

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 10

### **First Sunday of Lent**

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Adult Faith Formation at 11:30am

Monday, March 11

### **Monday of the First Week of Lent**

Tuesday, March 12

### **Tuesday of the First Week of Lent**

Lenten Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 13

### **Wednesday of the First Week of Lent**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, March 14

### **Thursday of the First Week of Lent**

Friday, March 15

### **Friday of the First Week of Lent**

*Day of Abstinence*

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

Saturday, March 16

### **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 17

### **Second Sunday of Lent**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Repairs & Maintenance**

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Next weekend retreat for anyone who has experienced emotional/spiritual pain after an abortion is May 24 - 26. For women and men of all faiths. Contact Lisa at (808) 349-5071 or email: [rvinhawaii@gmail.com](mailto:rvinhawaii@gmail.com). Suggested donation: \$150/person (covers room/meals/materials). Need-based scholarships are available. Strictly confidential. A safe place to connect with others and process your experience. A Ministry of the Respect Life Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hawaii.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,820.22
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,881.75
Coffers	\$ 515.99
Holy Day Collection	\$ 150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,367.96</b>



## Sisters of the Sacred Hearts

The Cathedral and our parishioners will be remembered expressly in the prayers and works of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts at Regina Pacis Convent during the week of March 3 to 9, 2019. As Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, our chapel is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to anyone who wishes to spend some time in prayer. Anyone who have special intentions, please call the Sisters at 737-5822 or email: [reginasscc@cs.com](mailto:reginasscc@cs.com)

## Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation will meet on Sunday, March 10 at 11:30am. Continuing education of Catholic teachings using St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism and on Saints by Bishop Barron. Contact Deacon Joe and Easter at [EasterAlmuena@gmail.com](mailto:EasterAlmuena@gmail.com)

## Lenten Season

Stations of the Cross on Fridays  
10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

## Operation Rice Bowl

*Encounter Norma*

In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother, supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

## Leave a Legacy

There are several ways to name the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace as a beneficiary of your will or living trust. A specific bequest is the most common and typically it is a dollar amount like \$25,000 or some other specific asset like appreciated stock. A residuary bequest gives all or a specific percentage of assets remaining in the estate after all debts, taxes, expenses and other bequests have been paid. Please call 585-3357 for more information and to receive a copy of the Cathedral's Planned Giving Guide.

# March 10, 2019 – First Sunday of Lent

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Deuteronomy 26:4-10 | Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 | Romans 10:8-13 | Luke 4:1-13*

Every moment of the Israelites' exodus journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, their God was with them, saving, redeeming, and delivering them from oppression. Through their struggles to be faithful and resist temptation, God heard their cry and stretched out his arm to protect them. The chosen people could trust that their God would never abandon the people he loved.

During his sojourn in the desert, Jesus was filled with and led by the Spirit of God. In his encounter with Satan's temptations, Jesus had faith that God's power was with him. He trusted that God would never abandon the Son he loved.

Now it is our turn to trust. Lent is a time to begin a journey with God. This journey might prove to be dangerous and to bring surprises to us. We know it led Jesus to Calvary and the cross. The traditional practices of praying, giving alms, and fasting during the journey can lead us to reform (or form again) our lives and return our hearts to God's saving power and grace. God will never abandon us on this journey.

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

*Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 | Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 | Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 36:20-4:1 | Luke 9:28b-36*

## 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