

# St. Benedict Parish

## St. John the Baptist Mission Church

12/29/2024 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



### Dear Padre

If Jesus was a Jew, why are we Catholic and not Jewish?

Jesus was a first-century Jew, as were his first disciples. They continued their Jewish practices after Jesus' resurrection, but they believed and proclaimed that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah, the fulfillment of Judaism. Such claims inevitably led to clashes with Jewish authorities, as when St. Stephen, the first martyr, was charged with blasphemy and stoned to death in Jerusalem in the year 36 (Acts 6—7). Nevertheless, Jesus' followers initially saw themselves as reformers of Judaism—not founders of a new religion. The Acts of the Apostles traces the first thirty years of this community of believers, from Jesus' ascension in Jerusalem to Paul's imprisonment in Rome. It details the beginnings of their separation from Judaism, as when the Jewish disciples wanted to impose certain practices of Mosaic Law on the Gentile disciples—circumcision, for example (Acts 15:11). Acts and the epistles also chronicle the expansion outside of Jerusalem to the Mediterranean region, where, for example, in Antioch, the disciples of Jesus were called Christians for the first time (Acts 11:26). The first written reference to "Catholic Church" is from St. Ignatius of Antioch around the year 107. Catholic means "universal." "The Church is catholic: she proclaims the fullness of the faith.... She is sent out to all peoples. She speaks to all men. She encompasses all times" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 868). • Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org ." (Printed with per-

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**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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Kealakekua

#### WEEKEND MASSES

\*St. Benedict

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Second Sunday Hawaiian

Mass 8:00 a.m.

\*St. John the Baptist

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday Pohnpei Choir

Confession before Masses

Please call the Office to  
schedule

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

St Benedict, Honaunau

7:00 a.m. Tuesday- Friday

PASTOR /Administrator

wquiamjot@rcchawaii.org

Rev. William

Quiamjot (kee-yam-hot)

### **First Reading** from the **Book of Sirach 3:2-7. 12-14**

The respectful attitude of the children toward their parents is a very important factor in building up a happy family. Such is the truth inculcated by the pious author Ben Sira in today's First Reading.

### **Second Reading** from the **Letter of Paul to the Colossians 3:12-21**

Love, mutual respect, and concern should be among the special traits of every Christian family. Such is the enlightening message of St. Paul to the believers of all times.

**Gospel: Luke 2:41-52** The Holy Family of Nazareth was deeply devout and followed carefully the religious observances of the people of Israel. Such is the impression we derive from today's Gospel passage which is usually known as "The Finding of Jesus in the Temple."

**GOOD NEWS** Adolescence can bring family life into an upheaval for both parents and adolescents alike.

At its heart, adolescence is an urge for independence, a silent instinct to be part of the larger world. It is a calling sewn by God's Spirit into the very fabric of being human. At its best, family life can be the staging ground for that movement outward. Hannah recognized this when she believed that her young son Samuel was chosen for a specific role in life. It moved her to bring Samuel to the temple to be raised there in growing service to the community. Ultimately Samuel became a charismatic leader of the Hebrew people who would anoint both Saul and David as king. That same calling seemed to take time to unfold in the awareness of Joseph and Mary who wondered why Jesus stayed behind in the temple. "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" asked Jesus of them (Luke 2:49).

All of us are meant to live more than a life of satisfaction for ourselves or even the fulfillment of our parents' dreams. We may find ourselves asking a young person what they want to be when they grow up. A more valuable question might be what they think God wants them to be. While the Spirit of God does not usually ask us to be something contrary to our inclinations, the call of service to the needs of the human family is an added piece to the puzzle of what someone's life might look like. ●

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### **Christian Family: Gift & Responsibility**

By a happy coincidence, this year the feast of the Holy Family falls on the last Sunday of the year. This gives us a further reason to raise our minds and hearts to God in gratitude for the many blessings He has granted our families during the year that is about to end. We are gifted beyond belief in many ways. Although we may not be fully aware of all the blessings we have received from the Lord, the little we know is more than enough to bring us to thank Him with all our hearts, especially through this Eucharistic Sacrifice. This is also the time to entrust our own family, as well as all the families throughout the world, to the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth during the new year we are about to begin. Every gift entails a big responsibility and task. May the Lord be the heart of our family. May we love and serve Him as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph did. May He watch over us as He loved and protected the Holy Family of Nazareth.

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

- \*Miriam Janczak    \*Kelii Lovell,
- \*Essien Ramirez\*Jerry Sheehan
- \*Joevelyn Delas Reyes
- \*Kathy Wood
- \*Gwen Menchaca    \*Deb Reed,
- \*Rafael Ramirez    \*Gloria Grapa
- \*William Anderson
- \*Elizabeth Awa    \*Johnny Koene

Thank you is just not enough to say for each of you who came to the "Viking 700 Day" last Monday! It was not a convenient day for any of us, yet you helped prepare by scaling back the plans I used the first time, it was so much more relaxed for volunteers and our guests seemed very happy...even when we had to uninvite them to our Volunteer only lunch!! This Parish really pulls together when needed! I cannot say enough good things. You had the Stewardship" pillar of hospitality "DOWN", once again! It was great to meet a new parish member too!

**DEAR VISITOR TO ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, THANK YOU FOR VISITING US TODAY!**

**WE WISH YOU A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE AND THAT YOU LEAVE ST.BENEDICT'S, TODAY, REFRESHED IN SPIRIT AND WITH PEACE IN YOUR HEART!**

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**St. Benedict Parish  
Stewardship of Treasure**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**December 22, 2024**  
**2194.00 Collection**  
**25.00 Thanksgiving**  
**20.00 CCHD**  
**128.00 Rel. Retirement**  
**632.00 Maint.**  
**180.00 Food Pantry**

**\$3364.00 TOTAL**

**Attendance  
Adults/Children**

<b>St. John</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>St. Benedict</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>101</b>	<b>9</b>

Christmas Eve	106	12
Christmas SB	45	2
Christmas SJ	39	8
	<u>190</u>	<u>22</u>



**MONDAY**  
 December 30  
 Octave of Christmas  
 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk  
 2:36-40

**TUESDAY**  
 December 31  
 Octave of Christmas  
 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

**WEDNESDAY**  
 January 1  
 Mary, Holy Mother of God Nm 6:22-27  
 Gal 4:4-7 Lk  
 2:16-21

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

**FRIDAY** January 3  
 Christmas Weekday  
 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn  
 1:29-34

**SATURDAY**  
 January 4  
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious  
 1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42

**SUNDAY**  
 January 5  
 Epiphany of the Lord  
 Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

**BUSINESS MANAGER**

**Susan Keen**

**OFFICE SECRETARY**

**Carolyn Craven**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Angie Tabieros**

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

**Ariel Hadap**

**Choir Practice**

**Wed. 5: 30 St. John Church,**

**FOOD PANTRY**

**Kenneth & Gloria Ciriako**

**Tom & Vicky McLoughlin**

**\*St. Benedict doors are open**

**Monday through Sunday**

**7:00am-5:00pm**

**\*Holy Sacrament of Confession**

**Saturday 10-12pm**

**\*Every Sunday:**

**Holy Hour 6:30-7:30am**

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

[Luke 2:41-52, 1 Samuel 1:20-22 & 24-28 and  
1 John 3: 1-2 & 21-24]



## Treasure Hunt

1. Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem to commemorate **what Jewish feast?**
2. Luke's Gospel is a retelling of what **EVENT** in Jesus' youth?
3. **How many days** did Joseph and Mary travel before they realized that Jesus was **not** among the caravan?
4. What **emotion** describes how Joseph and Mary felt when they realized Jesus was lost?
5. What was Jesus' **response** to His mother when he was found in the temple?
6. Once her son Samuel was 'weaned', what **two (2) sacrifices** did Hannah and Elkanah make when they took Samuel to the temple in Shiloh?
7. In the *Second Reading* by John, **why** did the disciples have **CONFIDENCE** in God?

### Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt

#### The Fourth Sunday of Advent

-1- Angels, peace; -2- "*Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.*" -3- Mary believed that what was spoken to her by the Lord would be fulfilled; -4- its smallness in size and its predestination to become the place where the 'ruler of Israel' would be born -5- sacrifices, offerings and holocausts were overtaken by the offering of Jesus' body for our sins; -6- Pope Gregory I, 6<sup>th</sup> century; -7- F (false).

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*Please support our Parish!*

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday Dec. 28, 2024**

**4:00** Charles Pelusi, healing

**6:00** +Hermilita Asuncion

**Sunday Dec. 29 2024**

**8:00** +Peter & Sophia Helon

**10:00** Fe A. Pangan, healing

Mass Intentions Weekdays

**December 31, 2024 New Year's Eve**

**6:00** Tuesday +Cindi Gretencil  
+Joanne Wiltias

**10:00** Wednesday Susie Irby, Healing

**7am Thursday** Lee & Blair Ethridge, Anniv.

**7am Friday** Misa Pro Populo

Mass Request forms are available at the church entrance.. The usual stipend is \$10 or more. You may place it in the collection or mail to the office. You may also submit via PayPal through our website at: [thepaintedchurchhawaii.org](http://thepaintedchurchhawaii.org)

**hau'oli makahiki hou !**