

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Senior Ministry at 10:30am

Monday, March 25

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday, March 26

Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent Prince Kuhio Holiday

Offices Closed

Cathedral on Holiday Schedule

Presentation of the Creed at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 27

Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, March 28

Thursday of the Third Week of Lent

Friday, March 29

Friday of the Third Week of Lent

Day of Abstinence

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

Saturday, March 30

Saturday of the Third Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 31

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 Classes at 8:00am

Second Scrutiny at 9:00am

Lenten Season

Stations of the Cross on Fridays

10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection \$ 9,263.01

Weekday Collection \$ 1,698.99

Coffers \$ 701.96

Holy Day Collection \$ 85.00

Total \$ 11,747.97



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.

Respect Life Ministry

Come join the Respect Life Ministry as we go out to see the movie "Unplanned", the conversion story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood manager, on its opening weekend, Friday, March 29th at 6:30 pm at Regal Dole Theaters nearby. Plan on meeting there at 5:00pm. This gathering will take place of our First Sunday Respect Life Meeting, so we will not be meeting on April 7th. For more information or if you need a ride please call Lisa at (808) 469-5470 or Teresa at (808) 203-3874.

Operation Rice Bowl

Encounter Dhathcroos

The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? How can you support refugees worldwide who are fleeing violence in their country? Visit 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 (808) 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

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 | 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 | Luke 13:1-9

What might compel you to run door to door on your street? What news would make you rush through your neighborhood telling everyone you meet? In today's Gospel reading, that is the image that comes to mind as we hear of the Samaritan woman going and telling everyone she meets that Jesus is the Messiah. During their exchange at the well, she was changed. Her eyes were opened and her doubt was erased. Jesus' message sent her out to the people of her town proclaiming what had happened. Because of her testimony, many people began to believe. This is the only Gospel passage where a town is converted because of a woman's testimony.

God trusts his message then and now to people of whom we might not approve, to people we might consider unlikely or even unworthy, and to people who are unknown or seem insignificant. Yet these improbable ones are people to whom Jesus proclaimed the message of the coming reign of God.

We might also think ourselves improbable messengers. Yet it is for each of us that Jesus came. It is each of us that God calls and it is each of us that are sent.

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

Year A: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a | Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. | Ephesians 5:8-14 | John 9:1-41

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

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Lent is a time for spiritual rehabilitation and repair. To really be open to the new life that God wants to give us this Easter, we need to do the prep work. Repentance is that essential prep work and it has three important steps.

First a recognition of one's own guilt and sin. In being concerned about the sin of others, we neglect to see our own faults. Fearless moral self-inventory is required.

Secondly, we need to become more aware of the deep love and mercy of God. God told Moses that God had come to rescue the people. The gospel story reminds us that God gives each of us another chance to change. Take time to realize all the times that God has come to our rescue in the past.

Finally, repentance involves a change of mind and behavior. There needs to be an existential change—something concrete needs to happen. The fig tree needs to bear fruit. We need to bear the fruit of love for which we were created. God is a God of many second chances but there is the final chance and the need to be accountable.

This Sunday we pray especially for those preparing for the Easter Sacraments who will participate in the First Scrutiny. At that mass, the Gospel will remind them and all of us of the Samaritan woman who received conversion by receiving the living water of God's grace.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector