

PARISH CALENDAR

First Sunday
of Lent

March 10, 2019

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

Saturday, March 9	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, March 10	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education
Monday, March 11	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, March 12	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Lenten Reconciliation Service
Wednesday, March 13	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, March 14	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	<i>Prayer Meeting - Church</i>
Friday, March 15	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, March 16	..... 7:00 p. m.	Stations of the Cross - Prayer Group
	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

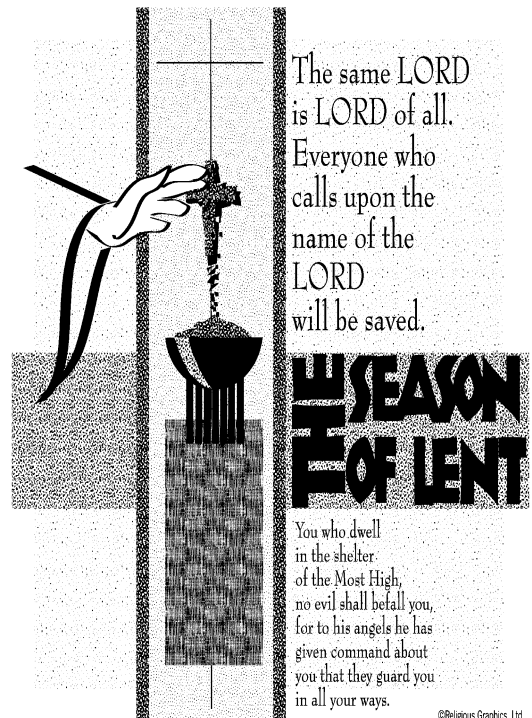
Gn:15:5-12, 17-18: Look at the sky and count the stars

Phil:3:17-4:1: Our citizenship is in heaven

Lk 9:28b:36: This is my chosen Son; listen to him

Reflection

Take a moment to look at some United States currency—any denomination, paper or coin, will do. Notice the phrase printed on it: “In God we trust.” Since 1956, this has been our country’s formal motto. Interesting, isn’t it, that it took us almost two hundred years to make it official? Clearly God has trusted us far longer. Trust or faith in God is at the heart of all of today’s readings, as it is every Sunday. This week, as Lent begins, the readings call our attention to two different facets of our faith. First, they remind us that life constantly tests our faith as individuals and as God’s people. Second, they assure us that no matter the test life throws our way, we can continue to trust, to have faith in God, because God is faithful. God will not lose faith in us. God will support us and see us through. In our need to trust constantly and consistently in God, we are no different from the ancient Israelites of the first reading or the fledgling Roman Church of the second reading. It is against that background that the Christians of Luke’s time heard the Gospel story of Jesus overcoming temptation and passing the test of trust. The common reality in all this is the Word of God that nourishes and sustains our faith. Even though faith is God’s gift to us, it isn’t really ours until we live it, allow it to be tested, and then invite God into our lives to support and strengthen our faith. That’s why we can say that the process of testing purifies or refines faith. At the same time we discover that God is a God we can trust, and who is more than worthy of such trust. Our guarantee is the presence of the Holy Spirit in each of us, in the Church: the same Spirit who led Jesus through the desert now leads us. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPERATION RICE BOWL: ENCOUNTER NORMA: In

Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit www.csricebowl.org for more information.

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.divinemercuryhawaii.org.

WORD OF LIFE: "Maya discovered she was pregnant six months into her freshman year of college. When her son was born, she placed him with a very kind adoptive family; she "just knew they were the right choice." Now, years later, Maya emphasizes the importance of offering ongoing support to expectant mothers considering adoption." Learn how at www.usccb.org/women-considering-adoption. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Accompany Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption"

WEEKLY READINGS

Mar 10 Sun: First Sunday of Lent

Dt:26:4-10; Ps:91; Rom:10:8:13; Lk:4:1-13

Mar 11 Mon: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 12 Tue: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 13 Wed: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 14 Thu: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 15 Fri: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 16 Sat: Lenten Weekday

Dt:26:16-19; Ps:119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt: 5:43-48

Trust

All three of today's readings speak of the need for faith. They remind us that as Lent begins, trust will see us through. God will act on our behalf. The Spirit will lead us. We simply must have faith. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

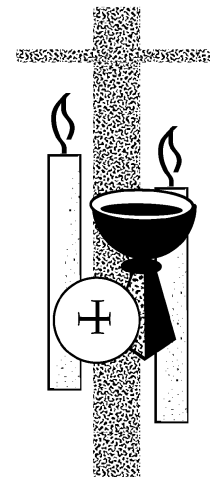
NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

The second reading from Saint Paul to the Romans is a favorite of those involved in the ministry of evangelization. There are no "secret" disciples of the Lord. Those who exercise good stewardship of their faith realize that publicly identifying themselves as followers of Christ has a cleansing effect on their lives. Openly confessing Christ makes them more conscious of how they live their daily lives. Are we content to privatize our faith or are we good stewards of a faith that we share, make public, and regularly identify as a life in Christ. (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

The first reading contains the Israelites' credo in a God who would not—could not—forget them or abandon them. No matter how many times the people fell from grace, their choice to call upon God for help has brought them rescue and relief. This passage is crucial to Jewish faith and is included in the Passover Haggadah. The passage from Romans also speaks of the necessity and power of faith. Those who have faith in Christ will not be put to shame. Their shared faith will make them sisters and brothers in the Lord and beneficiaries of God's rich mercy.

The Gospel recounts how Jesus' ministry began with an act of faith, an act of faith in God. In the desert Jesus struggled over three tempting paths that were set before him: choosing possessions—instant bread; choosing dominion—instant power; choosing popularity—instant fame. This is the unholy trinity that continues to seduce human hearts. Jesus would have none of it. In responding to the temptations, Jesus made three key points about his mission and ministry.

First, Jesus refused to take any shortcuts, knowing that no matter how appealing they may be, they lead only to dead ends. Instead, he remembered his baptism and the inauguration of his ministry. He recalled that the words from heaven had identified him with the prophet Isaiah's Suffering Servant of God: "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit" (Isaiah 42:1). Moreover, Jesus' forty-day fast in the desert had identified him with the wilderness suffering—the very real hunger and thirst—of his ancestors who had spent forty difficult years wandering in the desert. Second, Jesus refused to be a power player in a political game. Later, he would be a big disappointment to those who had hoped for a political—even military—messiah. Finally, Jesus turned his back on becoming a dazzling crowd pleaser. He chose instead to remain obedient to the will of God, obedient even to his shameful death on the cross. The choice to be faithful to the will of God will mark the mission and ministry of Jesus.



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