

PARISH CALENDAR

Fifth Sunday
of Lent

April 2, 2017

My Jesus, mercy!

Saturday, April 1	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Sunday, April 2	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8) Confirmation & Youth Ministry <i>Life in the Spirit Seminar - Church</i>
Monday, April 3	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Tuesday, April 4	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<i>Leadership Meeting - Church</i>
Wednesday, April 5	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, April 6	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, April 7	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<i>Stations of the Cross - Music Ministry</i>
Saturday, April 8	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Is:50:4-7: God's servant knows how to hear and speak.
Phil: 2:6-11: God Exalted Jesus, who emptied himself
Mt:26:14-27:66: The Passion of our Lord, Jesus, Christ

Living Catholic in the 808!
Facing the Situation

When our young child was fighting cancer, people often complimented my wife and me on how strong we were in the face of this challenge. We would nod and smile and then later say to each other "What choice do we have? We can't change our circumstances so let's just get through it."

Since that time, I have reflected on our response quite a bit. It occurs to me now that others' remarks are not to be so easily dismissed. We thought we were just slogging through our pain as best we could. To others, however, how we approached the situation seemed to help them face their own suffering and daily trials with more courage and fortitude.

In 2 Corinthians, Paul reminds us that it's possible to be of "good courage" in suffering—to be full of hope, peace, and joy—as we hold fast to the Gospel. I think this means that our best evangelization can happen unintentionally. We don't have to accomplish anything extraordinary to be messengers of the Good News. Just by living our lives as best as we can, no matter what the obstacles and challenges, we proclaim the Word to others.

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who raised JESUS from the dead
dwells in you

GOD will give life to your
mortal body also
through his SPIRIT
dwelling in you

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 or call (808)840-9039.”

BUILDING FUND ASSISTANCE: St. Rita Church in critical need of individuals willing to devote their time and talent to either fund-raising and/or grant writing. While Building Fund donations continue to be truly impressive, we remain well short of our ultimate capital requirements. If any parishioners or visitor is willing to help please speak to Deacon Hal or any Building Committee member. Mahalo nui loa

PROMISE TO PROTECT PLEDGE TO HEAL: (APRIL IS PREVENT CHILD ABUSE MONTH) Did you Know? *The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* was established by the USCCB in June 2002. It is a comprehensive set of procedures for addressing allegations of abuse of minors. *The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse.

THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the “How to Give” link on the left.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: ENCOUNTER RESILIENCE: We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children – even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information

WORD OF LIFE: “An old Irish proverb says, “It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.” Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering.” Visit www.goo.gl/fvSeyp for 10 ways to care for loved ones approaching life's end. –Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2016-17 Respect Life Program

WEEKLY READINGS

Apr 2 Sun: 5th Sunday of Lent

Ez:37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom:8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Apr 3 Mon: Lenten Weekday

Dn: 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps:23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Apr 4 Tue: Lenten Weekday

Nm:21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Apr 5 Wed: Lenten Weekday

Dn:3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn: 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn:8:31-42

Apr 6 Thur: Thursday Lenten Weekday

Gn:17:3-9; Ps:105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Apr 7 Fri: Lenten Weekday

Jer:20:10-13; Ps:18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Apr 8 Sat: Lenten Weekday

Ez:37:21-28; Ps Jer: 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Jesus called to his friend from the dead, “Lazarus, come out!” It is the same call our Lord makes to us unceasingly: “Come out!” Jesus calls us from our tomb of doubt and unbelief, from the darkness or our fear and anxieties; from the depths of our weaknesses and lack of hope. Christian stewards pray for an open heart, so that they may hear the voice of the Lord, heed the continuous call to come away from their former way of living and reprioritize their lives in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do we believe Christ has the power to transform our lives? Do we take time to listen for his call? (International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin)

THE CRESCENDO OF JOHN'S GOSPEL

The Gospel readings of the past several weeks form a sort of “crescendo” as they build in intensity toward the capstone of our Lenten season: Holy Week. Jesus tells the woman at the well the secrets of her life, secrets he could not, should not have known, and promises her the never-ending salvation of his living waters. The man blind from birth has light restored to his eyes, as Jesus the Light from Light overcomes the man's ailment as a sign of removing the sin that those around him believed was in him. Today Jesus answers Martha's critique of his late arrival by informing her that Lazarus has died for the same reason the man had been born blind: that God might be given glory for being the light and life of the world. We have been following the road to Jesus' destiny that John's Gospel has been tracing for us: to the place where the Father would be given the ultimate glory in his passion, death, and resurrection.

LIVING IN THE LIGHT AND LIFE

Sometimes we need Jesus to walk that same sort of road with us. We need him to see into our hearts and pry open for us those secrets that we try to keep from ourselves, from others, and from God. We think that a life situation, illness, or ailment is somehow a retribution for some wrong that we have done, and we must seek Jesus Christ to take us past that moment into a place of healing. And when death itself enters or touches our lives somehow, we are called upon to place our ultimate trust and faith in Jesus Christ alone. He can take our chiding for not making our lives tribulation-free; but beyond that he can weep with us as he wept at the tomb of Lazarus. He can be with us in the most woeful times of darkness and death, and transform them into God's glorious day of resurrected new life, for he died our very human death. When we—as Thomas says today—“go to die with him,” filled with faith that he is Resurrection and Life, then we also—as we hear in the Letter to the Romans—will live and reign with him in everlasting glory.

+I am the
RESURRECTION
and the LIFE

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