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FEBRUARY 26, 2023 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m.
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,
10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
& 6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday & Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
(unless noted in bulletin)

Devotions

First Friday

Adoration/Benediction
at 6:30 a.m.

First Saturday

Adoration after 7:00 a.m. Mass
(unless noted in bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY through FRIDAY
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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This week's Readings: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-14 and 17;
Roman 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Next week's Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;
2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

“REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL”

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love and joy!

Ash Wednesday ushered us into the Season of Lent. A holy time is given to all of us to reflect on God's goodness, kindness, and mercy. But such goodness came from a bounty of sacrifices that Jesus had to endure for our sake. And that these sacrifices would be a stepping ground for our path to savor the gift of salvation through Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

This first Sunday of Lent makes us realize that life can be without temptations. Jesus experienced this through the devil's allurements to satisfy His hunger, power, glory, comfort, and security. He could easily have responded to all of these, but He did not. He knows that though they were seemingly delightful, they could have brought the end of goodness and evil to triumph. To look into this situation that Jesus experienced, He already made a great sacrifice to give up the devil's enticements, satisfaction, power, prestige, comfort, and security.

Jesus' temptation presents us with a clear reality. We are all tempted in various ways. The seeming delight is so beautiful, alluring, or enticing that welcoming it would give us the happiness and comfort we desire. Temptations are always an attraction to do the easier way, like stealing so as not to toil, to forget about the poor and needy in order to have more resources and enjoyment for our pleasure and satisfaction. Also, to be unfaithful to have fun and the thrill of life and to lie so as not to be involved in a difficult situation. But thinking about it, does it give one's life peace of mind or even true joy that we truly long for? It won't. It will only lead to sadness and, eventually, losing our salvation.

In this Lenten journey, we are brought into a face-to-face reality with our very selves and confront the things we need to change. We are invited to look deeper into our hearts and minds, where we can change direction to live in grace rather than sin. Although we see that

temptations are real, we can also turn away from them, as Jesus Himself showed us. He is our strength to overcome every enticement of the devil we invited into and become triumphant to live in peace, love, and joy in Jesus.

I invite everyone to make these days moments of grace. In doing so, we can radiate Christ into the world needing conversion and call everyone to Him, the source of life and salvation.

May we all have a faith-filled Lenten Journey and lead us to the joyous celebration of Easter!

Your friend in Jesus,



Reverend Pascual Abaya IV
Rector

**You shall not put
the Lord, *your*
God, to the test**

Matthew 4:7

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 26
First Sunday of Lent
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, February 27
Monday of the First Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, February 28
Tuesday of the First Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, March 1
Wednesday of the First Week of Lent
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, March 2
Thursday of the First Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, March 3
Friday of the First Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm
Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:30pm

Saturday, March 4
Saturday of the First Week of Lent
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
Adoration/Benediction following 7:00am
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 5
Second Sunday of Lent
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

February 26, 2023

Many adults involved in teaching children know the value of giving a consistent message when forming their lives and behaviors. Being invited, for example, to measure how one acts and treats other people with love and respect helps children to examine times they may fall short of appropriate and respectful deeds. The constant message shows the need for and strength of unwavering commitment to loving action.

Lent offers all of us the opportunity to make the same unwavering examination and commitment. In the Gospel story of Jesus' temptation, we hear him consistently tell the devil that trust and reliance on God are the constant principles one must use when faced with temptation. Jesus does not act blindly, but with confidence and conviction in God's promises. He faces temptation, trusting that God's message of love and justice far exceeds any promises that evil can offer. Jesus shows us that obeying and serving God offers disciples the promise of new life.

SHARING FAITH

What consistent theme or message do you want to reflect upon this Lent?

What or who supports or fortifies you when you feel tempted?

If Lent is to remind us to return to the Lord as we heard on Ash Wednesday, what must you do to practice this gesture of turning to the Lord?

LIVING THE LITURGY

The next two Sundays, the psalms (Psalms 51 and 33) are about God's mercy. Read both psalms quietly or in a small group. What other words are used for God's mercy? Name images that might be helpful as you begin this Lenten journey.

Consider a way in which you might find a few quiet moments for Lenten reflection each day. Perhaps it might be as easy as choosing silence as opposed to listening to the radio on your way to school or work. Where does the quiet reflection to contemplate God's message lead you?

Recognizing sin and temptation is often a way that we understand our own growth in spiritual maturity. Spend some reflection about the meaning of sin in your life. What does that tell you about temptation.

REFLECTION

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: / 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship/and him alone shall you serve' " (Matthew 4:8-10).



MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL IS TO FOSTER AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH STEWARDSHIP IS UNDERSTOOD, ACCEPTED AND PRACTICED THROUGHOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

You made the light to shine out of darkness, a light that reveals the goodness of all you have created.

Your Son tells us we are the light of the world. It is a dark world in desperate need of your infinite love and mercy.

Help us to be good stewards of the light you shine in our hearts so that through this precious gift, we too may reveal your handiwork.

And by the power of Your Spirit, show us how to shine our light before others, that they may see our good deeds and glorify you.

We pray this in the name of Christ Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 13 - 19, 2023

Offertory Collection

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,718.32
Weekday	\$ 868.47
Other Feast & Solemnities	\$ 120.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,304.23
Total Offertory	\$ 8,011.02

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 2,511.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 156.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 870.75
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 215.00
Total	\$ 11,763.77

MOST BEAUTIFUL AMONG WOMEN

Forget what is past, it is time to go forward. "Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past. Behold, I am doing something new, now it will spring forth; do you not perceive it? - Isaiah 43:18-19. Please join the Most Beautiful Among Women Ministry on Saturday, March 4, 2023 located at the Auditorium at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, 712 North School Street from 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m. For more information on how to register and learn more details, please visit their website at www.newlife4u.live



Knights of MAHALO FROM COUNCIL Columbus® 5000!

January's Pancake Breakfast was a HIT! Joint effort between C5000 and the Senior Ministry! Approximately 400 people fed! Raised funds which will benefit the Cathedral! Feedback was very positive!

February Parish Social:

- Feb 26 (Sun) from 9am to Noon on the Plaza outside the Gift Shop
- Fun Family Activity...
- Food (for sale) & coffee available by the Senior Ministry!
- Looking forward to seeing you there!

C5000 2022 Fraternal Survey:

52 Members/9 New Members, over \$3k donations & almost 180k hours of service, almost 14k hours of Fraternal Service.

A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN

During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit csrcece.org to learn more.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

The perfection of learning is to know God is such way that, though you realize he is knowable, yet you know him as indescribable.

Pope St. Hilary (315 - 368) Patron of Lawyers, Feast Day, February 26.