

PARISH CALENDAR

Second Sunday
of Lent

March 5, 2023

The Lord is gracious and merciful.



Saturday, March 4	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, March 5	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a. m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, March 6	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, March 7	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, March 8	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, March 9	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, March 10	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross - Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, March 11	..... 10:00-12 pm	NO Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Ex: 17:3-7: The Israelites grumbled against Moses for leading them out of Egypt.

Rom:5:1-2, 5-8: "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts," and that love is immeasurable;

Jn:4:5-42: Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well. She offered him water from the well, and he, in turn, offered her the living water of eternal life.

We continue to Live Stream the Sunday Mass @ 9:00 a. m. @ <https://www.sritananakuli.org/livestream>

MAKING AN EFFORT

Sometimes other people see our gifts better than we do. Others recognize the abilities we have to make peace, to see hope, to lead a project, or to follow through on what we say we will do.

God has created us for a special purpose: to help announce the reign of God and bring it to fulfillment. God knows how each of us is made, what gifts we have, and how they can be used for good.

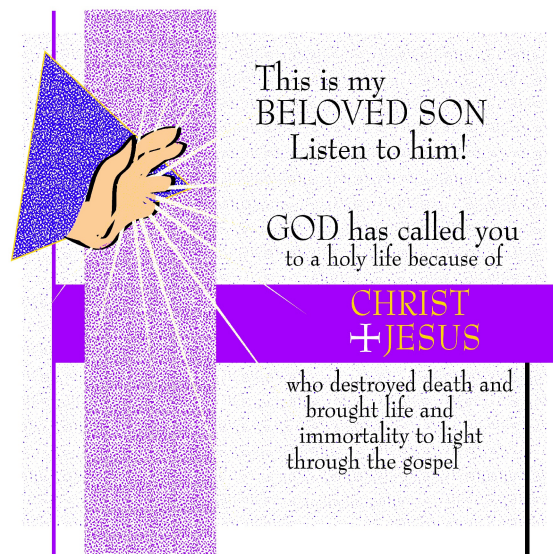
Knowing what to do does not always come easy. Even though we have gifts, it may require considerable effort to put them into play. Sometimes we suffer greatly at the hands of others because we try to live according to what we believe and to what we can do.

The Second Letter to Timothy says, "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." God called us to a holy life "according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ."

God wanted us to know that divine support will be with us always. For that reason, God's support was made manifest "through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus."

Today we hear the story of the transfiguration. It signifies the shining wisdom and power of God, for whom all things are possible and who made us to share in this glory by the use of our gifts in spite of hardship.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE: If you missed St. Rita's Lenten Reconciliation Services listed below is the Leeward Vicariate Lenten Reconciliation Services:

Thur: March 9th @ 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph - Waipahu

Mon: March 13th @ 7:00 p.m. - St. Jude - Kapolei

Mon: March 20th @ 7:00 p.m. - Immaculate Conception - Ewa

Thur: March 23rd @ 7:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart - Wai'anae

Thur: March 30th @ 7:00 p.m. - Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Ewa Beach



Dispensation for St. Patrick's Day, 2023:

Many people enjoy celebrating St. Patrick's Day, March 17, with corned beef and cabbage. In light of this tradition, Bishop Silva dispenses from the obligation of Lenten Friday abstinence from meat any Catholic living in or visiting the Diocese of Honolulu (State of Hawaii) for that day only. Those

who take advantage of this dispensation should choose another day that week to abstain from meat.

RICE BOWL: SOCCER AND BROKEN RESERVOIR! In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams? Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.

WORD OF LIFE: "The Gospel of Life is "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 find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!." (The Gospel of Life 5)

WEEKLY READINGS

Mar 05 Sun: Second Sunday of Lent

Gn:12:1-4a; Ps:33; 2 Tm:1:8b-10; Mt:17:1-9

Mar 06 Mon: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 07 Tue: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 08 Wed: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 09 Thur: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 10 Fri: Lenten Weekday

Gn:37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps:105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt:21:33-43, 45-46

Mar 11 Sat: Lenten Weekday

Mi:7:14-15, 18-20; Ps:103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk:15:1-3, 11-32;

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading, Timothy is issued a strong directive: "Bear you share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." For the early Christians this could mean torture and execution. For most Christians today enduring hardship for the Gospel might include accepting ridicule or mockery or the suggestion that we lack sophistication. Nevertheless, in his letters, Saint Paul is adamant that we should not be ashamed of being followers of Christ,. Good stewards are not ashamed of their allegiance to Christ. They do not hide their faith. Reflect on this question: Are you willing to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter who your listeners happen to be? (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.sritananakuli.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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

PRAY to END ABORTION

February 22 - April 2

"Join the Worldwide Mobilization to pray and fast to end abortion"

HELP SAVE LIVES
please make a donation

Join us to pray 1 hour a week in front of the local abortion facility.
Sign up online or call us:

Pray on the sidewalk outside:
Planned Parenthood
839 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Praying Hours:
7:00 am-7:00 pm daily
February 22-April 2, 2023
Spring Lenten Vigil

Sign-up to pray at:
www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu

For info, contact:
Anne, 808-268-7143
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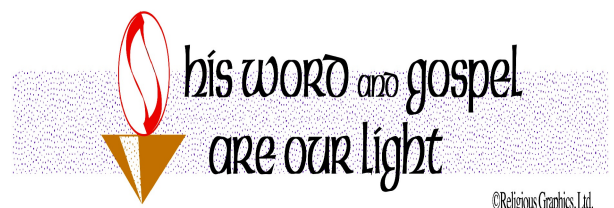
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Volunteers	Campaigns	Churches

With God's answered prayers:

23,829	247	132
Babies Saved from Abortion	Abortion Workers quit	Abortion centers closed



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Help Us Hear

God of wisdom,
you offer words of loving guidance
to all ready to listen.
Help us follow the example of our Lord
and create time and space in our lives
for quiet prayer in your loving presence.
Speak your words of wisdom
to our hearts,
offer us the guidance
we need for our lives
and help us hear your voice today.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Listen to Him



Today's readings: Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22; 2 Timothy 1:8b–10; Matthew 17:1–9. Every year on the Second Sunday of Lent we remember the transfiguration of Jesus. Placing ourselves in the narrative on that high mountain, new details might be noticed that draw us into deeper layers of meaning.

The readings leave three details for contemplation this week. First, whenever Jesus retreats to a mountain or quiet place in the Scriptures, he seeks prayer time with his Father. Second, this particular time of prayer between Jesus and his Father results in a *theophany*, an intense manifestation of God in visible form recognizable to the human eye. Jesus reveals his full divinity to Peter, James, and John, and subsequently to all of us through the written account.

Finally, God boldly breaks into the encounter and speaks words of confirmation to the disciples and to us, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him” (Matthew 17:5).

During Lent the Church invites us to be even more intentional about stepping away from our normal activities to meet God in prayer. Our response to this invitation will not disappoint because prayer never leaves us unchanged. When we follow the example of Jesus, make time and space for prayer, and quiet ourselves into a listening posture, we give God the opportunity to speak the words we most need to hear. How does God speak with love to you today through Matthew’s portrayal of this pinnacle moment in Jesus’ life?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 6

Follow the Signposts

Consider the directions from Jesus in Luke's Gospel today signposts. They are so pivotal that our Church built the entire Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2016 on their foundation. Be compassionate. Avoid judgment. Shun condemnation. Offer pardon. Give generously. Write these directions on note cards and place them around your home where you will see them as daily signposts from Jesus. *Today's readings: Daniel 9:4b–10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Luke 6:36–38.*

Tuesday, March 7

Live with Integrity

At the heart of today's Gospel is the call to live discipleship with integrity. To be a person of integrity means there is congruence between who we say we are and what we do. Speak with transparency. Act with authenticity. Strive for sincerity. Embrace the virtue of integrity as the doorway to holiness. *Today's readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16–20; Psalm 50:8–9, 16bc–17, 21, and 23; Matthew 23:1–12.*

Wednesday, March 8

Seek to Serve

Contending to be the first to be noticed, the first to be served, the first in line is a familiar human condition. Jesus reminds his apostles, and all of us, to vigorously resist this temptation. Instead he instructs us to cultivate humility through privileging service over prestige. Commit to practicing one act of humble service anonymously today. *Today's readings: Jeremiah 18:18–20; Psalm 31:5–6, 14, 15–16; Matthew 20:17–28.*

Thursday, March 9

Who Sits at Our Doorway?

Today's Scriptures provide a striking reminder to keep our eyes fixed on the Lord. The contrasting images between

those like the rich man who trust in human beings and those who trust in the Lord reveal the consequences of our choices. Take a careful look around to see who sits at our "doorway." Perhaps there is a neighbor who goes regularly without food or feels invisible to our local community. How might we raise the visibility of those at our doorways and reach out with hope in the Lord? *Today's readings: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 16:19–31.*

Friday, March 10

The Voices We Listen To

The quickest way to veer off the path of holiness is to bury our conscience. In tuning out the guiding voice of the Holy Spirit we can be easily led to destructive choices. The people around us may influence and even form us in some ways. Think about the primary people in your life and how they impact you. Today's Scriptures invite us to examine our conscience and do a check-in on the primary voices we are listening to in daily life. *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 11

Lead with Compassion

Jesus uses parables to show how much our merciful God desires to be close to us. Today's parable about the forgiving father reminds us that God steadfastly stands waiting for us with open arms and infinite forgiveness. Be alert to the lost in your family and community: a child who feigns disinterest, a teen suffering with mental illness, a troubled, lonely neighbor. Through our warm smiles, kind gestures, and hospitable spirit we can communicate the invitation to return to our compassionate God and reconcile with the community of faith. *Today's readings: Micah 7:14–15, 18–20; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32.*

