



# St. Benedict Parish

# St. John the Baptist Church

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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 Pohnpeian  
Choir**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

St Benedict, Honaunau

Daily Mass 7 am

**PASTOR /Administrator**

[wquiamot@rcchawaii.org](mailto:wquiamot@rcchawaii.org)  
Rev. William

**Quiamjot (kee-yam-hot)**

**Confession at St. Benedict**

**Saturday 10AM-11:00**

Business Mgr.

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**Victoria & Tom McLoughlin,**  
**Patricia & Steve Nelson Pro**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

## Close Enough! MIGUEL DULICK

When Christmas is this close, one takes that final leap. Isaiah is centuries from Christmas, but he cannot wait! He sees the “sign” as clear as day: “the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son”. And how about that Son! None other than “Emmanuel” himself—God-With-Us! Paul, too, is bursting at the seams! Inspired by what he calls “the obedience of faith” (Romans 5), he is excited to see the gospel thriving even among the Gentiles. For him, the “Spirit of holiness” is a gift offered to all—Christmas every day, you might say. Speaking of “obedience of faith,” Joseph is the perfect example. The word “obey” comes from the same root as “to hear,” and Joseph has almost supernatural ears! Matthew, the former tax collector, tells “how the birth of Jesus Christ came about” in today’s gospel reading like a bookkeeper—the Holy Spirit in Column A, Joseph in Column B, with Mary in the middle. But when an angel whispers to Joseph at night, his dream comes true: “he took his wife into his home.” Everything is set for Emmanuel! So, the Bible is brimming with Christmas, that is, “God-With-Us,” from end to end. And when a virgin can conceive, are any of us exempt from “birthing” Jesus in our midst? Even when a “happy holiday” seems impossible in the midst of war or violence or poverty, when our ears hear only silence, let’s sing Christmas carols every day! ● Reprinted by permission of Liguori Press



The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus.”

MATTHEW 1:20-21



Processional: #274 **O Come Emmanuel**

Mass Setting: #185 including Eat This Bread

**Responsorial Psalm #867 Let the Lord enter, he is King of Glory**

Presentation of Gifts: #481 Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Communion: #487 **Holy is His Name**

Recessional: #412 **Let Heaven Rejoice**

# CALLED TO BE GOD'S PARTNERS

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we are invited to follow St. Joseph's example. Like him, we are asked to place ourselves totally at the service of God in the fulfillment of His plan of salvation. It is only by doing so that we will be able to experience real peace and be assured of our final success. The Lord, who created the world without us, could easily bring His plan to completion without us. But this is not what He usually does. He elevates us to the role of "partners" in the fulfillment of His plan, out of appreciation for our dignity, freedom, and other qualities that He has endowed us with. If we say "Yes," His sure success will also be ours.

## 1st Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 7:10-14

It was part of God's plan of salvation that the Mesiah be a descendant of King David. Such a plan will be carried out even if some people, like the proud King Ahaz, refuse to cooperate with it. Such is the message coming to us through the famous "Emmanuel prophecy" we are about to hear.

## 2nd Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 1:1-7

The descent of the Messiah from King David was also emphasized by the apostle Paul, as we gather from these opening sentences of his Letter to the Romans.

## Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

Joseph's readiness to obey enables God to fulfill the promises of old and to carry out His plan of salvation in Jesus, "Son of David" and "Emmanuel.

Mass intentions  
DECEMBER, 20-21, 2025

### SATURDAY

4:00 PM +Richard Mc Donell

6:00 PM Julia & Mark Klepadlo, Sp. Intention

### SUNDAY

8:00 AM The People of Ukraine

10:00 AM Wedding Anniversary thanksgiving

WEEKDAYS Dec. 23

Christmas Eve +Marie & Steve Cordas & family

Christmas Day 10:00 AM

Jim & Karen Sacilowski, 59th Anniversary

Fri. 7 AM Misa Pro Populo

### Stewardship of Treasure

Thankyou for your generosity!

Week of December 14, 2025

Collection \$2422.00

Maintenance 65.00

Food Pantry 335.00

Appeals 175.00

Total \$2997.00

### Attendance

St. Benedict 72 7

St. John 72 8

**TOTAL** 144 15

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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.

**Mass Schedule**  
**New Years Eve Wednesday**  
**St. Benedict Chapel**  
**6:00 pm**

**New Years Day Thursday**  
**St. Benedict Chapel**  
**10:00 am**



Carlo Acutis was born on May 3, 1991, in London, to Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano. From a young age, Carlo displayed a profound love for God and the Church that inspired his parents. "Before Carlo's birth, I was really caught up in the culture of our time," his mother says. "I was a prisoner of everything that is relative and limited." But "Carlo showed me how to live in my century while turning toward eternity." His family later moved to Milan, Italy, where Carlo's passion for

computer programming blossomed alongside his deepening faith.

St. Acutis's feast day is **October 12**.

FOR STRENGTH AND  
HEALING  
MERCIFUL GOD, HEAR  
OUR PRAYERS.

\*Hano Grace  
\*Craig Camello  
\*Pam Shultise  
\*Merla Kline  
\*Paul Ruskey  
\*Carla Vonderahe  
\*Mahina Kaupiko  
\*John Sanchis  
\*Kamala Galletes  
\*Drew Sanbei  
\*Hank Silva  
\*Marguerite Naito  
\*Miriam Janczak  
\*Joe Evelyn Delas Reyes  
\*Gwen Menchaca  
\*Deb Reed  
\*Gloria Grapa  
\*William Anderson  
\*Elizabeth Aw  
\*Johnny Koene  
\*A Friend

#### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



*I think it is important for all of us to learn how to listen more, to enter into dialogue. First and foremost, with the Lord: always listen to the word of God. Then also listen to others, to know how to build bridges, to know how to listen without judging, not closing the doors [and] thinking that we have all the truth and no one else can tell us anything.*

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 11, 2025



7th & 8th Grade students with Fraine after setting up the Nativity Manger at St. John. Their Catechist is Marjorie Fujimoto.

Monday	Thursday	Saturday
December 22	December 25	December 27
Advent Weekday	<i>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</i>	<i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>
1 Sm 1:24-28	Is 52:7-10	1 In 1:1-4
Lk 1:46-56	Heb 1:1-6	In 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday	Jn 1:18 or 1:1-5, 9-14	Sunday
December 23	Advent Weekday	December 28
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i>
Lk 1:57-66	Lk 1:57-66	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Wednesday	Friday	Saturday
December 24	December 26	Col 3:12-21 or
Advent Weekday	St. Stephen, the First Martyr	3:12-17
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59	Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Lk 1:67-79	Mt 10:17-22	

#### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

**ALL CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR SERVICES location is ST.BENEDICT CHAPEL**

#### **\*Christmas Eve**

Musical Presentations and Christmas Carols **\*6:00pm**

**MASS \*7:00pm** Cookies/small dessert,  
Coffee & Cocoa to share after

**\*\* Christmas Day \*10:00am Mass**



# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Treasure Hunt



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

1. \_\_\_\_\_'s candle represents the endless love God has for us as manifested 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 fulfilment of p \_\_\_\_\_.
3. T/F: The angel instructed Joseph that the child was to be named *Jesus*.
4. In this week's *First Reading*, why does Isaiah admonish Ahaz?
5. To whom was the prophesy given that "*the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and she shall name him Emmanuel.*?"
6. 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..."

**Bonus:** 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."

### Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt

#### Third Sunday of Advent

-1- rejoice or joy; -2- Shepherd's; -3- "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" -4- Good News; -5- born of women, least, kingdom; -6- rejoice, bloom; -7- hardship, patience.

As our Advent preparations end and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each of us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day.

In response to such an overwhelming gift, what can we do except offer our lives as gift in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give?

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, as he obeys God's call to him through the message of an angel.

We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, and tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection, and service.

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"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us."

#### Sheepish Question:

Where have I recognized Christ coming into my life this week?



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