

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, March 13 – *Lenten Weekday*

Tuesday, March 14 – *Lenten Weekday*

Lenten Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 15 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11:00am

Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, March 16 – *Lenten Weekday*

Friday, March 17 – *Lenten Weekday*

Day of Abstinence

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

Saturday, March 18 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Damien Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 19

Third Sunday of Lent

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Adult Faith Formation

Series on "Catholicism" by Bishop Robert Barron is scheduled today, 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.

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.

Operation Rice Bowl

We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit csrcricebowl.org for more.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,209.58
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,448.43
Coffers	\$ 583.92
Holy Day Collection	\$ 4,205.11
Total	\$ 15,447.04



Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Telling Hawaii time for nearly 200 years

The Cathedral's nearly 200 year-old tower clock has been repaired as part of the campaign to renew the Cathedral Basilica. The story of the Cathedral's tower clock is an interesting one: the clock is the oldest tower clock in Hawaii and it's actually *older* than the Cathedral building in which she is installed.

The Cathedral was dedicated in 1843 and, shortly thereafter, Bishop Louis Maigret asked his superior stationed at the mission in Valparaíso, Chile to send Honolulu a clock similar to the one in the Valparaíso Cathedral. Thus, the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary ordered a clock from France on behalf of the Cathedral in Honolulu.

However, the ship carrying the clock from Europe had to come around the horn of South America (no Panama Canal in those days!) and the boat stopped in Valparaíso, Chile. The priests in Chile decided they liked the new clock for themselves and sent their used clock, circa 1825, on the ship to Honolulu. The clock from Chile was installed in the Cathedral tower in 1846.

Amazingly, this clock functioned up until just a few years ago, at which time it stopped working because the family-owned company servicing the clock closed when the owner retired and no one else claimed the knowledge to fix it. Recently, however, Cathedral staff located the two individuals who had serviced the clock in the past and, together, they have graciously repaired the clock and have also offered to service the clock for free for the next 10 years.

We are blessed and thankful to have our historic clock up and running once again. Mahalo!

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 12, 2017 – Second Sunday of Lent

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Today, we hear about several disciples of Christ. Three of the apostles are described in the Gospel reading: Peter, James, and John. In his letter, Paul identifies Timothy as another follower. The Apostles in the miraculous story of the Transfiguration recognize Jesus as no ordinary human being. But only after Jesus' death and Resurrection will they be able to fully profess their faith in him as Messiah.

Jesus constantly reminded his disciples that the Messiah would suffer and die, sometimes to their fear and confusion. Jesus told them that following him in proclaiming God's message of peace and justice would lead to hardships and pain for them, also. Paul reminds Timothy of this: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8). But the message to which all disciples can hold fast even in the midst of suffering and death is the one Jesus speaks to the apostles: "Rise, and do not be afraid" (Matthew 17:7). It is a message we, too, remind ourselves of this Lent. Life will come from death.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 17:3-7 | Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 | Roman 5:1-2, 5-8 | John 4:5-42

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

In today's gospel, as we continue our Lenten journey, Jesus moves from the desert to the mountaintop. From the place to burden and temptation, he moves to the place of blessing and transfiguration. Now that Jesus has risen from the dead, what is it that he wants us to know and tell others about regarding his transfiguration?

Jesus wants us to find our own mountaintop. The disciples were blessed by being at this special place where they could see the glory of God shining on the face of Christ. They experienced this intimate moment with Christ. We need to make sure that, especially during Lent, we find a place where we can commune with God. By taking regular time for prayer, reflection, and quiet we can find the place where God begins to show us God's glory. This will take a special effort and, because we are all busy, it may seem like a strenuous mountain climb to find the time and space we need for this time of prayer and reflection. But, it is absolutely important that we do if we are to deal with the scandal of the cross in our lives.

Jesus wants us, once we have been on the mountaintop, to leave for the valley below. The valley below is where our lives are lived; the real world where love is challenging and where our faith is tested. Just as Abram was called to go forth in faith, we must leave our "comfort zones" and face the "valley moments" when we are tempted to despair and give up. It is in struggling with the demands of love lived daily that we grow. It would be great to always have that "mountaintop high", but that is not possible. What is possible is to take the vision received on the mountain with us as we travel in the valley.

Jesus wants us to be transfigured. We are called to be changed as we navigate the mountains and valleys of this life. We are invited to be transformed into people that glorify God by reflecting the glory of Christ. By living more faith-filled and loving lives we become images of God's presence and power. What is it in my life, especially this Lent that needs to be transformed so that I might be transfigured into a better likeness of Christ? Being on the mountaintop will help me to see what needs to be changed. Journeying in the valley will help to fashion me into a person changed and charged by the glory of God.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector