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## FEBRUARY 25, 2024

### 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 10:00 a.m.

First Saturday

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

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YOU DID NOT WITHHOLD FROM ME  
YOUR OWN BELOVED SON  
GENESIS 22:12

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**This week's Readings:** Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15-19;  
Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

**Next week's Readings:** Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:9, 10, 11  
1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25



"LISTENING...SO DIFFICULT TO DO THESE DAYS!"

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

Whenever I go for my walk on my day off, I always put on my hearing piece to listen and join the app that offers prayers, like the Morning Praise, the Holy Rosary, and Gospel Reflections. After going through all these prayers, I start to listen to music, and it cuts me off from listening to the voices of people passing me by, the laughter and cheers of children along the shore, and even the sound of cars. What an incredible invention we have these days with technology. Often, I see so many using as such, and if that is the case, then we make these tools for listening, cutting us off from each other and minding our own business. The world becomes isolated, and our focus is on ourselves.

The danger of it all is that when we start to use these things even at home, listening can be very difficult to do, and we start not to know what our family members need or even what we truly need. Translating this into our spiritual lives, when we shut off our ears, we won't be able to listen to the voice of God, and we mind our own business, not knowing that the thread of life we are tracing is going awry.

These days of Lent are days meant to revive our God-given gift of listening. To use our ears to listen to God's voice especially His call for us to live our lives as His beloved sons and daughters. And this we can do if we deepen our loving relationship with Jesus, whom the voice that Peter, James, and John heard, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him."

We need to reflect on the words of the Father: this is my beloved Son; listen to him because Jesus sets an example of how we can be faithful to God. To listen to Him directs our path toward the things that would nourish our lives spiritually and motivates us to live in grace and not in sin. The Opening Prayer of this Sunday's Liturgy expresses this, "O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased; we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight make pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory."

Lent is a time given to us to examine how we are carrying out our call to be Jesus' disciples today. We ask ourselves if we have been faithful, turning away from our sin and listening and believing in the Good News of Christ as we had reflected on last Sunday's message. Lent is a moment to continue that journey of faith, reconciling ourselves to our God, with one another, and with ourselves. We can do this when we listen attentively to the voice of God and the longing of our world today for peace, joy, and love.

May the Lenten Season enrich your spiritual path!

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV  
Rector



IF GOD  
IS FOR US,  
WHO CAN BE  
AGAINST US?

ROMANS 8:31

**CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Sunday, Feb. 25

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 26

Monday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, Feb. 27

Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Wednesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, Feb. 29

Thursday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, March 1

Friday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm  
Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:30pm

Saturday, March 2

Saturday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent  
Mass & Adoration at 7:00am  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
Mass at 12:00pm  
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 3

**Third Sunday of Lent with Scrutiny (A)**  
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**SCRIPTURE**

In his breathless relief over the sparing of his son, Abraham spies a ram and knows he has found a substitute to offer in place of his beloved boy. Isaac was a son, his firstborn whom he loved! Abraham's hopes and dreams were pinned on him. To lose Isaac would be to lose everything. But in his place Abraham offers something that isn't even his — the ram is a found object, provided by the merciful God. Isaac is commonly considered a type or foreshadowing of Jesus, but there is also great contrast between them. While Abraham substitutes an animal for his son, God offers his Son in place of us. An inferior creature substitutes for Isaac, but an infinitely superior creature substitutes for us. The ram shares nothing in common with Abraham, but Jesus is God's own Son who shares the very life of God. His divinity is manifested on the mountain in a spectacle that terrifies the disciples. This Jesus who is sacrificed in our place — who, unlike Isaac, God did not hold back — is the one of whom Paul sings. Like a teenager on the playground Paul struts and says: Who would dare be against us? Why so bold? Because Paul knows, as we all should, that one far greater than any threatening bully stands with us: Christ who died, was raised, and who forever reigns and intercedes for us, his sisters and brothers.

**SHARING FAITH**

Jesus was deeply steeped in the history of his people, symbolized here by Moses and Elijah, who represent the law and prophets. What aspects of your history do you understand best? Who in your ancestry helps you understand yourself better?

Have you ever undertaken something you didn't want to do because you thought God was asking it of you? How did you feel? Would you do it again?

What do you think motivated Abraham's willingness to give up what he loved most in the world? What do you think motivated God's willingness to send his only beloved Son into the world?

**LIVING THE LITURGY**

Make a sign to post in some corner of your home that reads, "Mount Tabor." Try to reserve that area as a place to go when you need an experience of God's awesome, overwhelming presence.

Cut out a picture of a ram or print one from the Internet. Glue it to a piece of cardboard and use it as a bookmark. The next time you go to confession or just feel "sinful," take out the ram and remember that just as the ram substituted for Isaac, Christ substituted for you and paid the price for your sins.

Brainstorm ideas for small things that each member of your family can do this week to show love for God and kindness to others. Make a list with at least one thing for each person each day. Check off your offerings as you complete them.

**REFLECTION**

"He who did not spare his own Son . . . will he not also give us everything else along with him?" (Romans 8:32).





**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

February 12 - 18, 2024

**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!

**Offertory Collection**

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| Sunday                        | \$ 5,530.01        |
| Weekday + Ash Wednesday       | \$ 4,950.06        |
| Feasts, Solemnities + Coffers | \$ 534.79          |
| Online Giving                 | \$ 1,414.01        |
| <b>Total Offertory</b>        | <b>\$ 8,748.09</b> |

**Other Collection**

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Repairs & Maintenance                 | \$ 2,335.25         |
| Diocesan Collection                   | \$ 101.00           |
| Special Collection (Intentions, etc.) | \$ 1,774.29         |
| Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)      | \$ 1,059.00         |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>\$ 17,701.41</b> |

**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CONFERENCE**

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to encourage you and your parishioners to consider signing up for the National Eucharistic Revival Conference. This conference is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to the Eucharist in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The conference will be held in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024.

The conference is part of a three-year revival initiative launched by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to rekindle devotion to the Eucharist. The initiative aims to help us return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist, which is more important than ever in these challenging times.

I encourage you to join thousands of fellow Catholics in nine days of prayer that will ignite your desire for transformation and instill a vision for the healing grace God wants to unleash in our world. You can learn more about the conference by going to their website at [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org). The Diocese of Honolulu purchased tickets for this event – if you or your group would like to get tickets please email [euchcongress2024@rcchawaii.org](mailto:euchcongress2024@rcchawaii.org).

**THE GLORIOUS FREEDOM**

2024 is your year to be set free from all that is holding you in bondage and keeping you back from living a victorious life of significance. God wants to set you free to be the amazing YOU He made you to be!

Come join us to find the answers you are seeking in a power packed day of celebration, song, teachings, prayer at a whole new level, a journey of remembrance on the pathway to freedom, and participation in a dramatic musical presentation.

Happening on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Auditorium located at 712 N School Street from 8:00am – 4:00pm. Please register at [www.newlife4u.live](http://www.newlife4u.live)

There is no charge for attending, but you must register to receive all the books and materials.

**SAINT FOR THE WEEK**

The Church is the Ship outside which it is impossible to understand the Divine Word, for Jesus spoke from the boat to the people gathered on the shore.

**Pope St. Hilary, (250 - 328), Patron of Lawyers, Feast Day, February 28**