

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, Feb 29	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Sunday, March 1	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 10:45 a.m.	Religious Education Class
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Monday, March 2	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, March 3	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	<i>Lenten Reconciliation Service</i>
Wednesday, March 4	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, March 5	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, March 6	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross - R. E. - Youth Ministry</i>
Saturday, March 7	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

First Sunday
of Lent

March 1, 2020

**One does not live
by bread alone!**

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Gen:12:1-4: God calls Abraham.

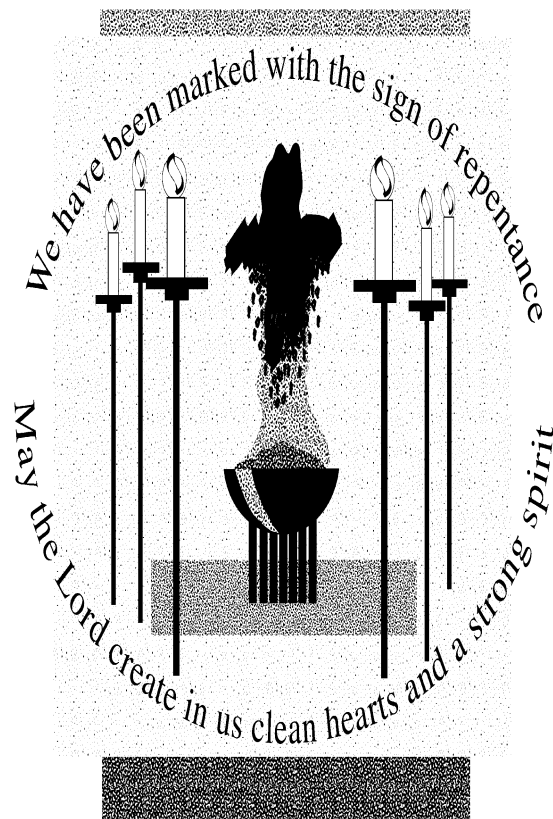
2 Tim:1:8-10: God calls us to be holy.

Matt:17:1-9: Jesus is transfigured; a voice says, "Listen."

The serpent is clearly used to awaken Eve's desire to eat. Neither she nor Adam could resist tasting the fruit of the forbidden tree. Their disobedience to God's command is considered to be the original source of sin in humankind.

The "Big Guy" came out for Jesus. It was Satan, not just any evil creature, who presented Jesus with three tests. First of all, Jesus had to have been starving. He hadn't eaten for forty days, so the temptation of food probably seemed like a sure bet to Satan. But Jesus resisted. "Okay, if you're not hungry, let's try something spectacular. Throw yourself from the temple roof and show everyone how God will save you." Again, Jesus refused. If all else fails, go for greed. Offer Jesus all the power and wealth of the world. When Jesus obeyed God for the third time, Satan could do no more. He left Jesus. Paul parallels these two events. In both instances, evil forces try coaxing and tricking the people involved to eat something. Adam and Eve are hungry to become like God. Jesus is coming off a forty-day fast. Adam and Eve get duped. They fall for the con. Jesus doesn't submit. He chooses not to use his power and in his humility sends Satan packing.

A contrast in the human condition is clear between the first reading and the Gospel. Adam initiates sin with disobedience. A certain gloom and darkness permeate the world after the fall of Adam and Eve. God is no longer directly accessible to people, and they fall into sinful ways without God. In the era of the New Adam, a transformation occurs. There is salvation through Christ. Jesus saves us from sin because he obeyed. He brings us new life; once again we have a direct connection with God. Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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WE WALK THE ROAD TO EASTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kupuna Project Revival: Do you or someone you know need assistance in or around the house? The Kupuna Project offers volunteer service to those who need help. Please request for help by filling out the service request form and turning it into the offertory basket. All requests should be submitted by **March 28 and the first service project will be held sometime in April.**

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Hunger in Our World: When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: Listed are the dates for Leeward Vicariate Lenten Penance Services:

Tuesday, March 3rd - St. Rita

Tuesday, March 10th - Immaculate Conception - Ewa

Thursday, March 12th - St. Joseph - Waipahu (6:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, March 17th - Sacred Heart - Waianae

Monday, March 23rd - St. Jude - Kapolei

Tuesday, March 24th - Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Ewa Beach

All services begin at 7 p. m., except St. Joseph

PEARSON PLACE is the only Catholic pregnancy resource center in Hawaii. Located in their new office at 1145 Bishop Street in Honolulu (directly upstairs of the Daughters of St. Paul bookstore, and across Bishop street from the Cathedral) they are a Christ centered counseling and assistance center here to assist anyone with unplanned pregnancy issues. They are staffed by volunteers, and welcome anyone who would care to assist as volunteers and/or for donations. The phone number is 942-0328. We can also be contacted on our website www.pearsonplace.org

WORD OF LIFE: "[The Gospel of Life] is therefore meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!"

WEEKLY READINGS

Mar 1 Sun: 1st Sunday of Lent

Gen:2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps:51; Rom:5:12-19; Mt:4:1-11

Mar 2 Mon: Lenten Weekday

Lev:19:1-2, 11-18; Ps:19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt:25:31-46

Mar 3 Tue: Lenten Weekday

Isa:55:10-11; Ps:34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt:6:7-15

Mar 4 Wed: Lenten Weekday

Jn:3:1-10; Ps:51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk:11:29-32

Mar 5 Thur: Lenten Weekday

Est:C12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps:138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt:7:7-12

Mar 6 Fri: Lenten Weekday

Ezk:18:21-28; Ps:130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt5:20-26

Mar 7 Sat: Lenten Weekday

Dt:268:16-19; Ps:119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt:5:43-48

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

When we look at the three traditional "disciplines" of Lent, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we know that almsgiving gets the least attention. Yet, the Bible places emphasis firmly on almsgiving: Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness. . . It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life(Tobit 12:8-9). A central part of our faith is the practice of almsgiving. It is a practice described in our Catholic Catechism thusly: The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," **Almsgiving challenges us to examine how we are using our time, abilities, and money to better the lives of those around us.** which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to god." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no 2462).(International Catholic Stewardship Council)

Reflection

Why was Jesus out in the wilderness starving himself in the first place? God's plan had been made clear to Jesus. He knew what it was he had to do. He knew it would not be easy. Jesus needed time to prepare for the difficult task that lay ahead, and to do this, he needed some quiet time with God to pray, to listen, and to plan.

When Jesus finished, Satan was waiting for him. Satan, like the serpent with Adam and Eve, made it sound like no big deal. "If you're the son of God, just do it." And the serpent, "Just take a little bite; everybody's doing it." Two thousand years later, we're still being tempted to just do it because everyone else is. We lower our standards, the standards Jesus showed us, for ourselves, our children, our loved ones. Why? For all kinds of reasons. We live in a time when instant gratification and personal pleasure are not only acceptable but expected. If we have the resources, there are few things we say "no" to. If we have enough money we buy it (sometimes we buy it anyway); if we have the figure, we wear it (sometimes we wear it anyway); if we have the energy we do it (sometimes we do it anyway).

We can only serve one God. Jesus knew this and Adam and Eve found out. Do other masters call us?

Temptations

Adam and Eve couldn't resist the seduction of the serpent. They were tested and they failed. On the other hand, despite three appealing circumstances (food for the hungry, sensationalism, and power), Jesus resisted Satan's tempting challenges. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, contrasts for us the differences in these two situations. One human's disobedience brought about sin and death. Another human's obedience freed us from sin and death. We are blessed, even in our human condition, with the gift of salvation. Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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