



# St. Benedict Parish St. John the Baptist Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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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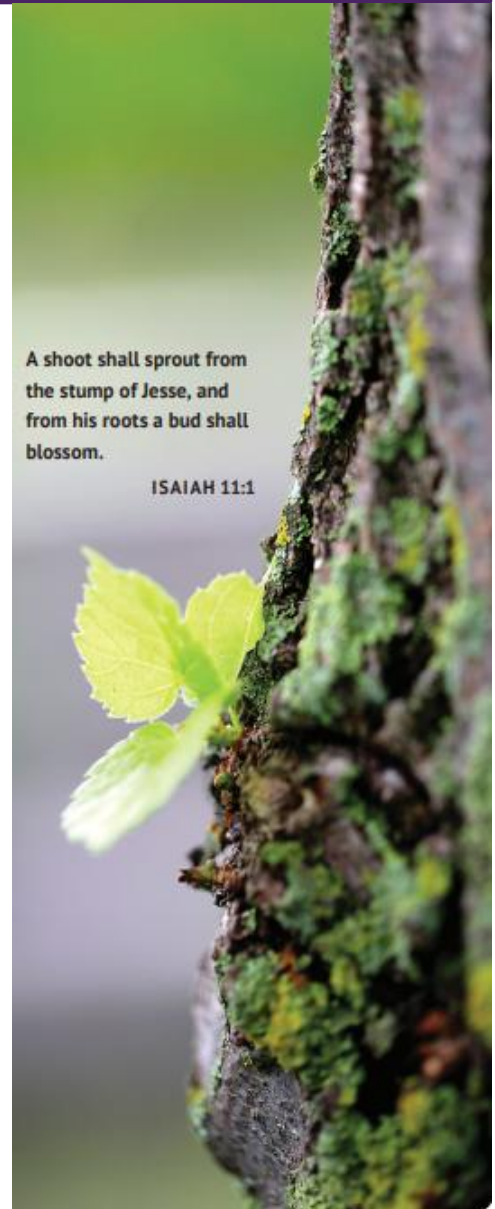
## Will You Notice the Shoot? ANN M. GARRIDO

Today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah offers a familiar Advent image: the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. The verses immediately preceding speak of God walking through the forest with an ax: "The tall of stature shall be felled, and the lofty ones shall be brought low" (Isaiah 10:33). But now, amidst all the destruction, a tiny sign of new life emerges, and the Spirit of God descends upon it, bearing many gifts wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, delight. So often, when we scroll through the news, our attention is captured by violence and war and the "mighty" who make great noise when they fall. "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees," echoes John the Baptist in today's gospel. If we are looking for where God's Spirit can be found, however, Isaiah reminds us we will need to look elsewhere. We will need to attend to the quiet, fragile resurrections taking place below the surface when it appears as if all has been lost. If we seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, and delight, we will need to look where the little ones of the earth are found. We must have our eyes open for the shoots. The gospels emphasize that Jesus was one such little one. Although the glory days of his people seemed to have come to a crashing close, they have not. In him, we glimpse the truth that life is stronger than death. We see that the future has not been erased, no matter how terrible the past. In him, we find our hope. •

*Reflect: Are my eyes open to the small signs of God's work in the world, or am I too distracted to notice?*

A shoot shall sprout from  
the stump of Jesse, and  
from his roots a bud shall  
blossom.

ISAIAH 11:1



Processional: #294 Ready the Way

Mass Setting: #195 including Eat This Bread

Responsorial Psalm: # 861 Justice shall flourish in his  
time, and fullness of Peace— for-e-ver.

Presentation of Gifts: #824 Christ Be Our Light

Communion: #283 Maranatha

Recessional: #640 Christ Before Us

# Prepare the Way of the Lord!

As we progress in our spiritual pilgrimage toward the shrine of Jesus' manger, on this Second Sunday of Advent, St. John the Baptist reminds us that we need to prepare ourselves adequately for our encounter with the Lord. We must prove the seriousness of our resolve to change for the better, each of us in our own situation. St. Paul gives us some practical tips about what this preparation can mean, as he invites us to live in perfect harmony with one another, accepting one another as Christ has accepted us. Only on these conditions shall we be able to glorify God with one voice and one heart as loving children should, particularly in this Advent Season.

## First Reading: Book of the Prophet Isaiah 11:1-10

To a people disheartened by the disappointing performance of its rulers, Isaiah presents the vision of a descendant of David, who will promote justice and peace throughout the world.

## Second Reading: Letter of Paul to the Romans 15:4-9

About to conclude his letter to the faithful of Rome, the apostle Paul asks for them a harmonious relationship and mutual acceptance – two virtues that we, too, should practice as we prepare for Christmas.

## Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist is clear and even blunt in his appeal to conversion as he reminds us that every tree that does not bear fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. No one should presume to take advantage of God's patience.



"Advent and St. Benedict" refers to connecting the Christian season of Advent (waiting for Christ's coming) with the spiritual wisdom of Saint Benedict (founder of Western monasticism, author of the Rule of St. Benedict), focusing on themes like silent listening, finding Christ in daily life, prayer, work, and spiritual discipline, often through specific readings, retreats, or books. While St. Benedict didn't directly write about Advent in his Rule, his emphasis on deep listening ("ear of your heart"), mindfulness, and finding God in the ordinary makes him a profound guide for this season.

## Weekly Mass intentions

December 6-7, 2025

### SATURDAY

4:00 PM Lisa Matthews, Peace and Healing

6:00 PM +Mark and Mimi Brauvi

### SUNDAY

8:00 AM John & Gail Dasta, Spec. Intention

10:00 AM + Esperanza S. Sallo, Healing

### WEEKDAYS Dec. 9-12

TUES> +Kathleen Ryan

WED> Lorraine & Dana Echler

THURS> Misa Pro Populo

FRI> Scott Degel

### Stewardship of Treasure

Thankyou for your generosity!

Week of Nov.29-30, 2025

\$ 1589.00 Collection

611.00 Thanksgiving

120.00 Maintenance

70.00 Food Pantry

\$ 2390.00 Total

### Attendance

St. Benedict 62 8

St. John 65 15

TOTAL 127 23

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### Hay in the Manger –



Prepare your hearts for

Christmas by preparing a manger. *Start* by displaying an empty manger in your home. Family members can add a piece of hay to the manger each time they offer a little prayer, sacrifice, or secret act of kindness throughout the day. Then, Christmas morning, baby Jesus can be placed in the bed you've made for Him.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity. HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025



**MONDAY** December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Gn 3:9–15, 20 Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 Lk 1:26–38

**TUESDAY** December 9  
Advent Weekday Is 40:1–11 Mt 18:12–14

**WED.** December 10  
Advent Weekday Is 40:25–31 Mt 11:28–30

**THURS.** December 11  
Advent Weekday Is 41:13–20 Mt 11:11–15

**FRIDAY** December 12  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47

**SATURDAY** December 13  
St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 Mt 17:9a, 10–13

**SUNDAY** December 14  
Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1–6a, 10 Jas 5:7–10 Mt 11:2–11

## Dear Padre, Do non-Catholics go to heaven?

Yes, they do, because of the grace of God at work in his people. To suggest otherwise would seem to imply that Catholics somehow have a "golden ticket," or some kind of right that simply does not exist. The Incarnation of Jesus healed the division between heaven and earth, a division established by the "sin of Adam" and confirmed by our own lives of sin. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, all has been restored to the manner that the Father first envisioned through his Creation. The division was between humanity and divinity, not between religious practices and divinity. Catholics believe and celebrate that God accepts all people of a good heart and a good spirit. God is not blinded by the labels that sometimes blind his people to the bigger reality. When Catholics, or people of any religion, proclaim exclusivity and specialness, particularly when it concerns eternal life, all people should be very cautious about what they assume. To assume a certain type of arrogance—to yourself and to your belief and life of faith—that excludes others or separates another as "not one of us" simply has no place in the kingdom of God.

● Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org Printed with permission by Liguori Press

### FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING , MERCIFUL GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...

\*Terrance Terada \*Craig Camello \*Pam Shultise \*Merla Kline  
\*Paul Ruskey \*Susan Keen \*Carla Vonderahe \*Mahina Kaupiko  
\*John Sanchis \*Kamala Galletes \*Hank Silva \*Miriam Janczak  
\*Joevelyn Delas Reyes \*Gwen Menchaca \*Deb Reed, \*Gloria Grapa  
\*William Anderson \*Elizabeth Aw \*Johnny Koene \*A Friend

**Announcements** \*The funeral for Ruby Ann Kahoonei (88) will be Sat. December 11th at **St. Michael's Church**. Visitation will be at 10am and Mass at 11am. Ruby Ann was faithful member at St. Benedict years ago, including the Food Pantry. May her soul through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

\*The Celebration of Life Mass for Kathy Wood will be Thursday, January 8, 2026, at **St. Benedict Church**. The Eulogy will be at 10:00 with Mass to follow. Kathy was a faithful member and served as greeter and Eucharistic Minister until her illness. May her soul through the mercy of God rest in peace.

**\*Fr. William is planning Christmas Eve from 6-7 o'clock pm with Mass at 7:00pm. He is asking groups to Christmas songs in Spanish, Ponpeian, Hawaiian, Filipino, Children in RE, and English. If we missed a language that you would like to sing as a solo or with a group, please call the office listed on the front of the bulletin or tell Fr. William.**

The Vicariate meeting at St. Michael's is Tuesday, Dec. 9th at 10-12, including lunch. Stewardship Committee members meeting will follow. That meeting is scheduled until 1:00.

### ALL CHRISTMAS SERVICES ARE AT ST.BENEDICT CHAPEL

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

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



## The Second Sunday of Advent



### Treasure Hunt

[Matthew 3: 1-12, Isaiah 11: 1-10 & Romans 15: 4-9]

1. This week's *Advent candle* is called the \_\_\_\_\_ Candle. It stands for \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_'s journey to the place of Jesus' birth.
2. This week's Gospel is set on the **J** \_\_\_\_\_ River with **J** \_\_\_\_\_ preaching **r** \_\_\_\_\_ so that we can all 'make **s** \_\_\_\_\_ His paths.'
3. **What** were the Pharisees and Sadducees told they must do **to prove** sincere repentance for their sins?
4. Isaiah speaks of Jesus as the **shoot** that sprouts from the **J** \_\_\_\_\_ **T** \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Both Isaiah and St. Paul's refer to Jesus in today's readings: Isaiah to "**j** \_\_\_\_\_ around His waist," and Paul to the "**h** \_\_\_\_\_" He will produce among the Faithful.

### Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt

#### First Sunday of Advent

- 1- HOPE; -2- Isaiah; -3- prepared, awake; -4- light; -5- darkness, armor

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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"He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted."

### Sheepish Question:

How can I enhance my feelings of compassion with a deeper sense of justice?



St. Benedict Catholic Church

"IT IS THE BEAUTIFUL TASK OF ADVENT TO AWAKEN IN ALL OF US MEMORIES OF GOODNESS AND THUS TO OPEN DOORS OF HOPE."  
-POPE BENEDICT XVI

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