

PARISH CALENDAR

Second Sunday
of Lent

March 8, 2020

Redeem us, O God of Israel!

Saturday, March 7	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, March 8	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a.m.	Religious Education Class
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, March 9	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, March 10	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, March 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, March 12	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, March 13	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, March 14 7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross - Lectors
 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
 5:00 p.m.	Mass



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NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

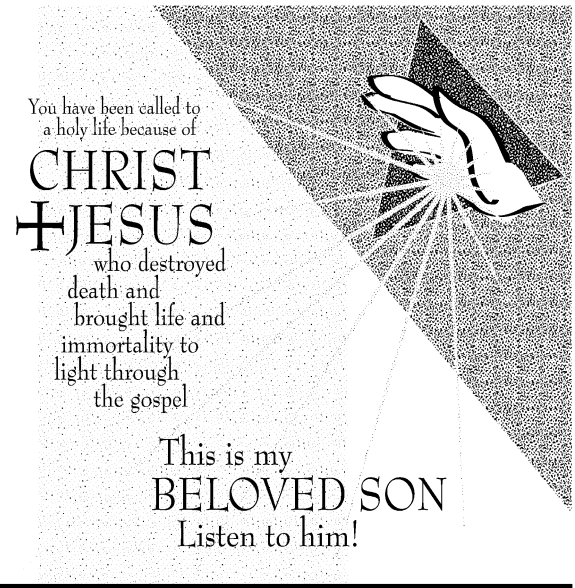
Ex:17:3-7: Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it.

Rom:5:1-2, 5-8: God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

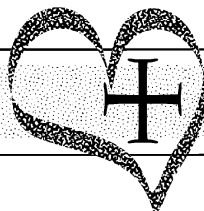
John:4:5-42: Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.

God initiates the dialogue with Abram, calling him to a new beginning, a fresh start away from home. Abram obeys, but why? Not because God promises a large number of descendants (although God does), but because Abram simply chooses to obey. In the second reading, Timothy struggles with the call. Paul, the person he looks up to, is in prison. "How degrading to be in contact with a common criminal!" But it is a "common criminal" who hangs from the cross at Golgotha. Some time before that event, three apostles witness a tremendous change in Jesus, the dazzling face and white clothing. With him are Moses and Elijah also enveloped in radiant white light. Peter, James, and John, with Jesus at the Transfiguration, will also be there at Gethsemane.

The high mountain is a meeting place. God comes down and the disciples go up. It is a logical place to worship and so Peter prostrates himself and suggests building three tents. Jesus touches Peter, James, and John and tells them to rise up and not be afraid. He sends them off to a new beginning just as he sends us, to go forth as disciples. Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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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: Meet Trinh: Trinh's family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more.

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

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: "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 8 Sun: 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

Mar 9 Mon: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 10 Tue: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 11 Wed: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 12 Thur: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 13 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 14 Sat: Lenten Weekday

Mic:7:14-15, 18-20 Ps103: 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 your 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 questions: Are you willing to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter who your listeners happen to be?(*International Catholic Stewardship Council*)

New Beginnings

Ever since I was a child, I've loved the first day of school. In a new dress and new shoes, I got to see old friends, walk on shiny floors, and smell new books. As a teacher I still loved the first day of school. I'd spend the summer honing some creative ideas into sure-to-succeed lesson plans that I couldn't wait to try out. Now that I have my own children, I really love the first day of school. I get to reclaim the kitchen, bathroom, and laundry room! I dig deep into the corners with Lysol® and start fresh. New beginnings. That's what we see in today's readings. God promises Abram a rich heritage and numerous descendants. All he has to do is leave home. The Transfiguration is one of the most awesome changes recorded in scripture. Change reminds us that we are on a journey. Faith reminds us that we are not alone. God goes with us.

Reflections

God has called each of us to a faith journey. It is God who initiates in us the desire to follow, just as it was God who called Abram and Timothy, and Jesus who gathered the disciples. Nowhere does God ever say the journey will be easy. There was much to suffer for Abram, for Jesus and the disciples, and yes, for us, too.

We can begin our new faith journey with different reactions. You recall that we don't hear Abram complain in Genesis. He obeys God's call without question. It's a marvel how people like Abram and Sarah have such faith, hope, and obedience. In our society today, "speaking our mind" and "being heard" are encouraged instead. Timothy, on the other hand, was reluctant. He procrastinated and avoided Paul. He was embarrassed that Paul was in prison. It is the Gospel, however, that has the power to change us and to mark new beginnings in our lives. How will we respond to God's call? Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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