

PARISH CALENDAR

First Sunday
of Lent

March 5, 2017

Taste and see the goodness
of the Lord.

**REPENT AND
PREPARE
YOURSELVES**

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Saturday, March 4 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Sunday, March 5 7:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)
		Confirmation & Youth Ministry
Monday, March 6	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, March 7	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Wednesday, March 8	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, March 9	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, March 10	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 5:00-9:00 p. m.	LAWRENCE MATSUSHIMA -FUNERAL
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<i>Stations of the Cross - Lectors</i>
Saturday, March 11	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Gensis:12: 1-4a: God's blessing and promise to Abram
2 Tim: 1:8b-10: God gives us strength to live the Gospel.
Matt:17:1-91: Jesus is transfigured on the mountain.

Living Catholic in the 808! Getting in the Rice Bowl Habit

First, if you haven't already, download the app by searching "CRS Rice Bowl." (There is no better way to get into the habit than this resource, provided to us by our very own conference of U.S. Catholic Bishops.)

Next, allow notifications so you are reminded daily to read and reflect on the short daily prayer available in the "Pray" section. Start or end your day by praying these short daily prayers!

Set a time on Sundays (or Mondays) to watch the Story of Hope. It's right there on your app in the "Videos" section!

If you decide to give something up for Lent, like malasadas, enter that sacrifice into the app. Go to "Give" from the Main Menu and then select "Today's Sacrifice." From there you can add the cost of whatever you are giving up. If you want, you can then pledge that money to Rice Bowl. You can even "Donate Now" to give a little each day – each time you sacrifice!

Like to cook? The "Recipes" section of the app provides you with a meatless meal you can make each week, inspired by the family from the Story of Hope.

Finally, go 'old school' by placing the cardboard rice bowl where your ohana eats (or in your car if you have a long commute) and PRAY, FAST, and GIVE together!

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One does
not live
on bread
alone but
on every
word that
comes from
the mouth
of GOD

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITE GROUP:

Are you called to a deeper spiritual life? If so, the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelite (OCDS) may fulfill that need. Secular Carmelite work together to deepen their relationship with God through prayer, spiritual formation and good work. For more information, brochures are available on the front cabinet in the church and/or you can contact Kathy Paishon at 668-1949.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: ENCOUNTER INNOVATION;

We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit csrceibowl.org for more.

RESPECT LIFE: The Hawaii state legislature is considering adding Hawaii to the states that allow for physician assisted suicide. We need your prayers and involvement to assure that this does not happen. Please read/reread Bishop Larry Silva's letter on the matter. It can be found at the following website: <http://www.hawaiicatholicherald.com/2017/02/09/regarding-assisted-suicide/>

WORD OF LIFE: "It is important to remember that no matter what you have done, you retain your dignity as a son or daughter of God, loved by the Father. What sin has disintegrated, grace can reunite and make whole." –*Wash me Thoroughly*: Healing from Pornography Use and Addiction Daniel Spadaro/USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth

WEEKLY READINGS

Mar 5 Sun: 1st Sunday of Lent

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

Mar 6 Mon: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 7 Tue: Lenten Weekday

Is:55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Mar 8 Wed: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 9 Thur: Thursday Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 10 Fri: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 11 Sat: Lenten Weekday

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

THE RESPONSE OF GOD

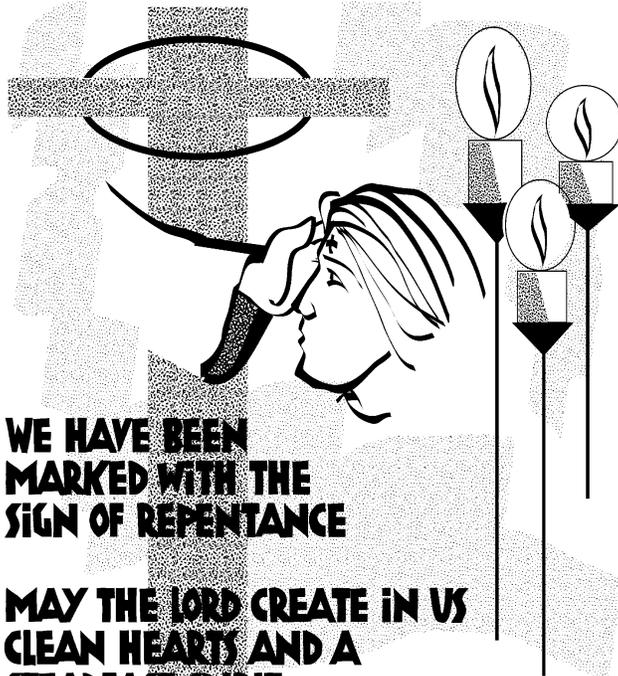
This year the Sunday scriptures of Lent have their genesis in the book of Genesis. We hear the second of the two versions of the creation story that open this book. Today's account—in which Adam receives life and Eve is created from his side—is the version filled with more folk-parable types of details, with God a much more involved character in the drama. When God wanted to change lifeless clay into a being made in the divine image, it was through breath. That breath (in Hebrew the *ruach* or wind or spirit of God) is the sign and source of humanity's intimate connection with our Creator. Adam experiences *conspire*: a "breathing with" God. Adam and Eve are in the best sense made *con-spirators* with God's plan for creation. But when he and Eve decide to conspire against the divine will and not with it, they fall out of their intimate relationship with God. At first, it seems that God's response is punishment; but Christians believe that God's ultimate response to this fallen state is a gift: Jesus Christ.

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

At the beginning of this Lenten season we hear proclaimed the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. He responds to the first temptation by saying that one does not live by bread alone but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. The season of Lent invites us to consider how we nourish our hearts, how we act as stewards of the Word of God entrusted to us. A good reflection for the week: What do we live on? What keeps us going? Could it be possessions, prestige, the need to be in control, the need for security, addictions? Or the fervent desire to listen to God's word? (**International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin**)

THE RESPONSE OF CHRIST

We commonly call today's Gospel "The Temptation in the Desert" but it more accurately might be called "The Triumph in the Desert." The Gospels are filled with stories in which Jesus is triumphant, in which he faces evil, enemies, adversity. All of these prey on his human nature and seek to make him cease breathing with the spirit of God's will. But each time Jesus prevails, and in prevailing gives glory to God. Each of these triumphs is a small prefiguring of the Resurrection. And it is the Resurrection for which Lent prepares us. It is a time when we remember that the very breath of Christ, bestowed on his followers after his resurrection, was also bestowed on us by the Spirit of baptism. It is that Spirit, that baptismal breath of Christ, that we must draw upon to strengthen us in our trials, that our temptations will be vanquished by the will of God. In our failings remembered, we ask forgiveness. In our triumphs through Christ, we give glory to God.



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