



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

January 9, 2021

## The Baptism of the Lord

### Taking up Christ's Ministry

Before the Second Vatican Council, ministry was considered by many to be a Protestant word, and the religious leader who did it was called a minister. Catholics had priests and bishops who received and administered sacraments. Religious women did the Church's work in schools and hospitals. The council turned our understanding of Church membership inside out. We've come to realize that with baptism—not ordination or religious profession—comes the responsibility of ministry. Catholics and Protestants alike understand their commitment to justice and peace is a genuine ministry that seeks to establish God's reign in our world. Many interpreters believe that the account of Jesus' baptism points to the inauguration of his own ministry. The theology expressed is certainly Trinitarian (the voice, Jesus identified as Son, and the dove). However, the revelation of his true identity occurs as he begins preaching and healing. Some say his baptism was meant to strengthen him as he began his public life. Others believe it was meant to strengthen his disciples. Today we maintain that by baptism we are all children of God. Vatican II has enlightened us as to what this really means. Pope Francis has reminded us that by virtue of our baptism we are missionary disciples (see *Evangelii Gaudium*, 120). In other words, as disciples we follow Jesus, learning from him. As missionaries we go out to spread his Good News to others. It is now for us to take up the ministry where he left off, to be faithful servants with whom God is well pleased.



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### For Reflection

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✠ *How does your life's work make the world better? If it does, then you are a missionary disciple of Jesus.*

✠ *Go out of your way to make someone's life a little better this week.*

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!  
**Is 40:1-5, 9-11**

**Psalm:** O bless the Lord, my soul. **Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30**

**Second Reading:** He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit...  
**Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

**Gospel:** "...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." **Lk 3:15-16, 21-22**

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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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## 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.

\* Exposed (close contact) to COVID-19 is defined as being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (regardless of mask use).

### 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.

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"The longer you stay away  
from communion, the more your soul will  
become weak, and in the end you will  
become dangerously indifferent."  
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- St. John Bosco-

# JANUARY

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:

# PRAYER

"Prayer is very important. Never forget to pray! Nobody can tell when we are praying on the bus or on the road. We pray in silence, with the heart, so let's take advantage of these opportunities to pray."

**- POPE FRANCIS**

### EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US

In celebrating the

### FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO DE CEBÚ

January 16, 2022

At St. Michael the Archangel, Kailua-Kona  
2:00 pm—Assembly

4:00 pm—Mass



### TRIDUUM FOR SANTO NIÑO

January 13, 2022, 7:00 pm @ St. John the Baptist

January 14, 2022, 7:00 pm @ St. John the Baptist

January 15, 2022, 7:00 pm @ St. John the Baptist

### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

After these thirty years of hidden life, Jesus' public life begins. And it begins precisely with his baptism in the River Jordan. But Jesus is God; why does Jesus get baptized?... Because he wants to be with the sinners. For this reason, he gets in line with them and does the same thing they do.

ANGELUS, BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 10, 2021







## PRAYER

### DEVOTION TO OUR LADY

My Queen, My Mother,  
I offer myself entirely to you.  
And to show my devotion to you,  
I offer you this day, my eyes,  
my ears, my mouth, my heart,  
my whole being without reserve.  
Wherefore, good Mother,  
as I am your own, keep me, guard me  
as your property and possession.  
Amen.



Algiosoritissa (Mother of God),  
Constantinople, 7th century

Here, the Virgin Mother  
is presented as an  
“intermediary” between  
humans and God, capable  
of praying for intercession.

*Pray the Rosary*

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

## PRAYER

### CALENDAR

**Monday JANUARY 10**  
Weekday 1 Sm 1:1–8 Mk  
1:14–20

**Tuesday JANUARY 11**  
Weekday 1 Sm 1:9–20  
Mk 1:21–28

**Wednesday JANUARY 12**  
Weekday 1 Sm 3:1–10,  
19–20 Mk 1:29–39

**Thursday JANUARY 13**  
Weekday 1 Sm 4:1–11  
Mk 1:40–45

**Friday JANUARY 14**  
Weekday 1 Sm 8:4–7,  
10–22a Mk 2:1–12

**Saturday JANUARY 15**  
Weekday 1 Sm 9:1–4,  
17–19; 10:1a Mk 2:13–17

**Sunday JANUARY 16** Sec-  
ond Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Is 62:1–5 1 Cor  
12:4–11 Jn 2:1–11



**Blessed is the one  
who reads,  
and those who hear  
the words of the  
prophecy and keep  
the things which are  
written in it;  
for the time is near.**

**-Revelation 1:3**

*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!*





## The Baptism of the Lord

[Luke 3: 15-22]

### Treasure Hunt

1. What did the people gathered at the River Jordan ask themselves about John the Baptist?
2. **T/F**: In Luke's account of Jesus's baptism, Jesus was the **only** person baptized that day.
3. What physical form did the Holy Spirit take on this occasion? **[BONUS]**: Name another occasion in the Old Testament when the Holy Spirit was revealed in this same form.]
4. What **declaration** did "the voice from heaven" make when Jesus was baptized?
5. The Baptism of Jesus reveals the "*manifestation*" (or 'Epiphany') of the Mystery of the \_\_\_\_\_, or triune.

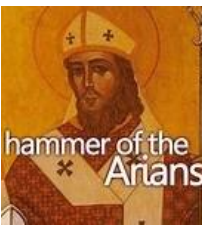
#### Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt

##### The Nativity of the Lord & The Holy Family

**1**— Epiphany (Theophany); **2**— Three Kings or Three Wise Men; **3**— Kings; **4**— T (true); **5**— The Baptism of Jesus and the Wedding at Cana.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK— HILARY OF POITIERS

St. Hilary was not raised as a Christian. He knew that



he was a child of God and believed in eternal life. Trying to find the meaning of his gift of life he encountered many who believed the purpose of life was only to satisfy desires. He knew in his heart humans were meant for more than just a good life. He came

upon some Hebrew and Christian Scriptures and studied Genesis, Prophets, and Psalms. He still pondered whether he would just die and disappear. He then discovered the gospels and found his answer in the Gospel of John, that life is everlasting. From this time on he fought against the Arian heresy that Jesus was not divine. He was married and had one daughter and was elected Bishop of Poitiers (now France) by laity and clergy. He supported Athanasius in fighting the Arian heresy and both were exiled. Many Christians were persecuted, but Hilary used his time in exile to study and write and save souls of those who didn't believe in the divinity of Christ. He died in 368 and was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1851.

## Dear Padre,

**Why did Jesus have to be baptized? Did he have original sin like us or was there another reason to be baptized?**

Jesus is God and did not have original sin like us. He is like us in all things except sin. The baptisms John performed did not free people from their original sin. The people who came to John to be baptized were declaring that they were going to change their ways and reform their lives. They promised to turn away from sin and follow the commandments. The baptism of Jesus was different. When Jesus was baptized, God revealed who Jesus is and commissioned him to begin his mission on earth. There were three significant components to Jesus' baptism. First, the skies opened above Jesus. The prophet Isaiah prayed that God would tear open the sky and come down to earth (Isaiah 63). This was a sign to the people that God was coming down to earth. A new era was beginning. God was no longer "locked up" in the heavens. Second, the Spirit of God, in the form of a dove, descended from the sky and hovered over Jesus and the water. This takes us back to the first moments of creation when the spirit of God hovered over the waters. The Spirit was a sign to the people that a new creation was being made. Finally, a voice declared that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the new Adam, who will begin the new creation. Let us call the Holy Spirit to be within our hearts and send us forth, as Jesus was sent, to proclaim a new creation founded on the love and peace of our Savior.

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## SERVICE

### ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month, from 9:00 to 10:00 am. The next distribution will be on Friday, January 14, 2021.

### PRAY FOR YOURSELF TO BE HUMBLE

"Do not think yourself better than others lest, perhaps, you be accounted worse before God Who knows what is in man. Do not take pride in your good deeds, for God's judgments differ from those of men and what pleases them often displeases Him. If there is good in you, see more good in others, so that you may remain humble. It does no harm to esteem yourself less than anyone else, but it is very harmful to think yourself better than even one. The humble live in continuous peace, while in the hearts of the proud are envy and frequent anger."

These words are from Thomas a' Kempis from his classic,

The Imitation of Christ.