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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**

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday Pohnpeian
Choir

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Benedict, Honaunau

No Daily Mass until 11-25-
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Confession at St. Benedict

Saturday 10AM-12:00
Noon

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St. Benedict Parish

St. John the Baptist

11/30/2025

1st Sunday of
Advent



Today we begin the beautiful season of Advent — a season of preparation. For what are we preparing? The celebration of the birth of our Savior, and the anticipation of His second coming.

These are weighty tasks with eternal consequences. So, let us as Christian stewards make the words of the Prophet Isaiah our motto for the season: “Come, let us climb the Lord’s mountain to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths.”

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, it seems everywhere we turn we are pushed to spend more, do more, entertain more, and generally rush around at a frantic pace — all to create a “perfect” Christmas day. In contrast to this worldly pressure, the Church’s guidance to use these weeks as a time to focus on our spiritual lives can indeed seem like a mountain climb.

But the intentional and wise use of the gift of time is exactly what the Christian steward is called to do, and with even greater intensity during Advent.

How can we use our time to prepare for a holy celebration of Jesus’ birth on Dec. 25 and for his second coming at a date we do not know?

We can push back against the world’s pressure to have the “perfect Christmas.” Scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for the spiritual preparations: Confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, acts of kindness.

It may feel like a mountain climb, but in the end, we will be prepared to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas, we will have become more like our Savior, and we will be ready for Him to come again. Let’s go climb the Lord’s mountain!

Let Us Put on the Armor of Light!

As we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent, we wish one another a spiritually fruitful New Year! The new liturgical year is an opportunity for us to rediscover the richness of this well-planned series of liturgical events and celebrations, intended for our sanctification. As we start our remote preparation for Christmas, St. Paul exhorts us to get rid of the “deeds of darkness” and to clothe ourselves with the splendor of Christ’s grace. This should motivate all Christians to begin this holy season with a clear plan of action and the determination to carry it out faithfully. Today’s First and Second readings offer an encouraging roadmap for a fruitful observance of this year of hope and commitment that is aligned with the exhortations of the Apostle Paul.

First Reading from the Second Book of the Prophet Isaiah 2:1-5

Advent is like a pilgrimage to the house of the Lord. Today, the prophet Isaiah invites us to undertake such a pilgrimage that we may learn from the Lord His way of peace and fruitful collaboration, two gifts that we need so badly nowadays.

Second Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 13:11-14

Advent is an invitation to leave behind the darkness of sin. Encouraged by the words of the apostle Paul, we should move confidently into the brightness of God’s grace and service.

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

Today’s Gospel passage refers to the coming in power of Christ as Judge of all, and the need for all of us to stay awake and be ready to always welcome Him.

Mass intentions Nov. 29-30, 2025

SATURDAY

4:00 PM + Gerardo L. Maghanoy

6:00 PM De Los Santos Family, Bless the family

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Continued Blessings for Desiderio Family

10:00 AM + Reuidier Jeluriae

WEEKDAYS Dec. 2-5

TUES> +Clarence Raymond “Ben” Lindsay

WED> Misa Pro Populo

THURS> +Corven & Jamie Crip

FRI> Denk & Fannie Contal, Healing

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you for your generosity!

Week of Nov. 22-33, 2025

\$ 1905.75 Collection

140.00 Thanksgiving

145.00 Maintenance

745.00 Food Pantry

\$2955.75 Total

Attendance

St. Benedict 68 7

St. John 85 17

TOTAL 153 24

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1st Sunday of Advent

Processional: #287 The Advent of our King

Mass Setting: #195 including Eat This Bread

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Presentation of Gifts: #283 Marantha

Communion: #788 Bread of Life-Advent verses

Recessional: #595 Sing a Joyful Song to the Lord



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people. Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters. HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

GOOD NEWS

MIGUEL DULICK

This is the first Sunday of Advent, and the excitement is palpable. Writing 800 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah sounds like breaking news: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." The psalmist announces we are already there: "And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem." Saint Paul tickles our fancy with another whole round of "revelation" yet to come "on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." Only Jesus himself seems a little cautious: "Be watchful! Be alert!" The Lord "is coming," but he's not here yet. Leave it to Jesus to force the paradox for which Advent seems to have been created: Jesus is present, but we dare not "sleep," lest we miss him! How do we wait for Christmas? After Halloween, the Christmas lights go up, the carols start, the "Merry Christmas!"/"Happy Holidays!" debate begins. Lent is a time for repentance, alms, and fasting. But there's no fasting in Advent: we fill bags with gifts and stockings with goodies. The Church tries to slow us down and encourage a little reflecting to prepare the way, led by John the Baptist. So let's keep waiting; let's hold on to our peace. Christmas Eve will be here soon enough. But let's not be too austere. A full menu of holiday parties and concerts and family feasts can legitimately "anticipate" Christmas. Let's cheer each other: Merry Advent! • *Used with permission by Liguori Press*



Monday October 6
Weekday Jon 1:1—2:2, 11
Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Jon 3:1–10 Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday October 8
Weekday Jon 4:1–11 Lk
11:1–4

Thursday October 9
Weekday Mal 3:13–20b
Lk 11:5–13

Friday October 10
Weekday Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2
Lk 11:15–26

Saturday October 11 Week-
day Jl 4:12–21 Lk 11:27–28

Sunday October 12
Twenty-eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 5:14–17
2 Tm 2:8–13 Lk 17:11–19

FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING , GRACIOUS GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...

Temana Keawe-Fujimoto	*Johnny Koene	*Craig Camello
*Pam Shultise	*Merla Kline	*Paul Ruskey
*Carla Vonderahe	*Mahina Kaupiko	*John Sanchis
*Kamala Galletes	*Drew Sanbei	*Hank Silva
*Miriam Janczak	*Joevelyn Delas Reyes	*Marguerite Naito
*Gwen Menchaca	*Deb Reed,	Kathy Wood
*William Anderson	*Elizabeth Aw	*Gloria Grapa
		*A Friend

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Benedict T-Shirt are available. Please call **Susan Kim @ 808-938-9726**

Dec. 1 5:00pm Finance Council St. John the Baptist

Dec. 4, Thursday 6:00 pm Advent Penance Service St. John the Baptist

Dec. 9th, 10am -12 noon, St. Michael's Vicariate Meeting Lunch provided.

Dec. 9 6:30pm Pastoral Council St. John

Dec. 14 8:00am Hawaiian Mass St. Benedict

Dec. 21 10:00am Pohnpei Choir St. John the Baptist

The First Sunday of Advent

Year A



Treasure Hunt

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

1. Of the three (3) theological virtues—FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY—which is **symbolic** 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.*”

Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

-1- The Crucifixion -2- “King of the Jews”; “The Christ”; -3- that we will be with Him in Paradise; -4- fear of the Lord; -5- to offer us salvation and eternal life; -6-; The Lord revealed to them that David would shepherd His “sheep” (Israel) and become its commander; -7- “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.”



St. Benedict Catholic Church

DEAR VISITOR TO ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALOHA! 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.



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“It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.”

Sheepish Question:

What holiday preparations are taking my attention away from the coming of the Lord?

SACRAMENTS

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital

To arrange a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Eucharist. Please call the office.



Thank you for you who faithfully bring fruit to the Fruit Stand for our visitors. They are excited to see it and appreciate your sharing.