

# PARISH CALENDAR

First Sunday  
of Lent

February 14, 2016

When the Lord calls,  
I will answer!

Saturday, February 13	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Sunday, February 14	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass <b>"Da Big Breakfast"</b>
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass <b>"Da Big Breakfast"</b>
	..... .5:00 p. m.	Mass
Monday, February 15	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>
		<b>FOOD PANTRY CLOSED</b>
Tuesday, February 16	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, February 17	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	.....9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, February 18	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	.....7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, February 19	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	.....9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<b>Stations of the Cross - Music Ministry</b>
Saturday, February 20	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confessions
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
	.....6:30-10:30 p.m.	<b>Pot-Luck Youth Night</b>

### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Gen: 15:5-12, 17-18: The Lord makes a covenant with Abraham.**

**Phil: 3:17-4:1: Imitate Paul's belief in Christ.**

**Luke:9:28b-36: Jesus is transfigured on the mountain.**

### **Living Catholic in the 808: Offering God Our Lives Part 1**

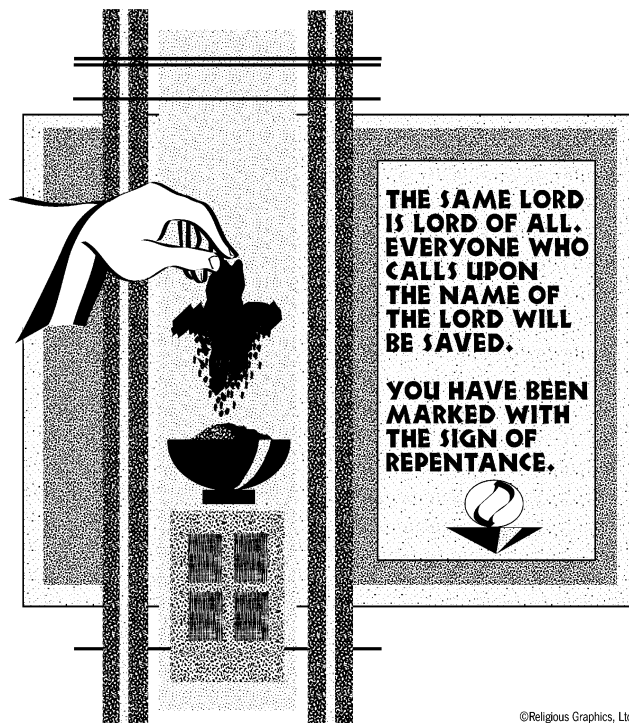
*Our society is very good at telling us that we go to church so we can feel close to God, to feel spiritually "nourished." And, at times, we do feel uplifted and close to God at Mass. But, this is not the sole purpose of Mass. (Some would argue it is not even the primary reason to go to Mass!)*

*Indeed, there are at least a dozen meanings behind our gathering to celebrate the Eucharist. For me, one of the more important reasons is that Mass allows us to offer Jesus everything that has been happening in our lives. One reason I go to Mass is so I can do the "work" of offering to God all of my "works."*

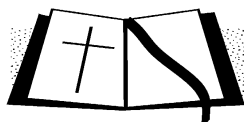
*During the Offertory, we are invited to offer God some of our money, which is placed alongside the bread and wine. But, listening to the words prayed, it turns out that we are not just offering God our money, bread and wine. We are offering God our very selves – all of our lives, especially as most recently lived since our last offering at Mass.*

*As we'll explore next week, what God does with our offering is even more remarkable.*

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One does not  
live on bread alone

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BUILDING COMMITTEE NEEDS:** As a continuation to Fr. Alapaki's homily last week, the St Rita Parish Planning & Building Committee is seeking the immediate services of a **Licensed Electrician**. We are planning on moving the trailers / rectory and need to move power prior to that. If you know a licensed Electrician, please contact **Chris or Krissy Kalili @ 840-9038/39**.

**KUPUNA MINISTRY:** The St. Rita Kupuna Ministry will be completing a project on **Saturday, 20 Feb 2016** and needs volunteers. Anyone interested in helping our St. Rita Kupuna, please call Krissy Kalili at **840-9039** for details.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE FUND-RAISER:** The St. Rita Building Committee will host a car wash on **Saturday, 27 Feb 2016 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.**, in front of the Church. Volunteers are needed...the more cars we wash, the more money we make for our building fund! Please spread the word and encourage all your friends and family to stop by and get their cars washed!

**LENTEN 'AINA RETREAT:** please **SAVE THIS DATE SATURDAY, MARCH 5th from 9am-2pm.** There will be an 'Aina Retreat (day of recollection) at Hoa 'Aina 'O Makaha (Makaha farm) for **ALL families and parishioners**. You're invited to come, pray, and fellowship with us. It will be a good time during Lent to do this as we observe and follow the reflections of the CRS rice bowl...There will be other parishes, Diocesan personnel, and community members joining us this day. As part of the spiritual exercises on this day, our youth in the Hula ministry will be participating. Hope you all can make it, please sign up & get more information from Rosa so we get a head count on who will come. Any questions call/text Rosa 861-3747 or email [lefua77@yahoo.com](mailto:lefua77@yahoo.com) Happy Lent & God bless!

**HUNGERING FOR OPPORTUNITY:** Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives – at home and around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Jesus is with us every step of the way, giving us the grace we need. God invites us to embrace the lives we have been given, for as long as they are given. Every life is worth living." – "2015-16 Respect Life Program Flyer" [www.goo.gl/sYADTw](http://www.goo.gl/sYADTw) USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Feb 14 Sun: First Sunday of Lent**

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

**Feb 15 Mon: Lenten Weekday**

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

**Feb 16 Tue: Lenten Weekday**

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

**Feb 17 Wed: Lenten Weekday**

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

**Feb 18 Lenten Weekday**

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

**Feb 19 Fri: Lenten Weekday**

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

**Feb 20 Sat: Lenten Weekday**

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

## NOTES 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?*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Each of the scriptures for the First Sunday of Lent contains some sort of confessional statement. As we enter into the season of Lent these texts focus our attention on our own choice to place our trust in God. They help the elect prepare to profess their faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized at the Easter Vigil. They remind the rest of us of the faith we once professed in baptism and invite us to choose wholeheartedly to renew those baptismal promises at the Masses of Easter.*

*Today's first reading is considered one of the most important professions of faith in the Hebrew Bible. By ritually reciting their history, the Jewish people expressed their faith in one God who oversees all of human history and who will continue to gather, save, and sustain every new generation of the Chosen People. The reading from Paul's letter to the Romans shows that the heart of the Christian profession of faith is trust in the Lordship of the risen Christ, source of all salvation. The Gospel contains the familiar story of the temptation of Jesus by the devil, the setting for Jesus' threefold profession of faith and trust in God.*

## DAY BY DAY

*At Easter, throughout Lent, and every day of our lives we are to profess and live our faith that "Jesus is Lord" (Romans 10:9). Both Moses and Jesus tell us that we are to serve God alone. God chooses us as adopted children in baptism. Day by day we must choose to trust in God to save us, as Jesus did in the desert. During Lent God asks us to scrutinize every choice we make, so that at Easter we can truthfully "confess with [our] mouth that Jesus is Lord" (Romans 10:9). With those who have chosen to be baptized this Easter, we must choose to put our faith in God rather than material goods, power, or any other devilish temptation.*

REPENT!



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