

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 1

First Sunday of Lent

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm
Young Adult Ministry Meeting at 12:00pm

Monday, March 2

Monday of the First Week of Lent

Tuesday, March 3

Tuesday of the First Week of Lent

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 4

Wednesday of the First Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, March 5

Thursday of the First Week of Lent

Friday, March 6

Friday of the First Week of Lent

Day of Abstinence

Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:30pm

Saturday, March 7

Saturday of the First Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Ss. Damien/Marianne Prayer Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 8

Second Sunday of Lent

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

Sharing Faith

- What consistent theme or message do you want to reflect upon this Lent?
- What or who supports or fortifies you when you feel tempted?
- If Lent is to remind us to return to the Lord as we heard on Ash Wednesday, what must you do to practice this gesture of turning to the Lord?

Young Adult Ministry

All are welcome to join the Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-39.) They meet on the first and third Sundays of the month from noon to 2 p.m. Please call the office for information. Text CBYAM to 84576 to sign up for updates.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection	2/17 – 2/23
Sunday Offering	\$ 8,580.55
Weekday Offering	\$ 1,600.46
Coffers	\$ 994.36
Holy Day Offering	\$ 10.00
Total Offertory	\$ 11,185.37

Other Collection	
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 166.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 107.00
Devotional Candles	\$ 802.00
Augustine Foundation	\$ 25.00
Others (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 473.00
Total	\$ 12,758.37



Catholic Men's Conference

Join Steve Bollman and Mark Hartfield the creators of "That Man is You!" program for "The Greatest Confrontation" at Catholic Charities on Saturday, March 14th. For tickets, go to Evenbrite.com – Key words "The Greatest Confrontation". For more information, please contact any of the following: Ron Gochenouer, (808) 206-4420, gochron@gmail.com; Dewey Arakawa, (808) 428-8543, ddarakawa@gmail.com; Gary Okino, (808) 341-7499, gary-o@hawaii.rr.com; Robert Baysa, (808) 389-2416, drbaysa@gmail.com; Jared Zick (910) 797-5505, jaredzick@gmail.com.

Calling all Ministries

Calling all Ministry Coordinators! Get ready for the Ministry Fair scheduled on Sunday, March 22 from 8am-2pm at the Kamiano Center. Plan the details with your team. Include on your booth the following: presentation board and/or digital tools to show ministry info, photos and videos, flyers, registration forms, pens, and giveaways. To reserve a booth, contact Deacon Joe and Easter at jalmuena@rcchawaii.org or call the office."

Commitment through Christ, Living in Gratitude

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. If you still have your Commitment Card, all commitments need to be submitted to the church in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

March 1, 2020 – First Sunday of Lent

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 | Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 | Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 | Matthew 4:1-11

Many adults involved in teaching children know the value of giving a consistent message when forming their lives and behaviors. Being invited, for example, to measure how one acts and treats other people with love and respect helps children to examine times they may fall short of appropriate and respectful deeds. The constant message shows the need for and strength of unwavering commitment to loving action.

Lent offers all of us the opportunity to make the same unwavering examination and commitment. In the Gospel story of Jesus' temptation, we hear him consistently tell the devil that trust and reliance on God are the constant principles one must use when faced with temptation. Jesus does not act blindly, but with confidence and conviction in God's promises. He faces temptation, trusting that God's message of love and justice far exceeds any promises that evil can offer. Jesus shows us that obeying and serving God offers disciples the promise of new life.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Second Sunday of Lent"

Genesis 12:1-4a | Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 | 1 Timothy 1:8b-10 | Matthew 17:1-9

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

Ash Wednesday ushered us into the Season of Lent. A holy time that is given to all of us to reflect on God's goodness, kindness, and mercy. But such goodness came from a bounty of sacrifices that Jesus had to endure for our sake. And that these sacrifices would be a stepping ground for our path to savor the gift of salvation through Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

This first Sunday of Lent makes us realize that life can be without temptations. Jesus Himself experienced this through the allurements of the devil to satisfy His hunger, to have power and glory, and to have comfort and security. He could easily have responded to all of these, but He did not. He knows that though they were seemingly delightful, it could have brought the end of goodness and evil to triumph. To look into this situation that Jesus experienced, He already made a great sacrifice to give up the enticements of the devil, satisfaction, power, prestige, comfort, and security.

Jesus' temptation presents to us a clear reality. We are all tempted in various ways. The seeming delight is so beautiful, alluring, or enticing that welcoming it would give us happiness and comfort that we desire. Temptations are always an attraction to do the easier way, like, to steal so as not to toil, to forget about the poor and needy in order to have more resources and enjoyment for our pleasure and satisfaction. Also, to be unfaithful to have fun and thrill of life and to lie so as not to be involved in a difficult situation and so forth. But thinking about it, does it give one's life peace of mind or even true joy that we truly long? It won't. It will only lead to sadness and, eventually, losing our salvation.

In this Lenten journey, we are brought into a face-to-face reality with our very self and confront the things that we need to change in our lives. We are invited to look deeper into our own heart and mind, where we can change the course of direction to live in grace and not to live in sin. Although we see that temptations are real, we are also capable of turning away from it as Jesus Himself showed us. He is our strength to overcome every enticement of the devil that we invited into and become triumphant to live in peace, joy in Jesus.

May all of us have a faith-filled Lenten Journey.

Your friend in the Lord,
Fr. Pascual