

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 6

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services

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

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

Mass with 2nd Scrutiny at 9:00am

Adult Bible Study at 10:30am

Monday, March 7 – *Lenten Weekday*

Tuesday, March 8 – *Lenten Weekday*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 9 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11:00am

Thursday, March 10 – *Lenten Weekday*

Friday, March 11 – *Day of Abstinence*

Saturday, March 12 – *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, March 13

Fifth 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 3rd Scrutiny at 9:00am

Adult Bible Study at 10:30am

Sisters of the Sacred Hearts

The Cathedral Basilica & parishioners will be remembered expressly in the prayers and works of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts at Regina Pacis Convent during this week of March 6th to 12th.

Catholic Relief Services

Your donation to Catholic Relief Services will feed hungry families, provide health care and clean water in remote villages, help farmers to grow better crops, protect orphans and vulnerable children, and allow for an immediate response to emergencies. For more than 70 years, CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to the very poorest of our brothers and sisters in more than 100 countries. But we can't do this lifesaving work without your help. Next weekend we will take up a second collection and because of you, they make a difference in the communities they serve. Mahalo!

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,433.59
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,677.80
Credit Card Collection	\$ 515.00
Coffers	\$ 528.62



Total **\$ 11,155.01**



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Mahalo E PTG

CCA thanks the PTG for the generous treat of a JAMBA JUICE treat last week at lunch for all students, teachers and staff! We are so blessed by your generosity and kindness! God bless you! The PTG is also providing funding so that CCA can attend more learning trips during the remainder of the school year! Thank you & God bless!

St. Joseph Waipahu visits CCA

Faculty from St. Joseph Waipahu visited CCA on Tuesday, March 1st to observe teachers and students "in action". The sharing of ideas and curriculum was the focal point of this visit. St. Joseph is interested in how students function in a Project-Based environment using a digital curriculum. CCA is blessed to share our positive results with other schools! If you, or your family is interested in learning more about Project-Based and Digital Curricula in the school setting, please e-mail Mr. Pa'ekukui at principal@cchawaii.com.

Noodle Doodle Box Learning Trip

CCA participated in a walking learning trip to the historic, Hawaii Theatre Center on Wednesday, March 2nd to see "NOODLE DOODLE BOX"! One of our very own students, Christopher Teves performed in the pre-show excitement! BRAVO!

First Friday Mass

CCA was blessed to celebrate our 1st Friday School Mass on March 5th. The Mass is student led and all the components are rehearsed so students feel confident and connected when participating in the sacred liturgy.

Stations of the Cross

CCA's K/1 class led the entire school in a very prayerful and memorable Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross is celebrated each Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the School Hall. Please join us!

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 | Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 | 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 | Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Having a friend forgive a wrong we have done is a great relief. When someone pardons us after we've hurt them, it brings peace and healing. How much greater is the release we feel when God forgives our failings! Jesus' suffering and death and the promise of new life through the Resurrection are the heart of our Lenten journey.

Jesus came to save and reconcile us with God the Father through his death on the cross. Through Jesus, the Father offers us something we could never accomplish ourselves. Only God could conceive so gracious an act of justice and mercy.

But God also extends to us the invitation to share the message of his graciousness and goodness. By reconciling us in such a radical and generous way, God invites our reflection on how we have been forgiven. Then God entrusts us to give the same gracious and generous forgiveness to others, to those who have offended us or caused us pain. By becoming God's ambassadors of reconciliation, we transform the world into a new creation.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21 | Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 | Philippians 3:8-14 | John 8:1-11

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Jesus shared many important teachings during his earthly life and ministry, but perhaps the most important lessons are found in today's gospel parable of the prodigal son. These lessons are significant because they indicate the nature of God, who is love. They challenge us to accept this love and to share it with others. So what do we learn about God's love in today's gospel that is so important.

First of all, we learn that God's love is freely given so that we can choose freely and experience the dignity of our human freedom. It is striking to note how freely the father gave the inheritance to his wayward son. He didn't try to coerce him into not taking it and did not go hunting him down after he left. This free giving was exactly what the elder brother could not understand. He thought he had earned his father's love by doing good things for him. God will never force us to do anything. He loves and respects us too much to do that. While he wants us to accept love and share it, he wants us to want it.

Secondly, we learn that having a relationship with God and realizing the importance of that relationship is essential. The reason why the younger son's taking of the inheritance was so sinful was because it was a denial of his relationship with his father. He was in essence saying that his father was dead and the relationship was over. The elder son, always with his father physically, did not appreciate his father's presence and relationship with him. He worked hard but it seems he didn't really love his father. It was more important for him to be right than in relationship. Through all of this the father never stops loving both of his sons and wants to be in relationship with them. That is why he is waiting for the younger son and goes out to the elder son. That is why he is concerned with restoration of the relationship and not restitution. This is how God feels about us. How do we feel about God?

Finally, we learn that, while we can never earn God's love and forgiveness, there is something that we need to do to receive it. We need to turn to God, ask for it, and accept it. This is what the younger son did and what the elder son did not think he needed to do. During this Lenten Season, and during this Year of Mercy, let us resolve anew to accept God's merciful love and share it with one another.

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