

# PARISH CALENDAR

Fourth Sunday  
in Lent

March 26, 2017

The precepts of the Lord  
give joy to my heart.

Saturday, March 25	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, March 26	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	<b>Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)</b>
		<b>Confirmation &amp; Youth Ministry</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, March 27	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - PRINCE KUHIO HOLIDAY</b>
		<b>FOOD PANTRY CLOSED</b>
Tuesday, March 28	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, March 29	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<b>Life in the Spirit Seminar - Church</b>
Thursday, March 30	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:30 p.m.	<b>Feeding Menu - Spam &amp; Cabbage or Corn Beef &amp; Cabbage</b>
		<b>Life in the Spirit Seminar - Church</b>
Friday, March 31	..... 7:00 p. m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 6:30 p. m.	<i>Stations of the Cross - <b>Prayer Group</b></i>
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<b>Life in the Spirit Seminar - Church</b>
Saturday, April 1	..... 9:00 a. m.	<b>Life in the Spirit Seminar - Church</b>
	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

**NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:**

***Ez:37:12-14: God's life-giving presence restores Israel***  
***Rom: 8:8-11: If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive.***  
***Jn:11:1-45: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.***

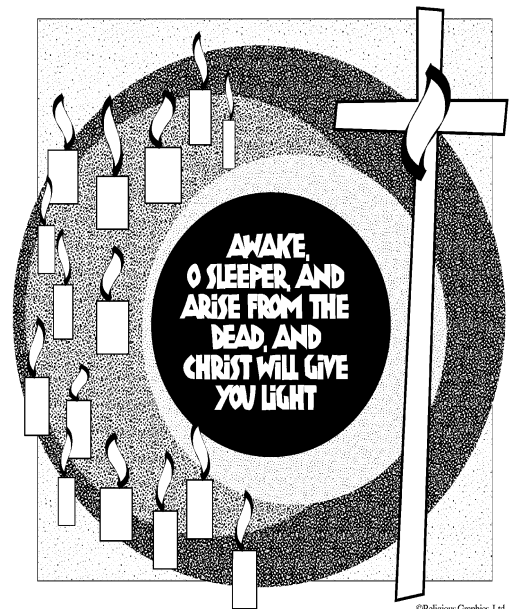
***Living Catholic in the 808!***  
***Beside Evangelization***

*In my ministry with St. Francis Hospice, I often come face to face with death. As I sit at the bedside of those actively journeying towards new life, I am consistently surprised by their calmness, the way they look at loved ones and seem to say "It's OK. Don't worry about me." Their courage and faith evangelizes me in ways I never imagined.*

*Their acceptance of God's mercy, their trust in His love, speaks volumes more than any Scripture passage or homily I could ever offer them. THEIR example leads me to see what it means to be a Christian in a world of confusion and loss. They challenge me to place my life in God's hands, just as they do, and to say "Your will be done, Lord."*

*Pope Francis reminds us: "An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people's lives. It bridges distances, it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others" (Evangelii Gaudium). As we mediate on Christ's Death and Resurrection this Lent, let us pray that we too can embrace suffering and loss with confidence in God's love. Let us reach out to those in pain and be the example they need to face life's trials.*

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The LORD  
is my shepherd

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR:** Begins this Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> through Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> Evening Sessions begins at 7:00 p. m. , Saturday begins at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday begins at 10:45 a.m. Come and learn more about living a Spirit Filled life.

**KUPUNA MINISTRY:** “The St. Rita Kupuna Ministry is seeking volunteers to assist with upcoming requests. We will have a work day on **Saturday, April 22**, which is a perfect day to get out and help since it is Earth Day! If you are interested in giving your time to assist our Kupua, please contact Chris or Krissy Kalili at [Kalilio6@yahoo.com](mailto:Kalilio6@yahoo.com) or call (808)840-9039.”

**Aloha Friends, SB501 & SB1129** have passed in the Senate and are now going through the House. SB501 will require pregnancy centers to post information stating where women can get abortions, which is denying religious freedom to faith based organizations who oppose Abortion on moral, ethical, and religious grounds. SB1129 is the assisted suicide bill. Please contact the our House representatives on the Health and Judiciary Committees and ask them to vote NO on these bills. Please call them as soon as possible as they will probably vote on these bills next week. Thank you for your defense of life from the womb until natural death. May God bless you! Please call Representative Andrea Tupola (Nanakuli) at 586-8465.

**THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION:** this week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**OPERATION RICE BOWL: ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY**  
We encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrow and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a greenhouse. How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

**WORD OF LIFE:** “When God created each of us, He did so with precision and purpose, and He looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness” –USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Program Flyer: *Masterpieces of God’s Creation*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Mar 26 Sun: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

1 Sam:16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph:5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

**Mar 27 Mon: Lenten Weekday**

Is: 65:17-21; Ps:30: 2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Mar 28 Tue: Lenten Weekday**

Ez:47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Mar 29 Wed: Lenten Weekday**

Is:49:8-15; Ps: 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn:5:17-30

**Mar 30 Thur: Thursday Lenten Weekday**

Ex:32: 7-14; Ps:106: 19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

**Mar 31 Fri: Lenten Weekday**

Wis:2:1a, 12-22; Ps:34: 17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Apr 1 Sat: Lenten Weekday**

Jer:11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

CHRIST  
our light

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## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

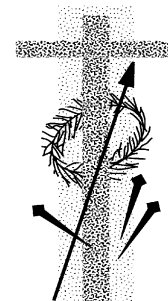
*Saint Paul gives us a wake up call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ’s work has transformed and illuminate our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ’s active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of the light and we shine too. We are used by God to shine the light of Christ in the lives of others. A challenging Lenten reflection: Is the light of Christ shining in our hearts? Is the light of Christ reflecting out from us to others? (International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin)*

### OTHER CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

*Some early Christians gave the woman at the well from last week’s Gospel the name “Photina,” which means “she who has received light.” We hear another story from John’s Gospel today about someone who receives light, is enlightened. The man blind from birth receives the light of Christ by having the barrier of his blindness removed. In Jesus’ day, being blind from birth was an important distinction to make: if one were blinded by an accident, it was not necessarily viewed as God’s displeasure with one’s sinfulness. But birth blindness was thought of as a sign of sinfulness, even a sign of the sinfulness of the individual’s parents. Jesus breached the religious code and teaching of his day twice: by removing the obstacle purportedly placed there by God as a sign of the presence of sin, and doing so by committing the “sin” of working on the Sabbath, making mud to heal the blind man.*

### LIVING AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

*After the man born blind was healed, he could have done any number of things. He could have used his newly-received sight for good or for ill, or he could have just said “thanks” and gone on his way. When we receive the light of Christ in baptism, as well as God’s anointing Spirit (as does David in today’s first reading), we join the community of faith that professes Jesus Christ as the Light from Light, true God from true God. We are part of the Body of Christ—the church—who glorify God and worship Christ, as does the man born blind today. But we are called upon to do more. Ephesians tells us that we, who were blind but now see, are called to live, day by day, as children of that light. We don’t just say “thanks” for our baptism. Rather, our vocation is to live out that thanks by doing deeds of light, by spreading the gospel of the joy, justice, beauty, and peace we find in Jesus. This is one of the intentions of our Lenten disciplines, to help us leave behind the deeds of darkness and to live out the light of the Good News.*



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