

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 11

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**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

Monday, March 12 – *Lenten Weekday*

Tuesday, March 13 – *Lenten Weekday*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 14 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, March 15 – *Lenten Weekday*

Friday, March 16 – *Lenten Weekday*

*Day of Abstinence*

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

Saturday, March 17 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, March 18

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

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

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

The Scrutiny of the Rite of

Christian Initiation of Adults at 9:00am

## Adult Faith Formation

All are welcome to attend the Lenten Movie Retreat on March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at the Pauline Bookstore. For more information, contact: Deacon Joe & Easter at [ealmuena@rcchawaii.org](mailto:ealmuena@rcchawaii.org).

## Most Beautiful Among Women

Calling all women to join us on Sunday, March 18, 2018 in the Kamiano Center from 1pm to 4pm for fellowship, prayer, praise & worship, lunch, and teaching from the Word of God. Special children's ministry available, so bring the "little ones." Come and meet new friends!!!

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 14,965.68
Weekday Collection	\$ 2,100.92
Coffers	\$ 438.96
Holy Day Collection	\$ 155.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,660.56</b>



## Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass is the annual liturgy where oils for use in administering the sacraments are blessed. Representatives from island parishes, and military and ethnic Catholic communities, bring their oils to the designated parish for that island in baskets and sleek glass containers. All are encouraged to join in one of the following celebrations presided by Bishop Larry Silva: **Oahu: Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Located at: Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu.**

## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

### What's Going On Outside?

The Cathedral's original stained glass windows are geometric in pattern and were imported from France in the 1870s at the direction of Bishop Louis Maigret. The majority of the remaining original windows are installed in the gallery level today.

In the 1920s, as part of a renovation directed by Bishop Stephen Alencastre, fourteen pictorial windows were commissioned from the studio of Dr. Heinrich Oidtmann in Germany. These windows were installed in celebration of the centennial recognition of the arrival of the first Catholic missionary priests in Hawaii in 1827. These windows, located on the first floor, include scenes of Catholic Church history, local founding fathers, and Saints.

Four pictorial windows were removed from the sanctuary area in January and sent to Lambrecht Glass Studios in Omaha, Nebraska for detailed restoration. Specialists will reframe the windows and restore the glass and lead before sending them back for reinstallation. Eventually, all fourteen pictorial windows, as well as the original geometric windows, will be restored and reinstalled in the Cathedral.

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 11, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

A: *Exodus 17:3-7* | *Psalms 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* | *Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6* | *Ephesians 2:4-10* | *John 3:14-21*

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: "Fifth Sunday of Lent"**

A: *Ezekiel 37:12-14* | *Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8* | *Romans 8:8-11* | *John 11:1-45* or *11:3-7, 20-27, 33b-45*  
B: *Jeremiah 31:31-34* | *Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15* | *Hebrews 5:7-9* | *John 12:20-33*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Today at the 9am Mass we continue to pray for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The readings for that mass illustrate how the grace of baptism can wash away our blindness. We often do not see things the way that God does. And whether we see clearly involves a choice on our part. Vision is a decision! May we use God's grace to heal our blindness.

At the other weekend masses, we also hear how salvation involves a choice on our part. It is clear what God wants. In Chronicles, we see how often God sent messengers to the people to help them to see the way. In Ephesians, Paul reminds us of the richness of God's grace offered to each of us. Even though we are far from perfect, we are offered this gift. The gift of salvation is not something that we earn; it is freely given and nothing that we do could ever merit it.

But, there is something that we must do. As Jesus reminds us in John's Gospel, we must choose to look with faith upon Jesus, lifted up on the cross, in order to be saved. We need to reject the darkness and choose the light. It is this light that allows us to see things as they are in God's eyes. But, we often prefer to remain in the darkness because we don't want to leave our sinfulness. We are afraid to face the truth.

Traditionally, this Fourth Sunday of Lent was called Laetare Sunday after the Latin word, "laetare" which means "rejoice". As we prepare to move into the latter part of Lent, we are challenged to accept the discipline of this holy season so that we might reject the darkness of our selfishness. This will allow us to experience more deeply the joy of the light of the risen Christ.

In Christ's love,  
Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.  
Rector