



St. Benedict Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Voices

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Instincts come in various shapes and sizes. They may simply be gut feelings, or dreams that seem to speak more than a nighttime fantasy trip. Sometimes they appear in the form of daydreaming that takes us to another place, or they can be the silent voice of God. Whatever they may be, there are those times when they demand our attention. In Saint Joan, a play by George Bernard Shaw, Joan of Arc has a conversation with Robert about her conviction regarding what God is calling her to do. Joan says to him, "I hear voices. They come from God." Robert disagrees, "They come from your imagination." "Of course," says Joan, "that is how messages of God come to us." Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, placed a heavy credence on his dream, believing that the dream to keep pregnant Mary as his wife was the voice of God, and so Joseph does just that. Much later he again listens to a dream and takes his young family to the safety of Egypt and then back home to Nazareth. Those nighttime dreams could have easily become daytime nightmares. Yet for Joseph there was something that kept him from simply dismissing them. Sometimes our inclinations and inner voices may not seem practical, and yet, even as we find ourselves second-guessing them, we think they need to be listened to. When the inclination is one toward goodness, that may very well be the voice of God.



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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.

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St. Benedict 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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** Have you ever followed an inner voice with which others disagreed?*

** What came of it? Is there someone you trust to tell you if your instinct about something is good?*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Is 7:10-14

Psalm: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.

Second Reading: Through him we have received the grace of apostleship... Rom 1:1-7

Gospel: "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. Mt 1:18-24

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.

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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

Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love.

HOMILY, MASS FOR BEGINNING OF PETRINE MINISTRY, MARCH 19, 2013



Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Oh, King of us all,
I find myself standing
before your
strength and splendor,
watching, waiting and
filled with total joy.*

THANK YOU FOR THIS ADVENT JOURNEY.

*The anticipation has
filled my life and
made me long for a closer
relationship with you.*

Prayer from Creighton University Online Ministries

SAINT OF THE WEEK – FEAST DAY DECEMBER 21 SAINT PETER CANISIUS — 1521-1597

St. Peter Canisius was born in Holland. He spent his time writing volumes on Church history and theology. By age 43 he was a well-known Jesuit priest. He founded several colleges. He was a delegate to the Council of Trent and he had reformed the German universities that were teaching heresy. The pope entrusted Peter with the documents of the Council to be distributed to all the European bishops. They had previously been given to an envoy who traveled through hostile Protestant areas where vicious thieves robbed them of the documents. Peter had earned the respect of even many Protestants so was loaded down with all the documents plus three sacks of books to be given to his own university. During the Protestant Reformation he was given the task of writing the first Catechism of Church beliefs by King Ferdinand. He finished the first issue in 1555 and it was immediately successful with the Bishops. They knew that to spread the Faith to others they needed to have a solid foundation of Christian doctrine. He became known as the Second Apostle of Germany and later was named a Doctor of the Church.



STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

“May the Virgin Mary help us, as we approach Christmas, not to allow ourselves to be distracted by external things, but make space in our hearts for him who has already come and wants to come again to heal our illnesses and give us his joy.”



-Pope Francis

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Ever-living and ever-loving, Lord God,
You are the everlasting salvation
of those who believe.

Hear us on behalf of our friends who are sick.

We ask You to have mercy on them
that, bodily health may be restored.

We thank You and praise You
through Jesus the Christ. 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.

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 December 19 Advent Weekday Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a Lk 1:5–25

TUESDAY December 20 Advent Weekday Is 7:10–14 Lk 1:26–38

WEDNESDAY December 21 Advent Weekday Sg 2:8–14 Lk 1:39–45

THURSDAY December 22 Advent Weekday 1 Sm 1:24–28 Lk 1:46–56

FRIDAY December 23 Advent Weekday Mal 3:1–4, 23–24 Lk 1:57–66

SATURDAY December 24 Advent Weekday 2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67–79

SUNDAY December 25 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Is 52:7–10 Heb 1:1–6 Jn 1:1–

Family Advent Prayer

God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love as we prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.



Happy 4th week of Advent!



Fourth Sunday of Advent

[Matthew 1:18-24]
[Isaiah 7:10-14]
[Romans 1:1-7]

Treasure Hunt

1. The fourth candle of the Advent wreath is the _____'s candle representing the endless _____ God has for us manifest in the birth of Jesus.
2. When Joseph discovers that Mary is "with child", he decides to **d**_____ her quietly. An angel's visit in a **d**_____ tells him that this Child will be the fulfillment of **p**_____.
3. In this week's *First Reading*, for **what** does Isaiah admonish Ahaz?
4. In his *Letter to the Romans*, Paul tells us that "we have received the grace of **a**_____ to bring about the obedience of **f**_____ for the sake of His name..."
5. What Pope [who became a Saint] said: "And in the end, everything else will turn out to be unimportant and inessential, except for this: **Father, Child and Love.**"

BONUS: www.catholicahawaii.org

Part IV: Forgiveness & Transformation

- a) Throughout the Reconciliation videos, the _____ signified our pathway or journey in life.
- b) **Two ways** for us to do penance for our sins are: **p**_____ and **a**_____ or **g**_____ **w**_____.

Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt Third Sunday of Advent

-1- rejoice; -2- Shepherd's; -3- rejoice, bloom-4- hardship, patience;
-5- Malachi; -6- the kingdom of heaven;

BONUS: (a) dam; (b) absolutions.

*In an ever changing world the Holy Eucharist is
A constant reminder of the great reality of
God's changeless love.*

-St. Teresa of Calcutta-

Dear Padre.

My children, who go to Catholic school, refer to our Sunday celebration as the "Eucharist." I grew up calling it the "Mass." Why the difference?

Eucharist comes from the Greek word eucharistein. This word simply means "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we Catholics celebrate, we give thanks to God for giving us Jesus. We also give thanks to Jesus, who shares his Body and Blood with us. "Eucharist" was used to describe the early Church's gathering, where the people repeated the stories of the Lord and shared the bread and wine, as the Lord commanded them to do. The word mass comes from the Latin word missa, which means "the sending." This refers to the words of dismissal at the end of Mass. The priest or deacon invites us to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord." In the Latin Mass, this phrase is "ite missa est." No one quite knows why the Eucharist came to be known as the "missa" or "mass." Some think it is because of the way monastic prayers were conducted in the early Middle Ages. When the monks gathered for prayers, they often concluded with a short eucharistic celebration. These celebrations sometimes lasted only ten minutes or so, and as they marked the end of the whole set of prayers, they signaled the end of the service. This, it is suggested, is why the Eucharist came to be known as the "dismissal," or the "Mass."

— The Redemptorists DearPadre.org

SERVICE



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Every year, as we gather in the parish hall on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to welcome our Savior's birth, the Eucharist, the music and our prayers are enhanced by the beauty of the flowers, the tree and other decorations. **Your generosity makes it possible.** Please join in this tradition by bringing poinsettias to adorn our sanctuaries. We need enough to add joy and beauty to both of our churches throughout the Christmas Season. There can never be too many!

