

PARISH CALENDAR

Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019

It is good to give thanks
to the Lord!

Saturday, March 2	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Sunday, March 3	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Monday, March 4	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, March 5	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, March 6	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	ASH WEDNESDAY - MASS
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p. m.	ASH WEDNESDAY - MASS
Thursday, March 7	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, March 8	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Stations of the Cross - Outreach
Saturday, March 9	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

**LORD YOUR LABOR
IS NOT IN VAIN**

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Dt:26:4-10: I have brought you the first fruits of this land flowing with milk and honey

Rom:10:8-13: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved

Lk 4:1-13: You shall not put the Lord God to the test

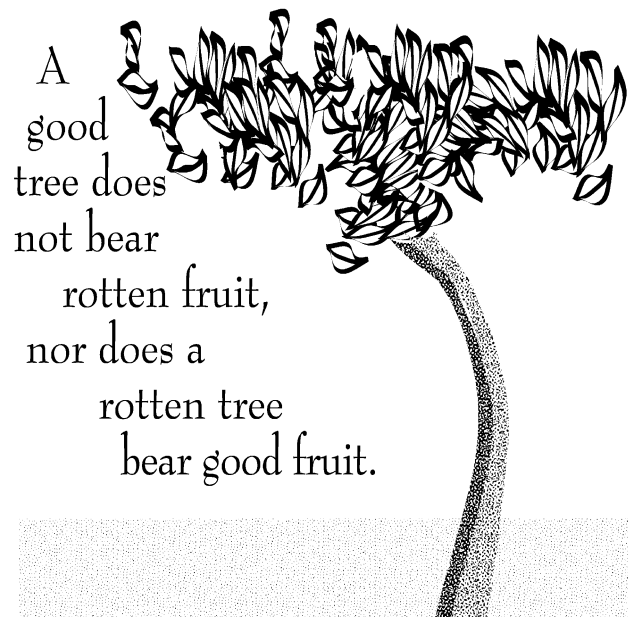
Reflection

I have a confession to make. Whenever I browse the racks in the library or bookstore, I often find myself attracted to a book by its cover. I don't always borrow or purchase the book with the flashy cover, but I do give it the once-over. I've learned from experience that a book may have a great cover—lots of sizzle—but its contents are far from satisfying—no steak. Still, the cover attracts me.

It's only natural that appearances attract us, and in the hurry-up world we live in we often tend to make snap judgments based on those appearances and stereotypes. A stereotype is a fixed way of thinking that allows little room for individuality. But it's important to remember that stereotypes are often wrong. Relying on them to determine how we assess someone or something means relying mainly on appearances and turning snap judgments into final judgments.

My father used to caution against this. "Remember," he warned, "they are not all saints who use holy water, and neither are they all sinners who use scotch and water." I have long thought that Jesus was saying pretty much the same thing in today's Gospel passage.

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From the fullness
of the heart



the mouth speaks

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Join our faith community — and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States — in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the back of church on **Ash Wednesday - March 6th**. During the 40 days of **LENT**, we will encounter the needs of the world. And don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!

ANNUAL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN: The Annual 40 Days for Life Campaign in Hawaii will kick off on March 9th. The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion. If you are able to participate in the campaign, please check out their website: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/honolulu/>

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:

Consider enriching your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. /Oahu: May 24- 26, 2019 at St. Anthony Retreat Center /Oahu: August 30-September 1, 2019* at St. Anthony Retreat Center. For more information visit Worldwide Marriage Encounter at www.hawaiiwwme.org.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE: The Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy is organizing a 3-day conference to be held at the Hawaii Convention Center on **May 24-26, 2019**. The conference theme - "Divine Mercy and the Message of Fatima" will focus on the connection of Divine Mercy to the messages given by Our Lady Fatima in 1917. For more information, please call 389-5764 or visit the www.divinemercyhawaii.org.

WORD OF LIFE: "Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life "Every Life is worth Living" Prayer*, www.usccb.org/worth-living

WEEKLY READINGS

Mar 3 Sun: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir:27:4-7; Ps:92; 1 Cor:1:15:54-58; Lk:6:39-45

Mar 4 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Sir:17:20-24; Ps:32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk:10:17-27

Mar 5 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Sir:35:1-12; Ps:50:5-6, 7-8, 14 & 23; Mk:10:28-31

Mar 6 Wed: Ash Wednesday

Jl:2:12-18; Ps:51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17; 2 Cor; 5:20-6:2;

Mt:6:1-6, 16-18

Mar 7 Thu: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Dt:30:15-20; Ps: 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk:9:22-25

Mar 8 Fri: Friday after Ash Wednesday

Is:58:1-9a; Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt:9:14-15

Mar 9 Sat: Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Is:58:9b-14; Ps:86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Appearances

One of the earliest quotes I can remember from first-year Latin class is *Vestis virum facit* ("Clothes make the man"), a maxim no doubt coined by some ancient patrician haberdasher. The adage speaks to our penchant for judging a person by outside appearances. Over the ages this tendency has led many people to equate worth or truth with image. In our day, it has spawned a whole new cadre of professionals: marketers, advertisers, image-makers, and "spin doctors." Today's Liturgy of the Word invites us to look beyond appearances to actions.

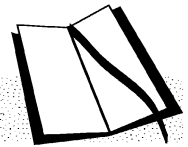
NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: *Loving Creator, the challenges before us seem enormous as we strive to serve you. Help us to remember that we can courageously meet every test through Christ our Lord. Amen (Parish Publishing, LLC www.parishpublishing.org)*

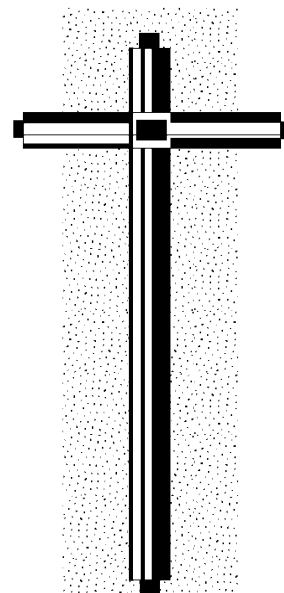
Ben Sira (Sirach) was a teacher. In today's first reading, we find him practicing his profession. He tells his students that the criteria for judging a person are the words he or she speaks. Someone may appear "cool," "with it," or worth emulating, but wait. Wait till they open their mouth, for their true worth will be displayed in their words. So, says Sirach, watch what you say. Your speech will show the "bent of [your] mind," whether it be straight or twisted. The Gospel—again part of the Sermon on the Plain—also addresses the disparity that often exists between appearance and reality. Jesus tells us that what we truly believe, what really drives us, will be manifest in our words and actions. Just as we can judge the worth of a tree by the fruit it produces, so can we judge the worth of a person by the way he or she acts. Jesus seems to be calling us to be prudent in our judgment of others. At the same time, he tells us that our own character will exhibit itself in the way we act toward others.

In the second reading, Paul calls us to "walk our talk"—to be "firm [and] steadfast" in our compassionate service of others. Even though doing so may be difficult and apparently unrewarding, Paul assures us that such action is transforming, paschal in nature, and leads to the fullness of life." Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

Be firm, steadfast,
and always devoted
to the word of the
Lord



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