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FEBRUARY 11, 2024
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 10:00 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: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

Next week's Readings: Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

"ASH WEDNESDAY ON VALENTINE'S DAY"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,
Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

The Season of Lent is upon us. This Wednesday is the beginning of this grace-filled season, journeying with the Lord for forty days of prayer, sacrifice through fasting and abstinence, and doing acts of charity. The reception of ashes with the mark of the cross of Christ on our foreheads this coming Wednesday reminds us of the great love He did for us through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. What a day to begin this, as it falls on Valentine's Day. A day to celebrate love geared towards holiness and grace. A day that is fitting to reflect on the goodness of the Lord in His unconditional love for us.

We heard from last Sunday's Gospel how people who were ill searched for Jesus. In all circumstances of their lives, they needed the Lord so that they would be healed. Jesus did not hesitate to heal them, for that is who He is: filled with love, compassion, and mercy. Once again, we hear another healing story of a man inflicted with leprosy. He approached Jesus and asked, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus moved with pity, stretched out His hand, and said, "I do will it be made clean."

Such goodness and love of the Lord. As much as there are physical ailments each one of us gets, our spiritual healing does matter more. Let us approach the Lord to be healed from our spiritual sickness brought about by sin. Only in Jesus can we receive such healing with firmness of faith and trust in His power. We need to realize our faults and transgressions. We need to look deeply into our soul on what we need to be cleansed from.

Often or most times, it is difficult to admit our sinfulness. It is so hard to humble ourselves and face the reality of who we are. We hide and wear our masks, pretending that we are upright and just. We tend to be righteous in many ways, but deep inside us, we are like the man needing God's grace and forgiveness. Jesus readily extends His love and mercy to those who seek it. He restores us and gives us more opportunities to enrich our lives through His powerful grace.

With the Lenten Season at hand, this would be a grace-filled opportunity to reflect, pray, and be renewed. It is a moment of self-realization that we cannot do without God's love and mercy. It is a precious time given to deepen our faith and trust in His goodness. And when we experience His love, mercy, and forgiveness, we cannot but rejoice and share the good news with all around us. Like the man who was healed, although Jesus told him not to tell anyone about what happened except to the priest, he instead started to share such goodness that had come upon him.

On this Valentine's Day, we remind ourselves that God's love is unconditional. His love invites us to live a life of grace, and we start doing this by reminding ourselves that through His cross, love pours upon all.

Your friend in Jesus,
Fr. Pascual Abaya IV
Rector



**DO EVERYTHING
FOR THE GLORY
OF GOD**

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 11

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time2nd Collection for

Augustine Educational Foundation

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 12

Monday of the 6th Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Tuesday of the 6th Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Ash Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Masses at 6:30am, 12:00pm & 6:00pm

Thursday, Feb. 15

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, Feb. 16

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

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

Saturday, Feb 17

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Mass & Adoration at 7:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass at 12:00pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, Feb. 18

First Sunday of Lent2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

By healing the man with leprosy, Jesus did much more than rid him of a dreaded disease. He reopened for the man the door to his own home and a door into the life of the community. Till then, the man was an outcast, required to shout a warning to anyone who dared come near: "Unclean!" With his cry, he had to tell people to stay away from him, not to touch him, not even to breathe the air that he breathed. It was a necessary discipline for the safety of the community, but a dire, dreary life for anyone afflicted with the curse of leprosy. Many, even in our day, are sent to live apart because something about them has severed their connection with their community. Perhaps it's a teen announcing he is gay, a woman who says that she must leave her abusive husband, or anyone who is shunned by friends or family because of a position they hold or an action they have taken. Who among us has not known that kind of banishment at some time or other?

Jesus comes to end the exile of our hearts. When the leper, with profound faith, says, "If you wish, you can make me clean" (1:40), Jesus doesn't hesitate to say, "I do will it" (1:41). We have no problem imagining Jesus laying hands on the man and curing him. But can we visualize the same thing for ourselves? Can we muster the faith of the leper and tell Jesus, "You can make me clean." Do we trust that if we ask, God will heal and forgive us?

SHARING FAITH

Have you ever prayed with earnest faith for God to remove some affliction from your life? How was your prayer answered?

Doing everything for the "glory of God" is easier said than done. If you tried to glorify God in everything you do, what activities might you need to curtail?

Like the leper in today's Gospel, each of us is changed when we ask Jesus to touch our lives. How has the touch of Christ given you more abundant life?

LIVING THE LITURGY

List what you've observed from your own experience as the most common reasons for the experience of "exile" among teens, family members, and coworkers.

If Jesus looked into your heart, what clutter would he need to remove in order for you to feel loved and lovable? Every time you sign your name this week, take a moment to pray this verse: "God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good" (Genesis 1:31).

Raise awareness of the isolated people around us by playing a board game or card game with your family. Have a kitchen timer on hand. Set the timer at five minutes for each round. During each round, one person is ignored until the timer sounds. No one looks at or speaks to the ignored person, and he or she gets no turn in the game you're playing. Make sure that everyone is ignored once. Afterward, talk about how it felt to be the one ignored.

REFLECTION

"Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).



ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
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.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of the new year.
You have entrusted us with the coming days, weeks and months as stewards of your divine plan; to live in gratitude, joy, and an ever growing confidence in your Kingdom to come.

We ask for humility to reform our lives; the courage to commit ourselves to you no matter the cost; and the wisdom to shine the light of faith on others.

Open our hearts, give us your Spirit and show us how to share your love so that we may bring hope to a world in need of your justice and peace.

We pray to be a sign of your grace in this new year through your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, our God, Forever and ever.

Amen!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 29 - February 4, 2024

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 5,440.82
Weekday	\$ 886.69
Feasts, Solemnities + Christmas	\$ 257.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,916.85
Total Offertory	\$ 9,501.36

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 0.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 365.45
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 2,318.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 12,484.81



Founded in 1984, the mission of the Augustine Educational Foundation is to provide tuition assistance to help families with financial needs that count on Hawaii Catholic Schools for their children's education.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN HAWAII - There are over 6,000 students in Hawaii Catholic Schools. Become our partner in Catholic education, support the Augustine Educational Foundation's Tuition Scholarship Program this weekend. Money raised in this collection will go to support our parish and vicariate families with tuition assistance for the upcoming school year. You may visit the Augustine Educational Foundation on-line to make a gift or include your check in our Parish's offertory. Join the Augustine Educational Foundation's campaign *Make a Student Smile - Give the Gift of Catholic Education* by making a gift! Please be generous! Mahalo!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you ready for the Season of Lent? Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter Almuena every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:45am. Resources are available at Formed.org. On your browser, go to www.formed.org. Sign up as a "Parishioner", choose "RCCHAWAII" and create an account. Please see Dcn. Joe & Easter for more information.

OHANA IN CHRIST ANNUAL APPEAL

Please support the Cathedral Basilica and our many Catholic ministries and services by contributing to the 2023-2024 Appeal. Mahalo for your generous Stewardship of Treasure. All gifts are important and appreciated. Give online at CatholicHawaii.org.

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

May the Heart of Jesus Christ be our school! Let us make our abode there. Let us study its movements and attempt to conform ours to them. Yes, O Divine Jesus, I want to live there.

St. Claude De Columbiere , (1641 - 1682), Feast Day, February 15