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MARCH 9, 2025 FIRST 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

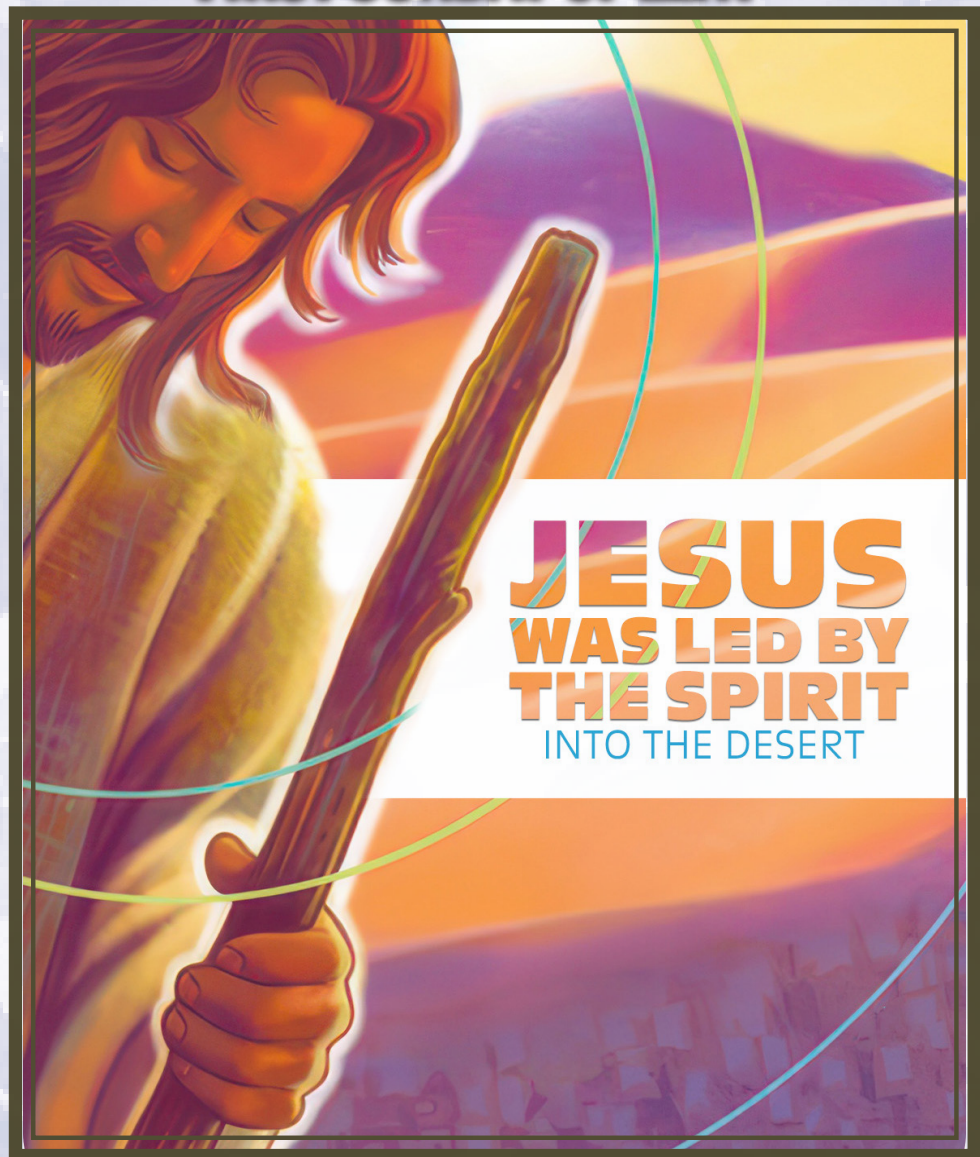
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This week's Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15
Romans 10:8-13; Alleluia: Matthew 4:4b; Luke 4:1-13

Next week's Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
Phillipians: 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1; Alleluia: Matthew 17:5; Luke 9:28b-36

"PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN THE LENTEN SEASON"

Beloved Pilgrims of Hope,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

Ash Wednesday gently ushers us into the serene Season of Lent, a sacred time bestowed upon us to reflect on God's boundless goodness, kindness, and mercy. This divine goodness springs from the profound sacrifices Jesus endured for our sake, paving the way for us to savor the gift of salvation through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

On this first Sunday of Lent, we are reminded that life cannot be without temptations. Jesus Himself faced the devil's allurements to satisfy His hunger, to gain power and glory, and to seek comfort and security. Though He could have easily succumbed, He chose not to, knowing that these seemingly delightful temptations could lead to the triumph of evil over goodness. By resisting these enticements, Jesus made a significant sacrifice, foregoing satisfaction, power, prestige, comfort, and security.

Jesus' temptation reveals a clear reality: people are tempted. The allure of temptation is often beautiful and enticing, seemingly capable of providing the happiness and comfort we long for. Temptations offer an easier path—stealing to avoid toil, neglecting the poor to hoard resources for personal pleasure, being unfaithful for momentary thrills, and lying to escape difficult situations. However, does yielding to these temptations bring true peace of mind or lasting joy? It does not.

During this Lenten journey, we are called to confront our true selves and address the changes needed in our lives. We are invited to delve deeper into our hearts and minds, redirecting our paths to live in grace rather than sin. Though temptations are real, we are also capable of turning away from them, as Jesus demonstrated. He is our strength, enabling us to overcome the devil's enticements and triumphantly live in peace and joy through Him.

This year, the message of the Jubilee Year of Hope further enriches our Lenten reflections. Pope Francis has called us to be "pilgrims of hope," emphasizing that hope and kindness touch the very heart of the Gospel. The Jubilee Year invites us to embrace God's love, mercy, and compassion, even amidst the challenges and temptations we face. It is a time of grace, mercy, and reconciliation, encouraging us to open our hearts to the hope found in Christ, who is the Light of the world.

As we journey through Lent, let us remember that the door of God's heart is always open. The Jubilee Year of Hope reminds us that we can always return to Him, seeking His forgiveness and love. By embracing this message, we can find the strength to overcome temptations and live in the peace and joy that Jesus offers.

Your fellow pilgrim in hope,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



**YOU SHALL
WORSHIP
THE LORD,
YOUR GOD,
AND HIM
ALONE SHALL
YOU SERVE.**

Luke 4:8

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 9, 2025
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, March 10, 2025
Monday of the 1st Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
Tuesday of the 1st Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Wednesday of the 1st Week of Lent
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, March 13, 2025
Thursday of the 1st Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, March 14, 2025
Friday of the 1st Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm
Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:30pm

Saturday, March 15, 2025
Saturday of the 1st Week of Lent
Mass with Adoration & Benediction at 7:00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Mass at 12:00pm
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 16, 2025
Second Sunday of Lent
2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm

SCRIPTURE

Every moment of the Israelites' exodus journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, their God was with them, saving, redeeming, and delivering them from oppression. Through their struggles to be faithful and resist temptation, God heard their cry and stretched out his arm to protect them. The chosen people could trust that their God would never abandon the people he loved.

During his sojourn in the desert, Jesus was filled with and led by the Spirit of God. In his encounter with Satan's temptations, Jesus had faith that God's power was with him. He trusted that God would never abandon the Son he loved.

Now it is our turn to trust. Lent is a time to begin a journey with God. This journey might prove to be dangerous and to bring surprises to us. We know it led Jesus to Calvary and the cross. The traditional practices of praying, giving alms, and fasting during the journey can lead us to reform (or form again) our lives and return our hearts to God's saving power and grace. God will never abandon us on this journey.

SHARING FAITH

What are your images of a Lenten journey of transformation?

During Lent, we are drawn into remembering the Paschal Mystery — Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection. How does your life reflect this mystery?

When you find temptation in your life this week, how will you call on God's help?

LIVING THE LITURGY

If you don't have a crucifix hanging in a room where you spend a great deal of time, consider hanging one there for Lent. Try making a crucifix out of faces from newspapers or photos to remind you that God came for each of us. Take a moment each day to offer a prayer to the Lord asking for help in being an example of his merciful love that day.

Lent is a journey of personal examinations. On Ash Wednesday uses Jesus' words to his disciples to give us three good markers for reforming our lives during this season: give alms, pray, and fast. Reflection takes time. Schedule time for a retreat (short or long) during Lent.

Read all of Psalm 91. The psalmist speaks the first verses (1-13) and God speaks the concluding verses (14-16). Journal about what you understand from this exchange between humanity and God.

REFLECTION

We cried out to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression (Deuteronomy 26:7)



ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER (MARCH)

Mission statement:
The mission of the International Catholic Stewardship Council is to foster an environment in which stewardship is understood. Throughout the Catholic Church.

Merciful Lord,

As we prepare for our journey of renewal toward the great paschal feast of Easter, teach us to be good stewards of your mercy and forgiveness, so that we may extend these gifts to others.

Give us the strength to bear witness to you at all times, even in times of stress and adversity.

And fill our hearts with love that we may be faithful to the Gospel Jesus proclaimed and ready to celebrate his resurrection.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

February 24 - March 2, 2025

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 6,870.34
Weekday	\$ 1,108.00
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 60.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,232.37
Total Offertory	\$ 10,270.71

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 59.80
Diocesan Collection	\$ 170.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,514.71
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 318.00
Total	\$ 12,243.23

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you ready for Lent? Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter Almuena every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:00am. 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.

JUBILEE SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE

West Honolulu Vicariate Presents
JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Spiritual Conferences at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa
(with Holy Hour and Confession)

March 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM

Speaker: Fr. Anthony Tran

Theme: ST. JOSEPH: MODEL OF HOPE

"Hope is not simply an optimism for what might be, but a steadfast trust in God's promise and providence, even in the silence and uncertainty."

'OHANA IN CHRIST ANNUAL APPEAL

Help support the Cathedral Basilica and our many Catholic ministries and services by contributing to the **2024-2025 'Ohana In Christ Appeal**. **We collected \$23,242.00 of \$36,671 and we are at 63% of our goal.** Catholic Church in Hawaii has many dimensions and continues to make significant impact in the communities we serve. Your generous gift will especially help support numerous ministries and services at our parishes, schools and beyond - as well as our Parish Priests and Deacons, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and those most in need. Mahalo for your generous Stewardship of Treasure. All gifts are important and appreciated. Please give online at CatholicHawaii.org. Or scan the **QR code on the left** with your phone. For more information on how you can give or please call the office at 808-536-7036. Thank you for your generosity!

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

The public ceremonies of the Church, the saint once remarked, draw the people by their pomp and magnificence, and by the degrees win them over in spite of their prejudices. The people hear with their eyes more than with their ears; they are at first captivated, then captured by sight.

St. Mary Clement Hofbauer, (1751 - 1820), Redemptorist Priest, Feast Day March 15