



St. Benedict Catholic Church

December 26, 2021

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

All in the Family

So many family-oriented television programs today feature the antics of dysfunctional families. They're often so well produced that we laugh at the blundering exploits, thus giving them credibility. The readings for today's feast show us what a real family looks like. Parents worry about the security of their children (Luke); brothers and sisters are told to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient (Colossians); elders are respected and cared for in their need (Sirach). Even the psalm response sketches the profile of a flourishing family as understood at that time. We can only guess what the Holy Family must have been like. There is no indication that their neighbors saw them as anything more than an average family. Jesus learned Joseph's trade and, most likely, would take over the business after he died. Instead, he launched out as an itinerant preacher. Even that does not seem to have been so exceptional for that time. Nor was Mary's widowhood reason for him to stay home. The Gospels indicate that she was part of a protective family unit. This did not appear to be an exceptional family. But how exceptional it was! The lesson is that even an average family has the potential to be a holy family. What we should do is pattern our lives after Paul's exhortation to the Colossians. If we live like this, we will discover that holiness is all in the family.



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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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For Reflection

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☞ *What might you do to make family life easier for those with whom you live?*

☞ *Do you show gratitude to your family for their respect and care of you?*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. **1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28**

Psalm: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. **Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10.**

Second Reading: Beloved, we are God's children now; **1 John 3:1-2, 21-24**

Gospel: After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions... **Lk 2:41-52; L17C**

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>

Christ is the sacrament of the invisible
God—
a sacrament that indicates presence.
God is with us.

-Pope John Paul II

THANKS FOR YOUR COMMITMENT!!

Our Advent Month of Stewardship Renewal has ended. **Thank you to all who are committing to remain or to become stewards of our faith.** We soon begin 2022 with new commitments, and re-commitments, to ourselves, our neighbor and our two parish churches. The **four pillars** of stewardship are HOSPITALITY, PRAYER, FAITH FORMATION AND SERVICE.

Becoming stewards begins with a grateful heart. Our **gratitude** to God for making us all that we are, and giving us all we have, is calling **us** to be true disciples of Jesus Christ. We all should stop and pray that we can understand the reality of Jesus' sacrifice for us in order to hear our own call for giving to others **sacrificially**. Our faith, hope and love as Catholics can be expressed in our gratitude and in our stewardship. This will be a start to building our parish up again. Volunteering and sharing our talents will be an effective way to feel useful and to connect with our fellow parishioners.

Prayer To The Holy Family

God made us a family.

We need one another.

We love one another.

We forgive one another.

We work together.

We play together.

We pray together.

Together we use God's word.

Together we grow in Christ.

Together we serve our God.

Together we pray for Heaven.

These are our Hopes.

This is our Faith.

***Help us to obtain them, O God,
Though Jesus Christ our Lord.***

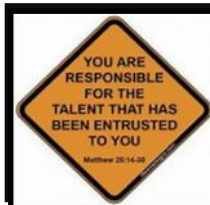
Amen.

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The works of mercy reawaken in us the need, and the ability, to make the faith alive and active with charity. I am convinced that, through these simple, daily actions, we can achieve a true cultural revolution....If every one of us, every day, does one of these, this will be a revolution in the world!



GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 12, 2016



PRAYER

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DEVOTION TO OUR LADY



“So your strength is falling you?

Why don't you tell your
mother about it?...Mother!
Call her with a loud voice.

She is listening to you;
She sees you in danger,
perhaps,
And she— your holy mother
Mary—

Offers you, along with the
grace of her son, the refuge
of her arms,

The tenderness of her embrace...
And you will find yourself with
Added strength for the new battle.”

~St. Josemaria Escriva

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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 & Dee-Dee 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
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 27
St. John, Apostle and
Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1–4 Jn
20:1a, 2–8

Tuesday DECEMBER 28
The Holy Innocents, Mar-
tyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt
2:13–18

Wednesday DECEMBER
29 Christmas Weekday 1
Jn 2:3–11 Lk 2:22–35

Thursday DECEMBER 30
Christmas Weekday 1 Jn
2:12–17 Lk 2:36–40

Friday DECEMBER 31
Christmas Weekday 1 Jn
2:18–21 Jn 1:1–18

Saturday JANUARY 1
Blessed Virgin Mary, the
Mother of God Nm 6:22–
27 Gal 4:4–7 Lk 2:16–21

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



**Learn the
Heart
of God
from the
Word of God.**

-St. Gregory the Great-

The Nativity of the Lord**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph****Treasure Hunt**

This week's Treasure Hunt celebrates The Nativity of the Lord and The Feast of the Holy Family.

1. **"Christmas"** means the ____ of Christ.
2. On Christmas, Matthew's Gospel traces the g_____ of Jesus; John's Gospel is an account of the Creation, calling Jesus the ____ ("logos") and the ____ ("phos").
3. To celebrate the angels appearing to the shepherds to announce the birth of Jesus, we once again sing the _____ at Mass.
4. The Gospel reading on the Feast of the Holy Family is a retelling of what **EVENT** in Jesus' youth?
5. Through *The Feast of the Holy Family*, we see Jesus, Mary and Joseph as the _____ of honor, obedience, patience and, above all, _____ that must thrive in ALL Christian families.

BONUS: What **SACRED MYSTERY** do we celebrate on Christmas Day?

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

1— Angel's Candle, Peace **2**— unending (or eternal); **3**— Jesse Tree; **4**— "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb"; **5**— She believed that what was spoken to her by the Lord would be fulfilled; **BONUS:** 100 miles; 1,300 ft.

SERVICE**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!****MAHALO NUI LOA!****MARAMING SALAMAT PO!**

We want to extend our gratitude for all who helped us during this past unusual (again) year, 2021. Thanks to those who worked at setting up the hall for different liturgical seasons and the ones who decorated for Christmas, to all who helped clean the churches and the hall and bathrooms, to those who helped maintain the beauty of the grounds, to the families that donated fruit for our gift shop, and plants and flowers for the altars, and of course, for your offerings that support our parish.

Dear Padre,

I've been trying to teach my children about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Any advice? It's easy to teach young children about the works of mercy if you keep it simple and call their attention to what they're doing. When they set the table and pour drinks, tell them they're feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty. When they bring homework to a sick classmate, they're visiting the sick. If they go to a funeral, they're helping bury the dead. When they make up with their siblings after a fight, they bear wrongs patiently and forgive all injuries. Siblings who help each other with their homework are instructing the "ignorant." A child who soothes someone who's been hurt is comforting the sorrowful. Praying for anyone, living or dead, is a spiritual work of mercy. Listening when someone confides in them is counseling the doubtful. Talking a friend or sibling out of doing something wrong is admonishing the sinner. As your children get older, volunteer as a family with organizations that build homes for low-income families and help the children of prisoners. Performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, whether for each other or with each other, will bring you closer as a family as well as closer to God.

—Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

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SERVICE**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. The next distribution will be on January 14, 2021.

SAINT OF THE WEEK -Feast Day December 30
SAINT SABINUS OF SPOLETO & COMPANIONS
 Died circa 303



An early martyr named Sabinus was claimed by several Italian cities. One tradition from the fifth or sixth century said Sabinus was a bishop arrested with two deacons, Marcellus and Exsuperantius, during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian. The governor of Etruria had the deacons scourged and racked when they made confessions of faith; both died from the tortures. The governor had Sabinus's hands cut off when he would not worship a statue of Jupiter; Sabinus was taken back to prison where he healed a blind boy, other prisoners, and even the governor, who with his family became Christians and martyrs. Sabinus reportedly was executed at Spoleto and buried near there. Reprinted (excerpted) from Catholic Current, copyright © [year of original publication], United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.