

1- purple, prayer(4); 2- voice, desert; 3 - Prepare, straight; 4-Emmanuel, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"; 5-T; BONUS: Feast of the Immaculate Conception

SAINT OF THE WEEK SAINT LUCY

Feast Day December 13 c. 284-304



This saint, venerated by Christians since her own time, likely was martyred in Sicily, probably during the persecutions of Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruled 284-305. Legends about Lucy include a rejected suitor denouncing her as a Christian and miracles that saved her

from life in a brothel, from being burned at the stake, and from having her eyes plucked out. Another legend says she bled to death after her throat was cut. Lucy, whose name suggests light, is among the saints listed in the canon of the Mass; she is the patron saint of electricians and ophthalmologists, and Christians pray for her intercession regarding diseases of the eyes.

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Dear Padre

I recently moved to a parish that includes a large Mexican community that's known for their annual posadas event. What is that? Las posadas, a nine-day novena preparation for the celebration of Christmas, begins December 16 and ends Christmas Eve. Posada is Spanish for "inn." The ceremony remembers Mary and Joseph's trip to Bethlehem and their difficulty finding a place to stay. Posadas are celebrated in many ways, but the traditional celebration involves a group of people, the "pilgrims," going to several houses, knocking on the door, and asking for posada. The pilgrims sing the part of Joseph as he explains their situation and asks for a place to stay. The people inside sing back that they have no room and that the pilgrims should just move on. On the last night, the people in the last house recognize that Mary is the Queen of Heaven and that the child she carries is the Savior of the World. They invite the pilgrims inside and hold a prayer service that may include a Scripture reading or the rosary. The celebration ends with food and singing. This tradition is more than a folksy reenactment of Joseph and Mary's search for lodging—it's a solemn dramatization by women and men who believe God searches with them, a touching ceremony that can help Christians today see the real needs of those who live without the security of a home, health insurance, or a steady job. - Fr. Patrick Keves 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!!