



St. Benedict Parish St. John the Baptist Mission Church

01/05/2025 Epiphany of the Lord



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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

Sunday 10:00am

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

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Rev. William

Quiamjot (kee-yam-hot)

Isaiah 60: 1-6;

Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3: 2-3A, 5-6;

Matthew 2: 1-12

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

“Epiphany” means “manifestation.” It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, “O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light.”

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First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 60: 1-6

The prophet Isaiah spoke poetically of the glorious future which God had in store for Jerusalem. The Church applies this eschatological vision to herself, the “New Jerusalem,” blessed by the special presence of the Incarnate Son of God, and to which all peoples of the world are invited to belong.

Second Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

Today, St. Paul reminds us that, with the coming of Christ, the barrier of estrangement between the Jews and the Gentiles was shattered. Both were and are invited to form one single “People of God” under the headship of Jesus, the Savior of all.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi are champions of faith and perseverance in a good enterprise. They are our models in following the star of God’s inspiration and the guidance contained in His Word.

Dear Padre

January 5, 2025

I’m into horoscopes. A friend told me that astrology is nonsense and against the Catholic faith. What do you say?

Stargazing is as old as the human race. We know with certainty that ancient Chaldea was known for its stargazers. Many of the constellations’ names originated during that time. Some scholars believe that the three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the newborn Savior were themselves Chaldean stargazers.

Astrologers believe that the zodiac signs under which we were born largely control our human destiny. The Christian objection to astrology is that it insults almighty God, who alone knows the future. God alone, in cooperation with the free will of humans, controls the future. To suppose that stars, planets, animals, or inanimate objects can, independent of God, direct or influence our lives opposes the first commandment: “I am the LORD your God.... You shall not have other gods beside me” (Exodus 20:2–3).

The Old Testament clearly spells out that it is vain to imagine “either fire, or wind, or the swift air, or the circuit of the stars, or the mighty water, or the luminaries of heaven” as “the governors of the world” (Wisdom 13:2).

Don’t give credit to or blame the stars for what you do and who you are. See past them to the God who made them, and who made us, and who cares for all creation. ●

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Homage to the Savior of All Nations

Epiphany is the manifestation / revelation of Jesus as the King/ Savior not only of the Jews, but of all human beings. Today’s feast reminds us that God loves all nations and cultures of the earth, and that He communicates with us in many, often unforeseen ways – through internal inspirations, through external events, through people, and through His Word. Many times, these factors are combined in an interplay that becomes clear only in hindsight. The challenge is for us to “decipher” God’s message and respond to it with faith, persevering generosity and courage, just as the Magi did. As we are about to start the Eucharistic celebration, let us include in our intention all the peoples of the world and all those who are working hard to bring about harmony and cooperation among all human beings.

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

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday January 4, 2025

4:00 +Dmo &Maolis Khami

6:00 +Frank and Dodi Takarowski

Sunday January 5, 2025

8:00 Fr. Kris Sorenson, healing

10:00 +Catherine, +Yamgja, +Kim

Weekday Mass Intention

1/7- 1/10, 2025

Tuesday +Theresa Blackman

Wednesday Robert Rezabek, Healing

Thursday Misa Pro Populo

Friday Veronica Pausa, healing

**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 or credit card through our
website at:**

thepaintedchurchhawaii.org

***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

**St. Benedict Parish
Stewardship of Treasure**

Thank you for your generosity!

December 29, 2024

2575.00 Collection

2858.00 Christmas

.00 Maint.

95.00 Food Pantry

5528.00 TOTAL

Attendance

Adults/Children

St. John 92 16

St. Benedict 52 3

101 9

BUSINESS MANAGER

Susan Keen

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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

**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.

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything, and may provide in abundance for every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8 c



MONDAY

January 6
Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22-4:6
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY

January 7
Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:7-10
Mk 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY

January 8
Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11-18
Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY

January 9
Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4
Lk 4:14-22a

FRIDAY

January 10
Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13
Lk 5:12-16

SATURDAY

January 11
Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21
Jn 3:22-30

SUNDAY

January 12
The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or
Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Acts 10:34-38 or
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The Epiphany of the Lord

[Matthew 2:1-12, Isaiah 60:1-6 and
Ephesians 3:2-3 & 5-6]



Treasure Hunt

1. The account of the Magi's visit to the infant Jesus appears in only **ONE** gospel; the Gospel of _____.
2. *Epiphany* means the **m** _____ **n**, (or *shining*) of God in the person of Jesus.
3. The Magi's gifts symbolized Jesus' *divinity*, *royalty*, and *sacrifice/humanity*. Which gift represents each of these symbols?
gold = _____
frankincense = _____
myrrh = _____
4. Why **didn't** the magi return to Herod after seeing the child Jesus?
5. Isaiah's joyful message to Jerusalem in *The First Reading*, includes, "Nations shall walk by your _____, and kings by your shining _____."
6. What **two pieces** of "Good News" does St. Paul deliver to the Ephesians in *The Second Reading*?
7. **T/F**: The Feast of the Epiphany was established and celebrated **BEFORE** Christmas was celebrated.
8. In celebration of the Epiphany, what **food** is traditionally prepared in Jewish households. **Why?**

Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

-**1**- Passover; -**2**- Jesus remains in the temple of Jerusalem;
3- three (3); -**4**- anxiety -**5**- "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"; -**6**- a three-year old bull and the child, Samuel; -**7**- they kept His commandments and did what pleased Him.

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!

Since the early days of the church, it has been a Catholic tradition to offer a "Mass Intention". This is a way of remembering a person and lifting them up in prayer. You may Ask the greeter for a form and envelope.



St. Benedict Catholic Church

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