



St. Benedict Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Advent

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WEEKEND MASSES

St. Benedict
 Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:15 a.m.
HAWAIIAN MASS
 Every Second Sunday
 7:15 a.m.

St. John the Baptist
 Saturday 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Benedict Honaunau
 7:00 a.m. Tuesday,
 Thursday & Friday
St. John the Baptist
 Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

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The Waiting Game

Advent is a time of waiting, then our entire lives must be an Advent, for we spend so much of our lives waiting—at one point for Santa to come with his sack of surprises, at other times for the dizzying lure of summertime. Later we eagerly wait to get our driver’s license and then to move out on our own for our first real job and then the independence it promises. We wait for love to find us and, for some, for love to return. Some wait for children, others for the empty nest, and others for retirement. Our mothers told us not to wish our lives away, and yet we did, and still we do, waiting for life to be more than what it seems to be. Then one day we look back and wish we could have again all that once was. So maybe Advent is not about waiting for God to make a splash in our lives. Maybe Advent is about God waiting for us to come around and recognize God is with us here and now. The question for each of us, then, is what are we waiting for at this point in our lives? There is no right answer, only the one each of us has for ourselves. Whatever it is, there is no doubt that there is love or joy or peace or meaning at the heart of it, all camouflaged by whatever we say we are waiting for. Beneath it all is the hunger for God-with-us.



By Fr. Joseph Juknialis,

...a retired priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, is the new author of reflections for Liguori Publications’ Our Parish Community bulletins. Fr. Joe has served in ministry as a parish priest and a teacher of homiletics at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee. Retirement has given him time for hiking, canoeing, writing, poetry, gin rummy, the Green Bay Packers, and pursuing his appreciation of nature. In noting the most amazing aspect of his life, Fr. Joe says, “God has always brought me to the place I should be.”

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For Reflection

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** Has there ever been a time when you didn’t recognize that God was with you?*

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading: ...let us walk in the light of the Lord! **Is 2:1-5**

Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. **Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

Second Reading: But put on the Lord Jesus Christ... **Rom 13:11-14**

Gospel: “ ...you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” **Mt 24:37-44**

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.

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ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME!

Updated Covid-19 Liturgical Directives and Cold & Flu Guidelines

All remaining Covid-19 liturgical restrictions are lifted except for the suspension of the distribution of the Precious Blood to the congregation.

As always, you are reminded to use common sense for your health and safety during the annual cold and flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from coming to Mass. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. A smile and a heartfelt "Peace be with you" should suffice. All of us must be aware of such sensitive matter in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from a physical expression of the sign of peace out of care of our well-being and not out of unkindness or lack of piety.

SACRAMENTS

Funerals Please contact the office for information about available dates *before* making arrangements with the mortuary or cemetery.

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.

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Today it is our task to keep watch: to overcome the temptation of thinking that life means accumulating....It is up to us to unmask the deception that we are happy when we have many things...and to believe that prayer and charity...are the greatest of treasures.

HOMILY, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 12-01-2019



Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

**Father, let your hope arise in our hearts!
Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are
where our hope comes from.**

**Help us to shake off the anxiety,
discouragements, and distractions that
have filled this year.**

**May we pause to remember that we
have hope in you.**

**You know the end of our stories,
and we give thanks because you have
promised that it will be a victorious ending.**

**Give us the grace we need to wrap up
this year joyfully.**

**We invite your Spirit into this
beautiful Advent season.**

**Renew our sense of holy anticipation!
Let us be those who are waiting eagerly for
Jesus to come again.**

**More than anything, we ask that you be
glorified in this season of expectation.**

Amen.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK— FEAST DAY DECEMBER 3RD
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER— 1506-1552**

St. Francis Xavier was born in Sangüesa Navarre, Spain—the son of Spanish nobility and he grew up in the Castle Xavier. In 1525 he left for the University of Paris to study theology. In 1529 he met Ignatius of Loyola who convinced him to join him in the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). Together with three other men, they formed the order. In 1534 they professed vows of poverty and celibacy and vowed to journey to the Holy Land once a year. Francis performed *The Spiritual Exercises*, a series of meditations devised by Ignatius after his own profound conversion. These instilled in Francis the strong motivation he kept for all his life. He was a prolific missionary, leading missions to India, the Malay Archipelago, and Japan. From Japan he returned to India, then again traveled to Japan where he learned that the Japanese looked to China for their wisdom. So to convert them, he was on his way to China, but fell ill from fever on the island of Sancian, Shangchuan, off the Chinese coast as he was trying to gain entry to the country which was then closed to foreigners. He died there on December 3, 1552. He is the patron saint of missionaries.



STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord...



The Virgin's maternal intercession, her exemplary holiness and the divine grace which is in her, become for the human race a reason for divine hope.

St. Pope Paul VI (1897-1978) Marialis Cultus—2 February 1974

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.

Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones.

And for all your love's sake.

Amen.

-Saint Augustine-

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH, KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Patsy Sabarre, Bernard Labasan, Azarias Dodos, John Herman, Janet Katakura, Merton Ogata, Carol Crusat, Henry Borges, Jim Shrewsbury, Emily Griego, John Sanchis, Rafael Ramirez, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, Cheryl Ono, William Anderson, Linda Adkins, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Keiki San Filippo.

Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

Pray the Rosary Daily

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*

PRAYER

CALENDAR

MONDAY November 28
Advent Weekday Is 4:2–6 Mt
8:5–11

TUESDAY November 29 Ad-
vent Weekday Is 11:1–10 Lk
10:21–24

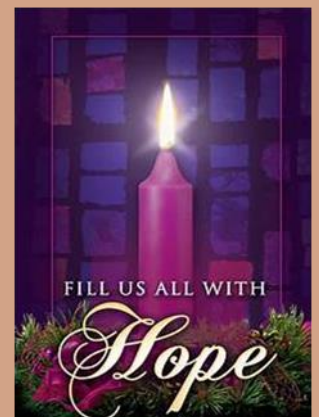
WEDNESDAY November 30
St. Andrew, Apostle Rom
10:9–18 Mt 4:18–22

THURSDAY December 1 Ad-
vent Weekday Is 26:1–6 Mt
7:21, 24–27

FRIDAY December 2 Advent
Weekday Is 29:17–24 Mt
9:27–31

SATURDAY December 3 St.
Francis Xavier, Priest Is
30:19–21, 23–26 Mt 9:35—
10:1, 5a, 6–8

SUNDAY December 4 Sec-
ond Sunday of Advent Is
11:1–10 Rom 15:4– Mt 3:1–
12





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[Matthew 24:37-44]
[Isaiah 2:1-5]
[Romans 13:11-14]

Treasure Hunt

1. Of the three (3) theological virtues –FAITH, HOPE, and CHARITY –which is the **symbol** of the first Advent candle?
2. _____ is the prophet of Advent. He foretold the birth of Christ and inspired our anticipation of the coming of the Messiah.
3. When Jesus spoke to His disciples about the coming of the Son of Man, He delivered **two** important messages: **“be _____” and “stay _____.”**
4. In the First Reading, Isaiah’s invitation to the House of Jacob was **“...come, let us walk in the _____ of the Lord.”**
5. St. Paul in his *Letter to the Romans* added; **“Let us throw off the works of _____ and put on the _____ of light.”**

BONUS: [from the *Reconciliation video* on www.catholichawaii.org]

- a) “Reconciliation is a _____ we are called to give to ourselves.”
- b) When our sins are forgiven, we become **h** _____ ourselves.

Answers to last week’s Treasure Hunt

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

-1- Crucifixion; -2- King of the Jews, King of the Universe; -3- fear of God; -4- “Today you will be with me in Paradise” -5- to redeem us of our sins and to reconcile us with God; **BONUS:** (a) Pope Pius XI; (b) Poland by 3 meters reflecting the days Jesus suffered.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE *plus* INSERT

The Advent Reconciliation Service for our parish will be held on Wednesday, **December 7, 2022**, 6:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Mission. For your review, today’s bulletin includes an insert about Reconciliation. Part I was enclosed last week and this week includes both Part I (Healing) and Part II (Examination and Contrition.) The **QR** codes or **web address** will open a video about the sacrament. Everyone is strongly encouraged to prepare for and attend our Penance Service. Satan tempts us to deny responsibility for our sins. Our best weapon to defeat the Prince of Darkness is bringing our sins to light by confessing them to the priest.

Dear Padre

Should adopted children know who their biological parents are? Arguments can be made in favor of and against adopted children knowing their biological origins. It appears more and more that adoption agencies encourage knowledge of biological parents over closed adoptions, where this information is not known by the child or the adopting parents. There are many issues here that are packed emotionally, such as why a person was placed for adoption, fear by adopting parents that this new information could compromise their relationship with their child, perhaps fear on the part of biological parents that they will be asked to be involved in a relationship against their wishes. An argument to be made in favor of disclosure about one’s biological parents has to do with one’s health. Today we realize that challenges to our health come not just from bacteria and viruses that invade our system from outside ourselves, but also from within, that is, from genetic predispositions to heart disease, diabetes, and other disorders that could compromise our well-being. This information becomes more critical when persons are of an age to marry and to bear their own children. They might want to know as much information as possible to act responsibly in bearing and raising children.

From Life, Death, and Catholic Medical Choices: 50 Questions from the Pews, © 2011 Liguori Publication.

SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The **regular** St. Benedict Food Pantry schedule continues to be the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 9 am to 10 am. **PLEASE NOTE –EXCEPTION: NEXT OPEN ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH DECEMBER DISTRIBUTION DATES will be ONLY on the 2nd & 3rd Fridays, December 9th and 16th.**

SHARE YOUR HARVEST WITH OUR VISITORS

If your harvest is bountiful, please bring a portion to St. Benedict Gift Shop where we offer it to visitors as part of their “aloha experience” at the Painted Church.

*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Mark 19*