



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

January 16, 2021

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### MISSION CHURCH:

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
Kealakekua

### 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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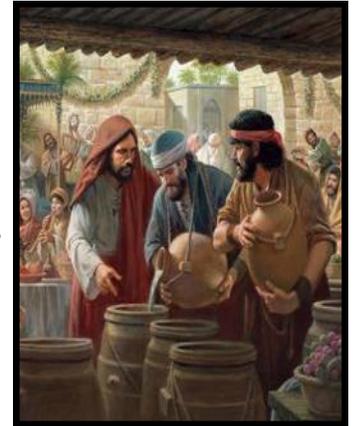
Ariel Hadap

### FOOD PANTRY

Francisco and Debra Javar

### What's New?

Few parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and the people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading. This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer *forsaken* or *desolate*, but now a *delight* and *espoused* (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate. The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating.



*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

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### For Reflection

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☼ *How might you describe your relationship with God?*

☼ *Do you feel alienated from God? Remember, God's mercy can change that.*

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** ...and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. Is 62:1-5

**Psalm:** Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

**Second Reading:** There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit... 1 Cor 12:4-11

**Gospel:** Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs... and so revealed his glory... Jn 2:1-11

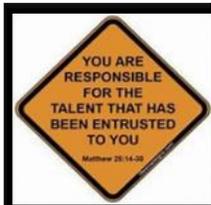
**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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](mailto:st.benedict@rcchawaii.org) Submission deadline: TUESDAY at 5:00pm.

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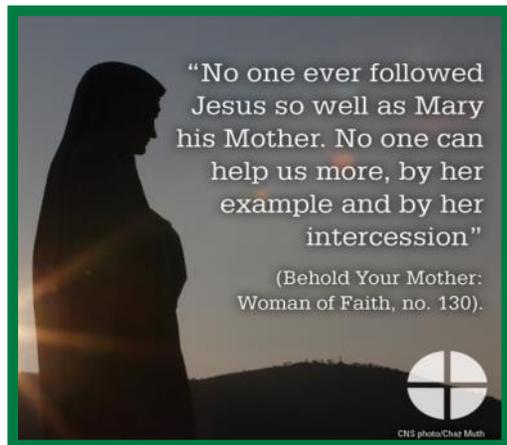




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### DEVOTION TO OUR LADY



**Mother of God, we ask for your intercession for all who do not embrace the right to life of every unborn child that, in love, they may come to know and treasure the infinite value of every human person.**

*Pray the Rosary*

#### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

*Father, your only Son took upon himself the sufferings and weakness of the whole human race; through his passion and cross he taught us how good can be brought out of suffering. Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill, whom we now remember in a special way. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul. We ask this 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.

*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!*

### CALENDAR

**Monday JANUARY 17** St. Anthony, Abbot 1 Sm 15:16–23 Mk 2:18–22

**Tuesday JANUARY 18** Weekday 1 Sm 16:1–13 Mk 2:23–28

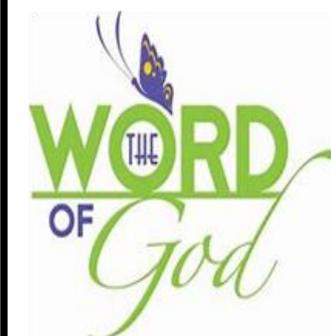
**Wednesday JANUARY 19** Weekday 1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51 Mk 3:1–6

**Thursday JANUARY 20** Weekday 1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7 Mk 3:7–12

**Friday JANUARY 21** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr 1 Sm 24:3–21 Mk 3:13–19

**Saturday JANUARY 22** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19, 23–27 Mk 3:20–21

**Sunday JANUARY 23** Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10 1 Cor 12:12–30 or 12:12–14, 27 Lk 1:1–4; 4:14–21





**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

[John 2:1-11]

**The Wedding at Cana Treasure Hunt**

1. After Jesus was baptized, the first miracle He performed was at a \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When Mary told Jesus about the wine running short, Jesus replied, "Woman, how does your \_\_\_\_\_? My \_\_\_\_\_ has not yet come."
3. What was the **ceremonial purpose** for the six stone water jugs?
4. Upon tasting the wine Jesus had transformed, what **mistake** did the headwaiter assume the bridegroom had made?
5. On this occasion of Jesus' first miracle, Mary is rewarded for her t\_\_\_\_\_ and f\_\_\_\_\_. Jesus also reminds us that opportunities to do good happen when we l\_\_\_\_\_.

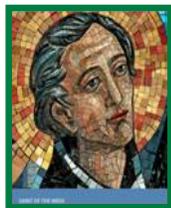
**Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

1— if John was the Christ; 2— F (false); 3— dove; to Noah after the flood; 4— "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."; 5— Holy Trinity

**SAINT OF THE WEEK  
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**

**Feast Day – January 28  
1225-1274**



Thomas so shocked his noble Italian family when he entered the Dominicans about 1244 that his brothers imprisoned him for a year. But he would not yield, and studied under St. Albert the Great, becoming a master of theology in 1256. For the rest of his brief life, the "dumb ox," as he was dubbed, taught, preached and wrote, producing the monumental "Summa Theologica." His thinking became enormously influential in later centuries and he was named a Doctor of the Church in 1567. "St Thomas Aquinas, with farsighted wisdom, succeeded in establishing a fruitful confrontation with the Arab and Hebrew thought of his time, to the point that he was considered an ever up-to-date teacher of dialogue with other cultures and religions. He knew how to present that wonderful Christian synthesis of reason and faith which today too, for the Western civilization, is a precious patrimony for the East and South of the world." —Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, January 28, 2007

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*Dear Padre,*

**I work hard all week and look forward to sleeping in on Sundays. Why should I get out of bed and go to Mass?** I imagine that your parish provides suitable Mass times, even for late sleepers. But there are overpowering reasons for attending Mass. First, I'll discuss how the Mass is our present-day connection with the Last Supper, the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his apostles. As observant Jews, they commemorated their ancestors' escape from slavery in Egypt. Jesus used his final Passover meal to teach us how to escape a bondage crueler than the Jews experienced in Egypt—the enslavement of sin. The next day, Good Friday, Jesus would die on the cross. Think of it: Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, became human to teach us about God's love for us. The people's reaction to this goodness was to kill Jesus in an inhuman way. In response, God would have been justified in destroying the world, as he did in reaction to the people's depravities during Noah's time. Instead, God gave us further evidence of his patience and forgiveness. There is nothing our Father would not forgive, including the sin of killing Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus said: "This is my blood..., which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28) Jesus' death, which we remember during the Mass, liberates us from sin. It also liberates us from death itself. Because Jesus in his mortal body was willing to die, he shows us the plan God the Father has for each of us—a resurrection like Jesus'. The Eucharist is our thanksgiving for these gifts from God.

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**“CHOICE” BEGAN 49 YEARS AGO- PRAY TO STOP!**  
On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22<sup>nd</sup> as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. (In 1973, January 22 was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.) Churches continue to recognize the third Sunday in January as **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**. In 2022, that date falls on January 16, although some will mark it on the 23<sup>rd</sup> because it's closer to the anniversary. Either day is fine. On Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, churches throughout the United States celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate lives lost to abortion, and commit to protecting human life at every stage.

**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 28, 2021.