

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 17

Second Sunday of Lent

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Monday, March 18

Monday of the Second Week of Lent

Tuesday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lenten Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 20

Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, March 21

Thursday of the Second Week of Lent

Friday, March 22

Friday of the Second Week of Lent

Day of Abstinence

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

Saturday, March 23

Saturday of the Second Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 24

Third Sunday of Lent

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

First Scrutiny at 9:00am

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. 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	\$ 7,983.49
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,375.00
Coffers	\$ 536.58
Holy Day Collection	\$ 3,884.91
Total	\$ 13,779.98



Lenten Rosary

A great opportunity to increase your prayer life during this Holy Season of Lent. Immediately following the Saturday Noon Mass at 12:30pm, the Saints Damien and Marianne Devotional Group will pray the Lenten Rosary. You and your family are invited to pray with us. We meet in Church at the section near the Saint's Relic.

Lenten Season

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

Sharing Faith

- What does faithfulness or fidelity mean to you? Who is an example of faithfulness for you?
- Who is someone you have tried to imitate in your life? What did they do or say that made you want to be like them?
- How can you try and live as a sign of your baptismal promises this Lent?

Operation Rice Bowl

Encounter Annet

In Guatemala, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? How can Visit csrricebowl.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.

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Being faithful to a promise is easy sometimes. We know what's expected and it may not be hard to honor our promise. But keeping a promise that requires sacrifice or constant reflection on our part can be harder because, as humans, we have a tendency to become careless or forgetful.

Lent provides us with an opportunity to remember our baptismal promise to be faithful to God. Lent reminds us of the covenant God made with Abram and the faith asked for in return. For Abram, this act of faith meant surrendering his future into God's hands. For Jesus, it meant surrendering his life.

Often, we need help remembering our part in the covenant. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, gave his life so we could remember that our part is to live imitating him as his disciples. Jesus' entire life and ministry on earth showed us how to love God by loving one another. We often fail in our part of the covenant. Once again this Lent, we are tasked with finding a way to renew our own baptismal promises, our part of the covenant with God.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Third Sunday of Lent"

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

Year C: Exodus 3:1-8A, 13-15 | Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 | 1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 | Luke 13:1-9

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Last week, Jesus was in the desert being tempted. Today, Jesus moves from the desert to the mountaintop. He may have gone there to pray and seek his Father's approval for his journey to Jerusalem and his coming suffering and death. He took his closest apostles with him so that they might catch a glimpse of the glory of God. God invites us this Lent to find our own mountaintop so that we might glimpse God's glory. The experience of this vision was important for the apostles and is important to us for three reasons.

First of all, it prepared them to endure the scandal of the cross, Jesus' suffering and death. They were about to see their friend, Jesus Christ, be crucified and they would begin to understand how God was calling them to suffer for love of God and others. God wants us to see the glory of God so that we can deal with the challenge of suffering in our lives. God desires us to know that God's risen life is more powerful than anything that is death-dealing.

Secondly, the Transfiguration helped the apostles to sense the glory of a life beyond this life. They saw a momentary view of heaven that would cause them to see the things of earth in a new and different way. God wants us to see the glory of God so that we can see heaven as our ultimate goal and be able to see this life as a prelude to a life forever with the Lord.

Finally, this mountaintop experience was meant to communicate to them that they too were beloved sons of God. The words spoken of Christ by the Father were meant to be heard by them, not just so that they would know who Jesus was. The Father wanted them to know who they were: God's beloved sons as well. Today, God wants us to know that we are beloved sons and daughters.

Jesus was transfigured. We are invited to be transformed. If we will journey to the mountaintop, and if we are truly prayerful and repentant, God will give us a glimpse of glory. It is what we need to help us endure suffering, see heaven as our goal, and know that we are beloved sons and daughters

In Christ's love,

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

Rector