

# PARISH CALENDAR

Second Sunday  
of Lent

March 13, 2022

Redeem us, Lord,  
from our distress!

Saturday, March 12	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, March 13	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, March 14	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, March 15	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, March 16	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, March 17	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, March 18	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>Station of the Cross - Eucharistic Ministers</b>
Saturday, March 19	..... 10:00-12 pm	<b>Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

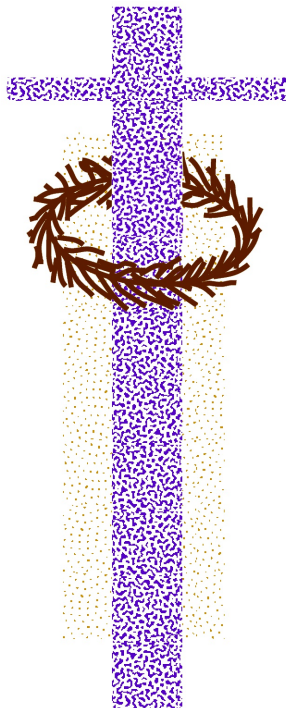
**Ex:3:1-8a, 13-15:** The Lord appeared to Moses in a flaming bush telling him he would lead Israel out of bondage in Egypt.

**1 Cor:10:1-6, 10-12:** Just as Israel sinned during its desert sojourn, so too have the Corinthian Christians sinned.

**Lk:13:1-9:** Jesus told his followers they need to reform their lives.

**(Everyone who attends Mass must wear a Mask)**

**We continue to live streaming the Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m. @ <https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream> or [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr\\_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/)**



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## PRACTICING VIRTUES DURING LENT

1. **TEMPERANCE:** Hold the tongue when spoken to with an irritating tone or hurtful words. (Proverbs 21:23)
2. **JUSTICE:** Work for universal peace and for the common good. (Matthew 6:24)
3. **PRUDENCE:** Focus on the spiritual — my relationship with God — rather than the physical, e.g., If you eat one chocolate, how about picking up the bible and read for at least 10 minutes? (Psalm 62)
4. **FORTITUDE:** Pray the “Hail Mary” when facing difficulties, or, say “Thank you, Lord” for big and little things that tend to be annoying. (2 Corinthians 12:9-11)
5. **CHARITY:** Say “I love you” often but most of all, ask how you may be of help. (Beatitudes, Matthew 5:3-12)
6. **FAITH:** You’ve done your best, leave everything else to God. (Romans 8:28)
7. **HOPE:** Say or post on social media only words that build up the person and the body of Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SPECIAL APPEAL TO AID THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE:** Mahalo to everyone who gave to Special Appeal to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe Humanitarian Relief, your generosity was greatly appreciated! Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and to Our Lady, Queen of Peace to bring a swift end to the violence.  
**MAHALO!**

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:** If you miss St. Rita's Penance Service, here are the dates for the Leeward Vicariate:  
**Tue, 3/15 @ 7 pm - Immaculate Conception, Ewa**  
**Thur, 3/17 & 7 pm - Sacred Heart, Waianae**  
**Tue, 3/22 @ 6:30 pm - St. Joseph, Waipahu**  
**Mon, 3/28 @ 7 pm - St. Jude, Kapolei**  
**Tue, 4/5 @ 7 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ewa Beach**

**PERSEVERANCE TO SUCCEED:** Raul and Lillian faced many challenges while trying to provide for their family and pursue their dreams in Guatemala. With support from the Catholic Relief Services, they have been able to overcome these obstacles and grow their business while helping their community along the way. In what ways are you being challenged to serve others this Lent? Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the "culture of death" and the culture of life". We find ourselves not only "faced with" but necessarily "in the midst of" this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (The Gospel of Life 28)

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Mar 13 Sun: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Gen:15:5-12, 17-18; Ps:27; Phil:3:17-4:1; Lk:9:28b-36

**Mar 14 Mon: Lenten Weekday**

Dan:9:4b-10; Ps:79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Lk:6:36-38

**Mar 15 Tue: Lenten Weekday**

Isa:1:10, 16-20; Ps:50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt:23:1-12

**Mar 16 Wed: Lenten Weekday**

Jer:18:18-20; Ps:31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt:20:17-28

**Mar 17 Thur: Lenten Weekday**

Jer:17:5-10; Ps:1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk:16:19-31

**Mar 18 Fri: Lenten Weekday**

Gen:37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps:105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21;

Mt:21:33-43, 45-46

**Mar 19 Sat: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

2 Sm:7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps:89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rm: 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt:1:16, 18-21, 24a

## NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading we learn that one of Saint Paul's principles of Christian living is to watch and imitate other followers of Christ. There is a pattern for Christian living that Saint Paul wants others to discover and then imitate. This pattern includes a life of prayer, selflessness, sacrifice, and caring for others, including our family of faith. Good stewards choose their friends wisely. They cultivate friendships with other Christian stewards, spend time with them, observe how they live, ask questions about their faith and learn from them. Who are your friends? Are they good stewards of their faith? Are they those who can help you on your own journey of faith? (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

**You can still continue contribute to St. Rita during this time of Social - distancing by going to our web-site [www.stritananakuli.org](http://www.stritananakuli.org) And click "On-line Giving" on the banner line. You can also send your Tithe/Donation via mail: St. Rita Catholic Church/ 89-318 Farrington Hwy. / Nanakuli, HI 96792**

### Reflecting on God's Word

Every so often life gives you a glimpse of glory: a moment of beauty in a sunset, of goodness in a person, of truth in words spoken, of peace and well-being. Sometimes it comes suddenly; other times it's been there all along but you haven't been paying much attention. But it is real and you know it is a glimpse of glory.

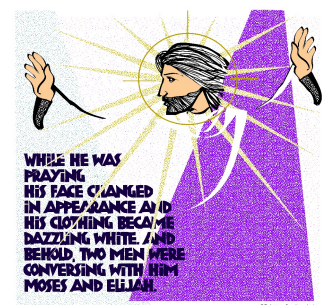
This is what happened to Peter, James, and John. Jesus often went off to pray during their time with him, traveling through towns and villages. Luke makes a special point of telling us this more than once. At these times he would experience the presence of his Father. Now, while he is praying with his friends, the Father again draws near, not just to Jesus this time but to his disciples, too.

But first there are Moses and Elijah, also in a state of glory, speaking to Jesus about his coming death, his "exodus," his passing over into glory. And Jesus will go on to speak to his disciples about his coming death, which they will not want to hear. But for now they are given a glimpse of glory, of what is at the end of the road.

Every so often we need a reminder of what we are destined for, that our citizenship is in heaven. We need to be reminded of the promise that our Savior will come and "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (Philippians 3:21). For the present, we need to heed the Father's words: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him" (Luke 9:35).

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



## The Glory of God

God of our ancestors,  
your glory shines through  
all generations,  
and brings forth life.  
You offer us salvation in your Son,  
our Lord Jesus;  
in you we shall not fear.  
Strengthen our resolve to imitate  
your Son,  
speak of the power of your love,  
and share the good news.  
Help us stand firm  
and shine your light and love  
to all we encounter.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Deep and Real Prayer



*Today's readings: Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18; Psalm 27:1, 7–8, 8–9, 13–14; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 9:28b–36.* In Luke's account of the Transfiguration, we hear these words: "Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray." The sole focus of the climb of the mountain was prayer.

What a stunning and revelatory moment it was for Peter, John, and James to experience Jesus praying deeply, changing in appearance, and even his clothes turning dazzling white. Seeing Jesus in his fullness, the apostles witnessed their friend's divinity. They were speechless when they heard God say, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

As we begin the second week of Lent, consider how Jesus prioritized prayer and the place it holds in your life.

Do you set aside time for prayer? Do you allow space to be silent before God? Examine your schedule to determine a time for prayer.

St. Paul tells us in the second reading that "our citizenship is in heaven." There, Christ will change our bodies to "conform with his glorified body." But he tells them first that they need to imitate the holy life that he has set before them, changing their focus from earthly things. Help yourself focus this week on heavenly things by praying the psalm from today and contemplating the refrain, "The Lord is my light and my salvation."



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, March 14

#### Share Mercy

Today's Gospel calls us to "be merciful." Merciful actions beget mercy. "The measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you," Jesus tells the disciples. Act on one of the seven corporal works of mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead, give alms to the poor. *Today's readings: Daniel 9:4b–10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11; Luke 6:36–38.*

### Tuesday, March 15

#### Truly Humble

People often tout their accomplishments and their status. Jesus' message today is contrary to such behavior. He tells us that the greatest among us must be a servant, and that those who are humble will be exalted. Seek to be conscious of whether you are boastful. When we act as the person God created us to be, there is no need to boast, for each one of us is made in God's image and likeness. *Today's readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16–20; Psalm 50:8–9, 16bc–17, 21, and 23; Matthew 23:1–12.*

### Wednesday, March 16

#### Service

Jeremiah was a young prophet. When first called by God, he didn't want the job. He knew it would be tough to challenge people who were not following God's ways. Christians today can be wary of taking on their call as disciples. Jesus asks us to serve without seeking favor. For many of us such service is difficult. How will you follow Jesus today by serving others? *Today's readings: Jeremiah 18:18–20; Psalm 31:5–6, 14, 15–16; Matthew 20:17–28.*

### Thursday, March 17

#### Priorities

Lying at the rich man's door, Lazarus would have liked to receive any bit of food. The rich man did not heed the poor any more than he was attentive to Moses and the prophets. Many things vie for our attention. Where do you put your focus: on Christian teachings and Scripture or on more earthly things? Make a list today of your top ten priorities. Where does God fall on the list? *Today's readings: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4, and 6; Luke 16:19–31.*

### Friday, March 18

#### Faith during Adversity

Jealousy, hatred, vengeful feelings are strong human emotions that can be at the root of poor choices. Cyril of Jerusalem, whose feast day is today, was treated unjustly by his contemporaries but remained faithful. He was the bishop of Jerusalem and later named a doctor of the church. He is known for his homilies that prepared catechumens for initiation into the Church. *Today's readings: Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a; Psalm 105:16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46.*

### Saturday, March 19

#### St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary

As we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we hear in the Gospel that Joseph is "a righteous man" unwilling to expose Mary to shame. When an angel visited Joseph in a dream, he showed great trust and confidence in God's plan for him and Mary. Joseph is the patron of the universal Church. Pray through the intercession of St. Joseph today, mindful of his example of faith. *Today's readings: 2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27, and 29; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a.*

