

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 5

First Sunday of Lent

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Monday, March 6 – *Lenten Weekday*

Tuesday, March 7 – *Lenten Weekday*

Lenten Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 8 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11:00am

Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, March 9 – *Lenten Weekday*

Friday, March 10 – *Lenten Weekday*

Day of Abstinence

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

Saturday, March 11 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Marianne Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 12

Second Sunday of Lent

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Senior Ministry

We invite all Cathedral Senior Parishioners to a tour at **Iolani Palace** on Sunday, March 12, 2017. Meet at Kamiano Center at 8:35 am and walk to Palace together. Bring your Hawaii ID or Hawaii Driver's License.

House-A-Family Challenge

Do you know a landlord or rental manager? Share your Family Promise experience with them. Connect them to Family Promise and tell them about the hard-working families we support. Help them find 50 homes for 50 families this year. For more information, contact Christy MacPherson at 548-7478 or christy@familypromisehawaii.org

Adult Faith Formation

Series on "Catholicism" by Bishop Robert Barron is scheduled on Sunday, March 12 at 11:30am. Bring a friend. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Deacon Joe and Easter Almuena at ealmuena@rcchawaii.org or 227-7309.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,904.03
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,470.31
Coffers	\$ 495.43
Holy Day Collection	\$ 115.00
Total	\$ 9,984.77



A Word From The Cross

Holy Trinity is having a "Lenten Experience," and all are welcome! On March 13, 14 & 15, at 7pm, Fr. Mike Dalton will speak about "A WORD FROM THE CROSS" from ashes to Easter; a Lenten experience.

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Tower Windows and Bird Screens

Renovations to the Cathedral's bell tower were completed in December 2016, including the installation of new lights, which illuminate automatically at dark. If you have looked up at the tower during the day, or to see the new lights at night, you may have noticed the window openings of the tower are bare. This is because the white lattice panels that were there before were removed during renovations. In place of the bulky wood lattice, a fine bronze mesh screen will be installed in the tower windows.

The bronze mesh will screen out birds in order to prevent them from nesting-in and mucking-up the interior of the tower. The new screen is ideal because it will be less obvious to the eye than the lattice work that was there before; the bronze material is more time-period appropriate for the design of the Cathedral Basilica; and, using a metal screen offers greater durability and lifespan than the wood lattice or alternative nylon screens.

The bronze mesh screen has been ordered and is in transit to the Cathedral Basilica. Workers will install the new screen in the tower windows at the end of February and first weeks of March.

Please join in supporting the Cathedral Renewal Campaign with a sacrificial gift or pledge today!

To learn more about Cathedral Renewal Campaign and/or to make a contribution: Visit us online at: www.HonoluluCathedralRenewal.org Click on the "Learn" button, or select "Renewal Campaign" in the toolbar to view our 5 ½ minute campaign video.

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March 5, 2017 – 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 | Roman 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

Genesis 12:1-4a | Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 | 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 | Matthew 17:1-9

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Lent is a time of final preparation for those receiving the Easter sacraments. We 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,

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

Rector