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MARCH 3, 2024
3RD 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)

PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY through FRIDAY
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed on holidays

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Zeal for Your House
WILL CONSUME ME

JOHN 2:17

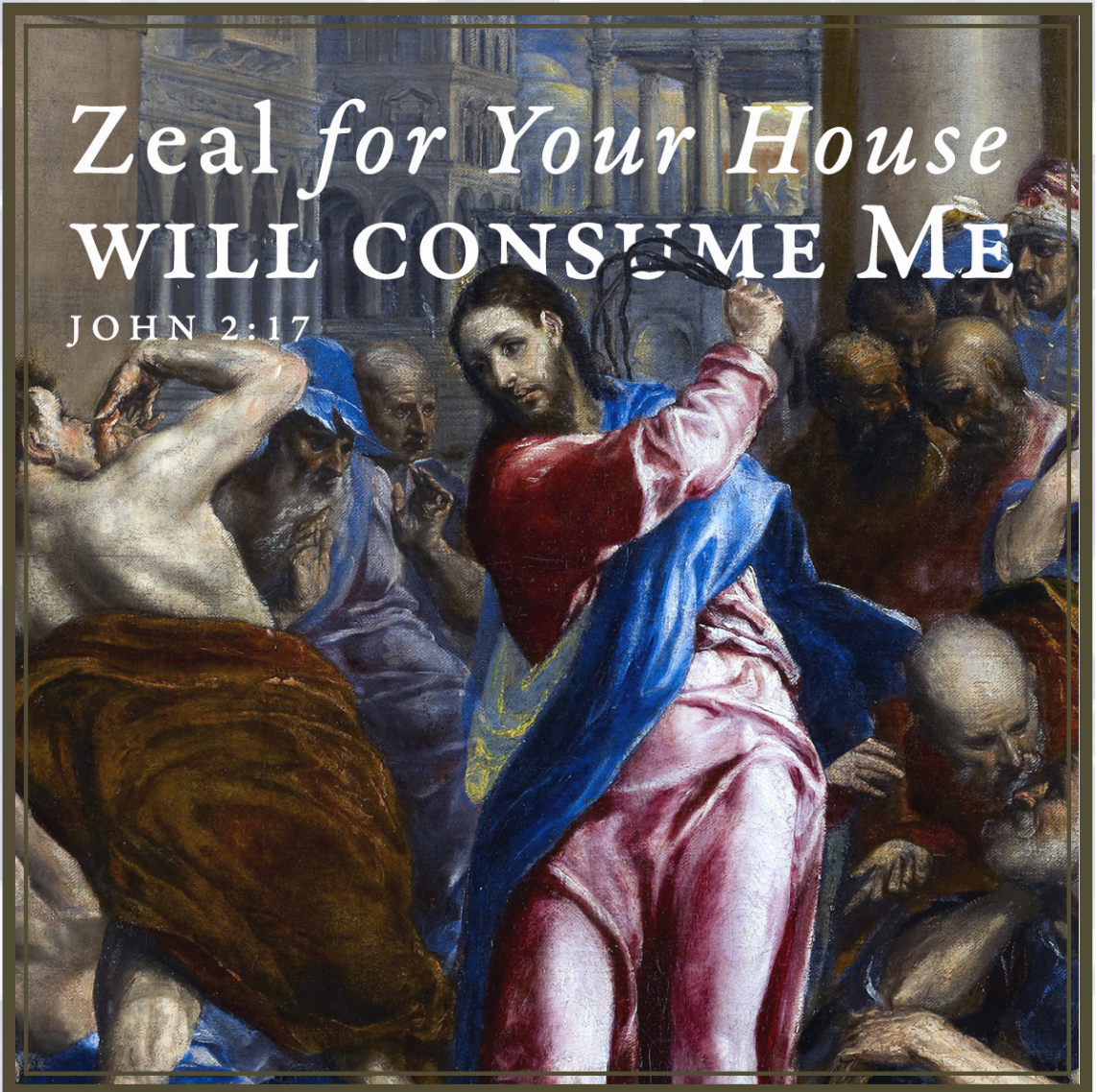


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This week's Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:9, 10, 11
1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

Next week's Readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

"TO BE CLEANSED BY THE GRACE OF GOD"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

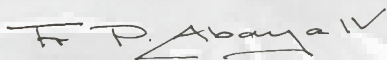
The account in John's Gospel about the cleansing of the temple stirs our thoughts and imaginations about the chaos that Jesus created. Furious merchants, traders, and worshipers in the temple reacted to what Jesus did. But we cannot blame Him for why He reacted this way. Instead of making the temple a house of prayer, a place where they could encounter God, or a place to offer sacrifices to Him, merchants made the temple a place of business. Trade and commerce became the central activity in the temple. Chief priests and elders never bothered about it. As long as they receive the offerings of people, that should be enough for them. Jesus was enraged by the scene He saw. He made a whip out of cords, drove them all out of the temple area, spilled the coins of money changers, and overturned their tables. The reaction of Jesus was so evident in His care for the house of God. He wanted to purify the temple so that the people of Israel could carry out what true worship to God meant. True worship is not expressed with sacrifices or performing rituals but with a true spirit ready to offer their life to God in words and deeds.

The temple's cleansing calls us to ponder on the things, values, attitudes, or even ideals that we need to change in our lives. Jesus set for us an example of what it means to be dedicated sons and daughters of God. His way of life should be our way of life, making our bodies and our lives, as St. Paul says, "temples of the Holy Spirit." He offered Himself to His Father in humble surrender. He listened to the will of His Father. He carried out His mission truthfully and faithfully.

As we continue our journey in this season of grace, conversion, and spiritual rejuvenation, we ask ourselves what the things that need to be driven out from within us are. What is there to be cleansed for us to carry out our call as Disciples of Christ and Stewards of the Gospel? We take this opportunity to deepen our commitment to the Lord. Let us take away those that hinder us from our relationship with God. We offer our sacrifices to God with renewed faith and a deepened relationship filled with love and kindness.

Let us keep focusing on following the Commandments of God, for they lead our lives righteously. Through it, we are cleansed and become beloved children of God.

Your friend in Jesus,



Fr. Pascual Abaya IV
Rector



THE LAW OF
THE LORD IS
PERFECT
REFRESHING
THE SOUL

PSALM 19:8

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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.

Monday, March 4

Monday of the 3rd Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, March 5

Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, March 6

Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Lent
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, March 7

Thursday of the 3rd Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 9

Saturday of the 3rd 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 10

Fourth Sunday of Lent with Scrutiny (A)
2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

The haunting words that end today's Gospel show Jesus facing a hard fact of human nature. The adoring crowds come to Jesus more for his miracles than for his words, and Jesus knows it. He won't let himself be lulled into thinking they would stand by him if the miracles stopped. And of course, they will soon start shouting, "Crucify him!" Jesus' cleansing of the Temple is paired with the listing of the commandments. It's not hard to connect the two: only a right understanding of God's law paired with a healthy "fear of the Lord" can protect us from the excesses and false religion of the money lenders and other Temple merchants.

But, you say, we don't sell goods or change money in church today, so what do we take from these texts? The commandments enjoin us to keep the Sabbath holy and to honor father and mother. But do we burn with the zeal of Jesus in regards to the sanctity of the Sabbath and do we honor his father and ours with the awe, respect, and even "fear" that is appropriate for a human standing before the eternal God? Exodus says God is a "jealous God, inflicting punishment" (20:5) as well as overabundant mercy. Mercy doesn't cancel justice, there's just more of it. The Gospel never says, "Relax, I'm okay and you're okay." Instead, it says, "You're not okay, so repent and receive the abundant mercy of God."

SHARING FAITH

If you were one of the temple merchants, how do you think you would have reacted to Jesus' actions? What kind of man would you have assumed he was?

Paul says that the murder of the Messiah scandalizes the Gentiles but reveals the wisdom and power of God. If you were a first century Jew, how might you have viewed the crucifixion of Jesus?

Can you name the Ten Commandments? Do you know the laws of the Church? How many of the beatitudes can you recall?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Meet with your family or a group of friends and decide what two things you can do to change the way you observe the Sabbath. Give each person a role in helping the group to observe the resolutions.

After each of the first four commandments, we find further explication and even the consequences of observing and/or ignoring the commandment. Write similar appendices for three of the other seven commandments.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches us respect for our Father's house. Review with your family the signs of respect you show in church: entering reverently and prayerfully, blessing yourself with holy water and remembering your baptismal commitment, bowing before the altar, genuflecting before the tabernacle, participating in Mass, quietly putting hymnals in their racks and moving kneelers up and down, and so forth.

REFLECTION

"Jesus . . . did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well" (John 2:24 – 25).



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 this new day, and another opportunity to give the traditions of Lent genuine meaning in my life.

Help me to be good steward of this day; to use it wisely to reflect on my words and deeds, review my habits, and correct my faults. Inspire me to live as Jesus did, to embrace his cross, and live the great paschal mystery in a way that gives hope to others.

Be merciful to me this day. Forgive me my failings and weaknesses. Cultivate in me a humble and repentant heart.

Prepare me for the renewal of my baptismal vows, today and throughout the season of Lent; so that at Easter I may truly rejoice in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 19 - 25, 2024

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 6,179.60
Weekday + Ash Wednesday	\$ 971.06
Other Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 15.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,175.89
Total Offertory	\$ 11,282.43

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 185.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 30.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,271.95
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 458.00
Total	\$ 13,101.38

WEST HONOLULU PENANCE SERVICE

- Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, March 23 at 10:00 a.m.
- St. Philomena - March 12 at 6:00 p.m.
- St. John the Baptist - March 14 at 6:00 p.m.
- St. Stephen - March 18 at 7:00 p.m.
- Our Lady of the Mount - March 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- Blessed Sacrament - March 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa - March 20 at 7:00 p.m.



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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports six Catholic agencies that serve the vulnerable and marginalized at home and abroad. Support the collection at Mass or visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief to make an online donation.

We are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection on the weekend March 9th and 10th. For more information or to learn more about their services, again, visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief #RevealChristLove. #1church1mission

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing.

Pope St. Katherine Drexel, (1859-1955), Patron of Racial Justice, Feast Day, March 3