

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, February 14

First Sunday of Lent

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

Adult Bible Study at 10:30am

Monday, February 15 – *Lenten Weekday*

President's Day

All offices closed

Cathedral on holiday schedule

Tuesday, February 16 – *Lenten Weekday*

Lenten Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 17 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11:00am

Thursday, February 18 – *Lenten Weekday*

Friday, February 19 – *Lenten Weekday*

Day of Abstinence

Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:00pm

Saturday, February 20 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Damien Prayer group at 12:30pm

Bible Study at 3:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, February 21

Second Sunday of Lent

2nd Collection for Repair & Maintenance

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

Adult Bible Study at 10:30am

Catholics Reaffirming Life

Catholics Reaffirming Life Symposium, building a culture of life: Be Not Afraid featuring Human Life International Speakers Fr. Shenan Boquet and Dr. Brian Clowes. Happening Saturday, February 27th at the Kroc Center Kapolei (91-3257 Kualaka'i Parkway) from 8:00am – 4:00pm. Includes complimentary continental breakfast and buffet lunch. All participants must register by February 22nd. For more information, please call 203-6722 or register online at www.catholichawaii.org/lifesymposium

Stewardship of Treasure

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| Sunday Collection | \$ 10,416.70 |
| Weekday Collection | \$ 2,079.49 |
| Holy Day Collection | \$ 358.00 |
| Coffers | \$ 666.14 |
| Credit Card Collection | \$ 515.00 |
| Total | \$ 14,035.33 |



Augustine Educational Foundation

Mahalo for showing your support of the Augustine Educational Foundation. Mahalo nui loa to our parish and parishioners from the Augustine Educational Foundation for showing your support during the 2016 Second Collection. You have really made a difference!

Cathedral Catholic Academy

Division I Girls Basketball Begins

CCA began practice for Division I Girls Basketball. Student athletes in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate. Volunteer coaches assist with coaching the team and ensuring their experiences are positive and nurtured in Catholic-Christian principles. We are grateful for our parents and other supporters who attend the games and practices. GO LADY EAGLES!

Happy Valentine's Day

CCA celebrated Valentine's Day with a Student Council sponsored CANDY-GRAM project. Students could purchase candy-grams for \$1 to send to their classmates and teachers. The proceeds collected from the project go to support the Hawaii Humane Society.

Mid-Quarter Reports

February 12th marked the mid-quarter of the third quarter. Progress reports were sent home on this day.

Lenten Practice

CCA held an Ash Wednesday prayer service with Fr. Marvin this past Wednesday. The holy season of Lent began with the marking of ashes on our foreheads. CCA participates in the Catholic Relief Services RICE BOWL and will participate in the APP challenge this year as well.

Stations of the Cross

All are invited to celebrate the STATIONS OF THE CROSS each Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the School Hall. Each grade presents a different version of the traditional prayer service of Jesus' final 18 hours of his life.

Happy President's Day

CCA will celebrate the President's Day holiday with NO SCHOOL on Monday, February 15th. School resumes on Tuesday, February 16th with a full day and regular dismissal at 2:30 p.m.

February 14, 2016 – First Sunday of Lent

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Deuteronomy 26:0-10 | Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 | Romans 10:8-13 | Luke 4:1-13

Every moment of the Israelites' exodus journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, their God was with them, saving, redeeming, and delivering them from oppression. Through their struggles to be faithful and resist temptation, God heard their cry and stretched out his arm to protect them. The chosen people could trust that their God would never abandon the people he loved.

During his sojourn in the desert, Jesus was filled with and led by the Spirit of God. In his encounter with Satan's temptations, Jesus had faith that God's power was with him. He trusted that God would never abandon the Son he loved.

Now it is our turn to trust. Lent is a time to begin a journey with God. This journey might prove to be dangerous and to bring surprises to us. We know it led Jesus to Calvary and the cross. The traditional practices of praying, giving alms, and fasting during the journey can lead us to reform (or form again) our lives and return our hearts to God's saving power and grace. God will never abandon us on this journey.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 | Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 | Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 | Luke 9:28b-36

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Lent is a time of final preparation for those receiving the Easter sacraments. At the 9am mass today we will acknowledge and pray for those in our RCIA process preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. May the Lord continue to bless their time of conversion and may they know our love and support. Lent is also a time for all of us, the already baptized, to be renewed in the graces of the sacraments we have already received. Central to this renewal is our willingness to "test out" our faith to see whether we still have what it takes to be an authentic follower of Jesus Christ.

Jesus, after his baptism, went into the desert and was tested during a time of severe temptation. These temptations represent three major ways that we can be tempted. Jesus' response to these tests and his victory over evil teach us important lessons about our own struggles and how we, with God's help, can conquer sin.

Jesus was tempted to turn stones into bread. He was hungry and so the devil suggested that he satisfy this physical need. We all have hungers and needs. The temptation is to just satisfy these needs apart from developing a more satisfying relationship with God. We seek immediate gratification and fail to seek eternal happiness.

Jesus was tempted to worship the devil. He was being invited to compromise with evil and to make a bargain with Satan. In exchange for power and control over others, the devil would have power and control over him. We are often tempted to compromise our values and to allow the power of evil to control us.

Jesus was tempted to throw himself down from the parapet of the temple and have his angels rescue him. This is the temptation to engage in risky or attention-getting behavior and to rely on the Lord and others to always rescue us. We think that we don't have to take responsibility for our actions. We become manipulative and overly dependent and rely on others to take care of us.

During Lent the Church invites us to use the tools of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to help us to deal more effectively with these temptations. As we respond to these struggles, and "test out" our faith, we pray that we will journey toward Easter with increased strength and courage.

In Christ's love,
Fr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector