



St. Benedict Parish St. John the Baptist Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

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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 11-25-25

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Confession at St. Benedict

Saturday 10AM-12:00 Noon

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Say to the fearful of heart:

Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God,

he comes with vindication;

With divine recompense

he comes to save you.

ISAIAH 35:4



The Gift of Questions

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

We sometimes imagine that a sign of a strong faith is firm conviction and freedom from doubt. However, despite our imaginings, the authentic experiences of saints and ordinary people alike seem to point in another direction. The question of John the Baptist today—"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Matthew 11:3)—suggests that John is filled with questions, and these are important questions because they are asked from the depths of King Herod's prison, which is not exactly the place of idle musings or concerns.

If John, who is a great saint and a man who encountered Jesus and witnessed the powerful manifestation of the Holy Spirit at his baptism, can have a question, doesn't it suggest that questions are acceptable—perhaps even needed? Perhaps questioning is an indication of faithfulness, not a lack of faith. Questions do not suggest that something is missing; rather, they confirm that something is growing and developing. The Baptist could just have easily said, "Jesus, you are doing and saying more than I ever imagined possible. Please help me to understand," or, to quote an unnamed saint, "I do believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24).

God will not shatter, and faith will not collapse, because you have questions or doubts.

Experience suggests that questions and doubts strengthen our belief and our commitment to a life of faith. ●

Reflect

Do I welcome questions, mine and others, as a way to grow in faith?

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SCAN TO
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Processional: #766 Gather the People

Mass Setting: #185 including Eat This Bread

Responsorial Psalm: # 864 Lord____, come and Save__ Us.

Presentation of Gifts: #631 Your Light will Shine Jerusalem

Communion: #824 Christ be Our Light

Recessional: #288 Ready the Way of the Lord

Rejoice! The Lord Is Coming!

On this Third Sunday of Advent – “Gaudete Sunday” – Saint Paul invites us to rejoice and remove from our hearts all anxiety, for the Lord is near to us. The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Lord is about to perform wonderful things for all those who are afflicted in any way. In the Gospel, Jesus reassures John the Baptist and us that He is, indeed, the expected Messiah, for He has been performing the works of healing and liberation that the prophet Isaiah had announced. These wonders the Lord will do also for us this coming Christmas by bringing about in us the radical renewal we are yearning for.

First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 35:1-6a,10

The desert will bloom with flowers, the eyes of the blind will see. Things deemed impossible do happen when the Lord intervenes. Such is the heartening message of the prophet Isaiah as he contemplates the return of the exiles to their beloved homeland.

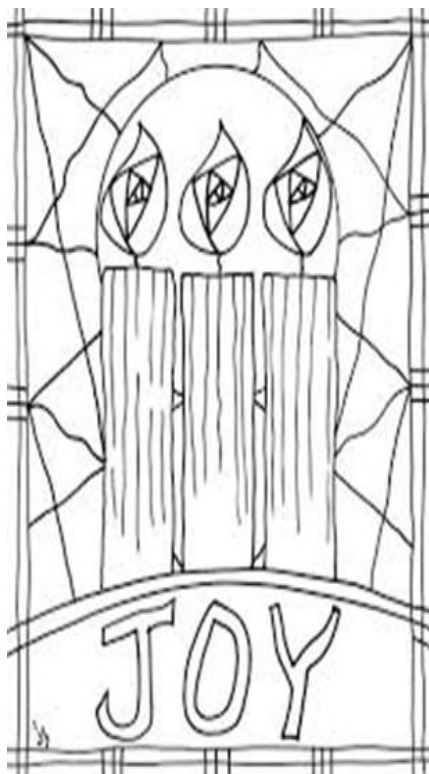
Second Reading from the Letter of James 5:7-10

Patient waiting for the fulfillment of God’s promises is the virtue we should learn both from the farmers and the prophets of old. The Lord will never get rid of his promises; we are assured in this brief passage.

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

“Is Jesus the awaited Messiah?” Such was the question asked by John the Baptist. Jesus answered it by mentioning some of the miracles he had been performing. They were signs that he was, indeed, the Messiah who heals and gives hope to the afflicted.

On this Third Sunday of Advent, the liturgy invites us to the joy of the spirit. It does so with the famous antiphon as part of an exhortation of the Apostle Paul: “Gaudete in Domino”, “Rejoice in the Lord always... the Lord is at hand” (see Phil 4: 4, 5). By Pope Benedict XVI



Mass intentions
DECEMBER, 13-14, 2025

SATURDAY

4:00 PM + Thomas Love

6:00 PM Mara Langford, Sp. Intention

SUNDAY

8:00 AM + Kathy Hirsh

10:00 AM Jarolsaw, Halina, Matthew Gabriel, Aleksaunder, Special Intention

WEEKDAYS Dec. 16-19

TUES> +Peter and Ruth Kush

WED> +Jesusa & Teopilo Aquino,
+Claro D. Tocyap

THURS> The Floro, O’Fiorc, Hefley & Conway families , Special Intentions

FRI> Misa Pro Populo

Stewardship of Treasure
Thankyou for your generosity!
Week of December 7, 2025

Collection	\$3406.00
Maintenance	5.00
Food Pantry	620.00
Thanksgiving	240.00
Ret’ment Rel.	139.00
Imac. Concept.	170.00
Total	\$4580.00

Attendance

St. Benedict	50	7
St. John	101	20
TOTAL	151	27

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Friday December 12, 2025

Individuals

Number of Children served – 37

Number of adults (18-60) - 70

Number of Seniors - 20

Total People served— 113

Size of Household

Single Person -27

2-4 People — 50

5-8 People – 46

Total Families—123



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

There are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd.... Yet, precisely for this reason, they are the places where our missionary outreach is desperately needed. A lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy, appalling violations of human dignity, the crisis of the family, and so many other wounds that afflict our society. HOMILY, ROME, MAY 9, 2025



Dear Padre, Does the Bible say that Mary was in her sixth month of pregnancy at the Annunciation? The announcement of Jesus' birth in Luke begins, "In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph...and the virgin's name was Mary" (Luke 1:26-27). This Scripture passage taken out of context could possibly give the impression that "in the sixth month" refers to Mary. However, it refers to Mary's cousin Elizabeth, who was in the sixth month of her pregnancy with John the Baptist. The proper context is a few verses before this one that reads, "Elizabeth conceived, and she went into seclusion for five months" (Luke 1:24). Regarding Mary's pregnancy, at the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel tells her, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.... The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God" (Luke 1:31, 35). Gabriel also informs Mary, "And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren" (Luke 1:36). In general, women already in their sixth month of pregnancy would likely be aware of their condition, and it would not be easy to conceal from others. ● Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org Liguori Press

FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

MERCIFUL GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS.

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 *Marguerite Naito *Miriam Janczak *Joevelyn Delas Reyes
 *Kathy Wood *Gwen Menchaca *Deb Reed,
 *Gloria Grapa *William Anderson *Elizabeth Aw
 *Johnny Koene *A Friend

Monday December 15
 Advent Weekday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday December 16
 Advent Weekday Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday December 17
 Mt 1:1-17
Thursday December 18
 Advent Weekday Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25
Friday December 19
 Advent Weekday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25
Saturday December 20
 Advent Weekday Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38
Sunday December 21
 Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

Fr. William is planning Christmas Eve from 6-7 o'clock pm with Mass at 7:00pm. He is asking groups soloists to sing Christmas songs in Spanish, Ponpeian, Hawaian, Filipino, and Japanese, English and Our Children in RE. If interested in singing, call the office, talk to Ariel or Fr. William. ALL CHRISTMAS SERVICES location is ST.BENEDICT CHAPEL

*Christmas Eve *St. Benedict Chapel *6:00pm Musical Presentations and Christmas singing
 *7:00pm Christmas Eve MASS

** Christmas Day *St. Benedict Chapel *10:00am Mass

The Third Sunday of Advent



Treasure Hunt

[Matthew 11:2-11, Isaiah 35: 1-6 & 10, & James 5: 7-]

1. In Latin, *Gaudete* means “_____.”
2. The **third** candle of the Advent Wreath is the _____’s Candle. Common folk like them anxiously awaited the birth of Jesus.
3. **What question** did the imprisoned John the Baptist send his disciples to ask of Jesus?
4. In Jesus’ reply to the question, one of the things He said was, “...the poor will have g_____ n_____ proclaimed to them.”
5. In explaining the greatness of John the Baptist to the crowd, Jesus says, that “none that was b_____ o_____ w_____ nor the l_____ in the k_____ are greater than him.”
6. Isaiah presents a poetic image of the parched land that will “r_____” and “b_____” upon seeing the glory and splendor of God.
7. In the *Second Reading*, James tells us that preparing for the coming of Jesus takes both h_____ and p_____.

Answers to last week’s Treasure Hunt.

Second Sunday of Advent

- 1- Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph’s; -2- Jordan, John the Baptist, repentance, straight; -3- “produce good fruit;” -4- Jesse Tree; -5- justice, hope.



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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“Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!”

Sheepish Question:

This week, what do I need to practice in order to make a positive difference in the lives of people around me?

Gaudete

Rejoice
in the Lord always
again I will say,
Rejoice

Philippians 4:4