

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 4

### Third Sunday of Lent

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

Religious Education Class at 8:00am  
The Scrutiny of the Rite of  
Christian Initiation of Adults at 9:00am

Monday, March 5 – *Lenten Weekday*

Tuesday, March 6 – *Lenten Weekday*

Presentation of the Creed to the Elect at 5:40pm

(Located at Kamiano Center)

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 7 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, March 8 – *Lenten Weekday*

Friday, March 9 – *Lenten Weekday*

*Day of Abstinence*

Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:15pm

Saturday, March 10 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, March 11

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Religious Education Class at 8:00am  
The Scrutiny of the Rite of  
Christian Initiation of Adults at 9:00am



In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,296.48
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,698.90
Coffers	\$ 420.55
Holy Day Collection	\$ 43.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,458.93</b>



## Family Promise Hawaii

Do you or someone you know have an available rental property? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Finding affordable permanent housing will always be a challenge; however, with your help, families will be able to move into their permanent homes quicker. We are seeking a price range of \$900 - \$1000 for studios, \$1100 - \$1200 for one-bedrooms, and \$1,350 MAX for 2-bedrooms. Our goal for this year's Housing Challenge is to house 50 families by the end of 2018! To learn more, please contact our Housing Specialist, Ashleigh Loa, at 202-1211 or [ashleigh@familypromisehawaii.org](mailto:ashleigh@familypromisehawaii.org). We look forward to working with you!

## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

### Construction Developments

Renovations to the sanctuary continue and are slightly ahead of schedule. In the past six weeks many renovations have taken place behind the partition wall and outside. In the sanctuary multiple layers of floor tile were removed, four stained glass windows have been sent to experts on the mainland for restoration, wall plaster has been chipped off leaving the coral blocks temporarily exposed, and the building material above the Bishops' crypts has been excavated to reveal Bishop Maigret's burial mound and Bishop Scanlan's coffin. Along the exterior of the church, on the Makai (south) side, a trench for new electrical wiring has been dug out and the concrete jacket has been poured.

In the coming weeks and months the Bishops' crypts and burial chapels will be constructed; concrete will be poured for the new extended altar platform, and new plaster will be applied to the walls that is salt tolerant and able to adhere to the coral throughout its natural temperature and hydration changes. Additional infrastructure improvements and renovations to the sanctuary are still to come and will be described in future updates.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the construction process and ask for your patience during this time. Mahalo!

To learn more about Cathedral Renewal Campaign and/or to make a contribution: Call: 808-585-3357, or visit us online at: [www.HonoluluCathedralRenewal.org](http://www.HonoluluCathedralRenewal.org). Click on the "Learn" button, or select "Renewal Campaign" in the toolbar to view our 5 ½ minute campaign video.

## March 4, 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent

### Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*A: Exodus 17:3-7 / Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 / Roman 5:1-2, 5-8 / John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 40-42*  
*B: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 / Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 / 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 / John 2:13-25*

Thirst is a symptom, not an illness. If we pay attention to thirst, we prevent problems. The thirst of the Israelites, mistaken as a problem instead of a symptom, made them doubt Moses and God. Moses turned their need into a sincere plea before the Lord which, once uttered, led to an abundance of water. But the incident was memorialized not for God's answer but for the people's lack of faith.

In the Gospel, it is Jesus who thirsts, and he wastes no time questioning, even breaking, social taboos by making his request of an unknown woman in a public place. He knows her, knows everything about her, and that awakens her own thirst. Without really knowing what she's asking for, she begs Jesus for the living water of which he speaks. As a fledgling disciple, she is paying attention to her "symptom" and moves quickly from a literal understanding of thirst to something more profound. The woman recognizes a deep restlessness inside her that her past never satisfied. Five husbands couldn't give her what she needed, but in Jesus she senses someone who can offer what her former life could not. So she tells everyone. And when she speaks to her fellow townspeople, they, too, develop a thirst for Jesus' words and for the salvation he alone can bring.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "Fourth Sunday of Lent"**

*A: Samuel 16:1b, 6-13a / Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6 / Ephesians 5:8-14 / John 9:1-41 or 9:6, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38*  
*B: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 / Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 / Ephesians 2:4-10 / John 3:14-21*

### From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

On this Third Sunday of Lent, we will pray in a special way for the Elect to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The readings for that mass remind us that the waters of baptism symbolize God's grace that gives us life and satisfies the deepest thirst and longings of our hearts. The stories of the Samaritan woman at the well and of water coming from the rock at Horeb illustrate this. All of us continue to need these living waters.

At the other weekend masses, we will hear from John's gospel of how Jesus drove out those who were desecrating the temple, the place of God's presence. Our Lenten examination calls us to recognize the ways that we have desecrated God temple; how we have violated God's presence in ourselves and in others. The Book of Exodus indicates that when we are guilty of idolatry we dishonor God's presence by putting other gods before God.

We see the powerful presence of God in Jesus Christ who was crucified. This reminds us that God is present in the midst of suffering and weakness, especially when we allows these moments of trial to be times when we surrender more completely to God. Human wisdom and strength are no match for the wisdom and strength that come from God.

In Christ's love,

Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.

Rector