



St. Benedict Catholic Church

December 19, 2021

Fourth 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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Are We There Yet?

It's not only children who are impatient with the lo-o-o-o-ng ride that takes them to a party or an amusement park. Adults can hardly contain themselves as they await the announcement of a winner, the return of an absent loved one, or the birth of a baby. This is the kind of excitement found in today's readings. Micah describes the long-awaited leader promised by God. He will be even more than the people could have imaged: firm, strong, and dependable. They must have asked, "When is he coming?" By the time the Gospel was written, Jesus' followers knew a lot about him, so they were able to embellish stories a bit, the way we often do to emphasize the greatness of someone. They believed he was so extraordinary that his greatness was recognized even before he was born. His pregnant mother was told, "Blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42). She must have been frequently asked, "When are you due? When is he coming?" The reading from Hebrews does not provide specific details of Jesus' coming. Rather, it tells us why he came: "I come to do your will, O God" (10:7). That is what the people of Micah's era were really longing for—not simply a leader, but one who did God's will and who would lead them to do it too. We're now on the threshold of the fulfillment of that promise. Are you excited? Are we there yet?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

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✿ *For which of God's promises are you excited?*

✿ *Open your mind and heart to our firm, strong, and dependable leader*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: ...his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

Mi 5:1-4a

Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.

Second Reading: By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **Heb 10:5-10**

Gospel: When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb...

Lk 1:39-45

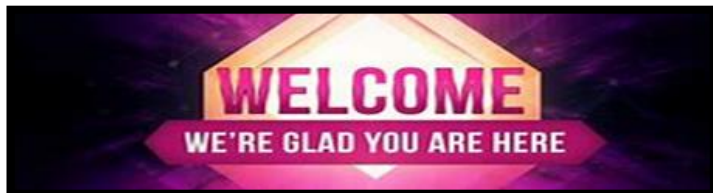
OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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>

"Confessing our sins may be difficult for us, but it **brings us peace.**
We are sinners and we need God's forgiveness."

-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 Fourth Week in Advent

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails..."

(1 Corinthians 13: 4-8)

Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless our worship. Help us to hear and do Your word. We ask it in the name of the child born in Bethlehem. Amen.

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[Jesus] did not wait until we were good before he loved us, but gave himself freely to us. May we not wait for our neighbors to be good before we do good to them, for the Church to be perfect before we love her, for others to respect us before we serve them.

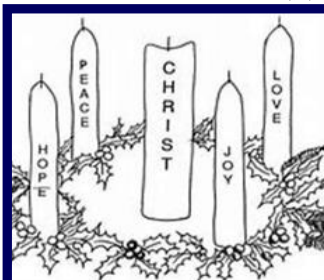
CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS, DECEMBER 24, 2019



DECK THE HALL...WITH POINSETTIAS



Our "newborn" King deserves all the poinsettias you can bring to adorn the Hall for Him. You can bring to the office or perhaps during Christmas Carols at 6 pm on Christmas Eve Friday.



Fourth Sunday of Advent Treasure Hunt

December 19, 2021

This is our final Advent Treasure Hunt. In just a few days, we will be celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord on Christmas.

1. The fourth candle on the Advent wreath is called the _____'s _____ and it represents _____.
2. The circular shape of the Advent wreath is a reminder of God's _____ love for us.
3. The _____ is a visual representation of Jesus' genealogy.
4. What words of praise did Elizabeth express in greeting her cousin Mary?
5. In Elizabeth (and our) eyes, WHY was Mary "blessed"?

BONUS: Approximately HOW MANY MILES did Mary travel to visit her cousin Elizabeth? What was the HIGHEST ELEVATION (in feet) of her uphill journey?

Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt

The Third Sunday of Advent

1— Gaudete, Shepherd's; 2— eternal life; 3— T (true); 4— water, the Holy Spirit, fire; 5— rejoice; **BONUS:** Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

SAINT OF THE WEEK Feast Day December 20 SAINT DOMINIC OF SILOS 1000—1073

As a youth Dominic tended sheep on the foothills of the Pyrenees where he learned to appreciate solitude. He then pursued the quiet life as a monk.



Dominic became the Prior of his monastery, but was forced to flee by the king of Navarre, who intended to seize the monastery's land. The monastery of St. Sebastian at Silos welcomed him. There as Prior, Dominic conducted a successful program of spiritual and material renewal. The

Dominicans especially honor him. For a century after Dominic's death, Blessed Joan of Aza visited his tomb. There she had a vision promising her that she would have another son. When the child was born she named him Dominic and he became the founder of the Dominican Order.

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Dear Padre,

I just learned there are two versions of the Christmas story in the Bible. How can that be? What's the difference? One Christmas story is in Matthew, and the other is in Luke. They differ on some details—but at their hearts, the teaching is the same. In both, Mary is a virgin betrothed to Joseph but not yet living with him, and Jesus is conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. Both also have Jesus born in Bethlehem. In Matthew, the angel announces Jesus' birth to Joseph; in Luke, Mary receives the announcement. Jesus is named by Joseph in Matthew and by Mary in Luke. The biggest difference involves the Christmas visitors. Matthew's Magi were educated Gentiles from a pagan country. They worshiped Jesus and brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, showing us at the start of the Gospel that Jesus is King, Priest, and Savior. Luke is always partial to the poor, so he has shepherds rather than Magi witness to Christ. The Christmas stories are different because the authors and their audiences were different. But there's no need to get lost in the details. Read both accounts and allow God's grace to deepen your faith

Fr. John Murray, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

SERVICE

MAHALO FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

This week we would like to say "thank you" to Tom and Victoria McLoughlin for their generous donation of food for our Food Pantry.



ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, from 9:00 to 10:00 am. This month, the Pantry will **not** be open on the fourth Friday due to the holidays. The next distribution will be on January 14, 2021.



DECEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve 6 pm Carols at St. Benedict Hall followed by 7 pm Mass

Saturday December 25, Christmas Day at St. Benedict Hall 9 am Mass

Saturday December 25, Vigil of The Holy Family 4 pm at St. Benedict

Saturday December 25, Vigil of The Holy Family 6 pm at St. John Mission

Sunday December 26, The Holy Family 8 am & 10 am at St. Benedict Hall

