



St. Benedict Catholic Church

January 1, 2023

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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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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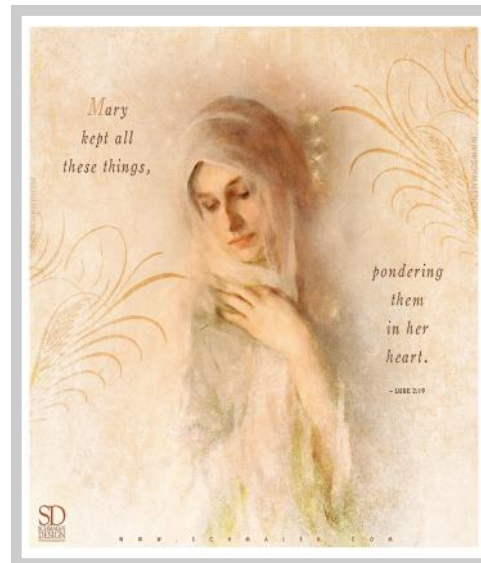
FOOD PANTRY

Francisco and Debra Javar

What Do You Hold in Your Heart?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

On New Year's Eve, some of my friends try to recall a significant event from each year, beginning with the most recent, and work their way back. They tell me that memories from the first couple of years, the most recent, are fairly easy to call to mind, but after that, memories get reduced to births and deaths, marriages and moves to new homes, vacations, and ultimately to not remembering anything significant for some years. It's an interesting conclusion—not remembering anything significant—given the human emotions and energies we pour into trivial disagreements, unresolved conflicts, and family issues. The Gospel recounts how Mary reflected upon the events of her Son's birth and how she kept them all in her heart. I suspect that many of the events we might recount from that New Year's Eve exercise would end up being some of the moments we hold in our hearts. Most would likely revolve around family, all those people we keep in our hearts. Others might be about job promotions or successes, or memorable recognitions. We justifiably keep these as treasures to remember. As Mary did, we might learn something about ourselves by pondering significant personal faith events. I doubt most of us will recall one for each year, which may say something about how seriously we take our faith lives. Yet those we do recall could be treasures of the past that will bless us in the present.



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For Reflection

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* *What do the events you carry in your heart say about who you are?*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! [Nm 6:22-27](#)

Psalm: May God bless us in his mercy. [Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8](#)

Second Reading: ...God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" [Gal 4:4-7](#)

Gospel: When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus... [Lk 2:16-21](#)

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 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



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

As we begin this new year, let us ask ourselves.... Do I know how to look at people with the heart? Do I take to heart the people with whom I live?.... Let us ask for the grace to live this year with the desire to take others to heart and to care for them.



HOMILY, VATICAN, JANUARY 1, 2020

FAMILY PRAYER FOR A NEW YEAR

O God our Father,
by the light of the
Holy Spirit,
lead us to be thankful
for the gift of faith.
May we grow in our
relationship with Jesus, your Son.
May we be confident witnesses
to Christian hope
and joy to all we meet.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Lord. Amen.

Pope Francis 10 Suggestions for the New Year

- 1 "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God,"
- 2 "Take care of your family life,"
- 3 "Take care of your relationships with others,"
- 4 "Be careful how you speak."
- 5 "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness"
- 6 "Look after your work"
- 7 "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings"
- 8 "Watch out for anger or pointing the finger at others,"
- 9 "Watch out "for complaining continually"
- 10 "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker"



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SAINT OF THE WEEK– FEAST DAY JANUARY 5 BLESSED ROGER (RUGGIERO) OF TODI



Bl. Roger was born in Todi, in the province of Umbria, Italy. He was a companion of St. Francis of Assisi who received him into the Franciscan order himself in 1216 where he imitated the virtues of St. Francis. Bl. Roger was also greatly respected by Francis. Francis had another follower, Bl. Philippa Mareri who along with several other young women had established a convent of Poor Clares. He appointed Bl. Roger as the director of the spiritual life of the nuns. He was with Philippa as she was dying and at her burial he delivered a brilliant speech during which he declared that she could be invoked for intercession as one of the blessed in heaven. Some years later this judgment was confirmed by the verdict of the Church. Roger died a year later and his sanctity was attested by Pope Gregory IX who knew him personally.

CELEBRATING THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON
OCTAVE DAY - 1 JANUARY
SOLEMNITY OF
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



Your light has come, the glory of the Lord
shines upon you..... Isaiah 60

Anastpaol

Pray the Rosary Daily

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

We praise and glorify You, O Lord our God, for you have called us to serve you in love. Bless those who are ill so that they may bear their illness in union with your Son's passion and suffering. Restore them to health, and lead them to glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

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!*

PRAYER

CALENDAR

MONDAY January 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22–28 Jn 1:19–28

TUESDAY January 3 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 2:29–3:6 Jn 1:29–34

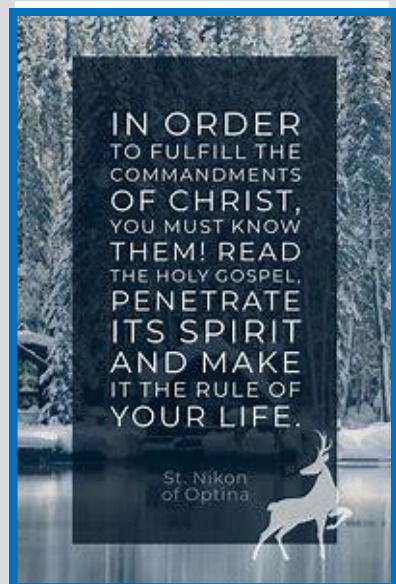
WEDNESDAY January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7–10 Jn 1:35–42

THURSDAY January 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:11–21 Jn 1:43–51

FRIDAY January 6 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 5:5–13 Mk 1:7–11

SATURDAY January 7 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 5:14–21 Jn 2:1–12

SUNDAY January 8 Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1–6 Eph 3:2–3, 5–6 Mt 2:1–12





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Treasure Hunt

1. The church designates January First as a S _____, the HIGHEST form of liturgical celebrations.
2. Mary is the H _____ M _____ O _____ G _____. She gave birth to Jesus, our Savior, who came to us in both d _____ and h _____ form.
3. The Octave of Christmas (the 8th Day) marks the occasion of **what TWO (2) events** in the Christ Child's life?
4. Mary is a great model for us. She taught us to say " " to God. She also exhibited her f _____ in Him by holding what happened to her deep in her heart and by engaging in quiet r _____.
5. Paul tells us in Galatians that when God sent His Son, we were no longer s _____; we became s _____ and h _____ to the Kingdom of Heaven.

BONUS:

- a- Name TWO (2) Catholic *prayers* to Mary.
- b- What is the name of the famous *prayer-poem* written for Mary by Mary Dixon Thayer?

Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt
The Nativity of the Lord

-1- birth, Christmas; -2- Peace, Love, gifts; -3- genealogy, Luke, Word; 4- infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger; -5- The Gloria. **BONUS:** 42 generations.

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES...

...for the family of Marie B. Abril, who passed away on September 15, 2022. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Benedict Church on January 7, 2023 with visitation beginning at 9:00 am and Mass at 10:30 am. Private burial will be at Kona Memorial Park at a later date.



Dear Padre,

I understand that all Catholics, not just priests and religious, are called to holiness. How can laypeople become holy? The five elements of holiness are the same for all the baptized, always in the context of their vocational calling. Prayer: In the liturgy, we join our sisters and brothers to offer communal worship where we are nourished and formed by word and sacrament. In private prayer, we maintain, clarify, and nourish our relationship with God. Love of neighbor: We are called to treat others with the acceptance and respect that God has for each person. Every person is our neighbor, especially people in need (Matthew 25:40). Living one's vocational commitment: Being faithful to a spouse in marriage, working for family harmony, staying true to dedicated singleness in the world or in the religious community setting—all are avenues of holiness. Penance and self-discipline: The Christian life demands self-denial, control, and sacrifice. Christians must deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23). Reaching out in discipleship: Holiness also comes from and finds its noblest expression in a life of service and ministry. Baptism initiates us into the fullness of Christian reality, which ultimately means discipleship—sharing our faith and serving others, especially the most needy. For laypeople, the main arena of holiness is where they live, work, play, and struggle every day. It is there that they must proclaim "the kingdom of God is in our midst," and answer their call to holiness ●

- The Redemptorists DearPadre.org

"You see, what we do with what He gives us determines how much more we will get."

— Joshua Stannard

SERVICE

MAHALO FOR THE FRUIT!

Thank you to all who share their abundance of fruit with our Painted Church visitors. We can always use more!

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The *regular* St. Benedict Food Pantry schedule continues to be the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. **Next Distribution will be on Friday January 13, 2023.**