

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, February 21

Second Sunday of Lent

2nd Collection for Repairs & 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

Monday, February 22

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Tuesday, February 23 – *Lenten Weekday*

Memorial of St. Polycarp, bishop, martyr

Lenten Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 24 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11:00am

Thursday, February 25 – *Lenten Weekday*

Friday, February 26 – *Lenten Weekday*

Day of Abstinence

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

Saturday, February 27 – *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 28

Third Sunday of Lent

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

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

Mass with Scrutinies at 9:00am

Adult Bible Study at 10:30am



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 for more information or call Ron Gochenouer at 306-7502.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,930.11
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,320.83
Holy Day Collection	\$ 4,085.24
Coffers	\$ 495.70



Total \$ **13,831.88**

That Man Is You!

"That Man is You!" is an interactive, no cost men's program focused on being a truly authentic man in the modern world. It combines the timeless teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints with the latest modern technology to help men become capable of transforming themselves, their families and society. If you are interested in becoming a better man, then this is the place for you! We will feed your soul with great fellowship. All men of the Cathedral Basilica parish are invited to attend. Come see what everyone's been talking about! Please call Ron Gochenouer at 306-7502 for more information.



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Lenten Practices

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.

WEHI Learning Trip

CCA's WEHI classes venture out to the Queen Liliuokalani Botanical Gardens each month to malama or take care of the land. The fun, walking learning trip promotes culture, art, religion, science, history, Hawaiian language and culture and much more!

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Exegesis on this 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

Being faithful to a promise is easy sometimes. We know what's expected and it may not be hard to honor our promise. But keeping a promise that requires sacrifice or constant reflection on our part can be harder because, as humans, we have a tendency to become careless or forgetful.

Lent provides us with an opportunity to remember our baptismal promise to be faithful to God. Lent reminds us of the covenant God made with Abram and the faith asked for in return. For Abram, this act of faith meant surrendering his future into God's hands. For Jesus, it meant surrendering his life.

Often, we need help remembering our part in the covenant. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, gave his life so we could remember that our part is to live imitating him as his disciples. Jesus' entire life and ministry on earth showed us how to love God by loving one another. We often fail in our part of the covenant. Once again this Lent, we are tasked with finding a way to renew our own baptismal promises, our part of the covenant with God.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 1:1-8a, 13-15 | Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 | 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 | Luke 13:1-9

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Last week, Jesus was in the desert being tempted. Today, Jesus moves from the desert to the mountaintop. He may have gone there to pray and seek his Father's approval for his journey to Jerusalem and his coming suffering and death. He took his closest apostles with him so that they might catch a glimpse of the glory of God. God invites us this Lent to find our own mountaintop so that we might glimpse God's glory. The experience of this vision was important for the apostles and is important to us for three reasons.

First of all, it prepared them to endure the scandal of the cross, Jesus' suffering and death. They were about to see their friend, Jesus Christ, be crucified and they would begin to understand how God was calling them to suffer for love of God and others. God wants us to see the glory of God so that we can deal with the challenge of suffering in our lives. God desires us to know that God's risen life is more powerful than anything that is death-dealing.

Secondly, the Transfiguration helped the apostles to sense the glory of a life beyond this life. They saw a momentary view of heaven that would cause them to see the things of earth in a new and different way. God wants us to see the glory of God so that we can see heaven as our ultimate goal and be able to see this life as a prelude to a life forever with the Lord.

Finally, this mountaintop experience was meant to communicate to them that they too were beloved sons of God. The words spoken of Christ by the Father were meant to be heard by them, not just so that they would know who Jesus was. The Father wanted them to know who they were: God's beloved sons as well. Today, God wants us to know that we are beloved sons and daughters.

Jesus was transfigured. We are invited to be transformed. If we will journey to the mountaintop, and if we are truly prayerful and repentant, God will give us a glimpse of glory. It is what we need to help us endure suffering, see heaven as our goal, and know that we are beloved sons and daughters.

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