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## MARCH 16, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



# THIS IS MY CHOSEN SON

## LISTEN TO HIM

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**This 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

**Next week's Readings:** Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11  
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Alleluia: Matthew 4:17; Luke 13:1-9



### 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

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**"LISTENING TO THE CHOSEN ONE, THE SOURCE OF HOPE"**

Beloved Pilgrims of Hope,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

The event of the Transfiguration of Jesus is a profound manifestation of His divine glory. Peter, James, and John were privileged to witness this extraordinary moment, overwhelmed by the experience. Peter's excitement to build tents for them reflects the awe and reverence of the occasion. Among the remarkable aspects of the Transfiguration, the voice from the cloud stands out, proclaiming, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

This divine declaration echoes the moment of Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan, where the voice from heaven affirmed Jesus as the Beloved, the Chosen Son. These words invite us to deeply ponder and reflect on the call of the Lenten season.

Lent is a sacred time for self-examination and re-evaluation of how we are heeding this divine voice. We can liken this to the annual safety checks we conduct on our vehicles to ensure they run smoothly and safely. Similarly, Lent is a time for spiritual maintenance, checking our lives, relationships, motivations, and our journey toward the Kingdom of God. It is a time to fine-tune our path, ensuring we live truthfully as sons and daughters of God and disciples of Christ.

Last week's Gospel presented Jesus' temptations, reminding us of His strength and grace in overcoming the devil's lures. Jesus empowers us to turn away from sin and live in God's grace. Every human being has the capacity to follow Jesus' example, yet we often succumb to the temptations of the evil one. This reveals that we sometimes listen more to the call of sin than to the call of Christ.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us embrace these holy days with open hearts, heeding the Father's invitation. May the words spoken by the Father awaken and reawaken us to listen to Jesus. Let us strive to live lives of love, forgiveness, compassion, and mercy. Let us pursue truth, justice, and peace, living lives worthy of the Kingdom.

In addition, we are blessed to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, proclaimed by Pope Francis. This Jubilee is a time of renewal, forgiveness, and joyful celebration, marking the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord. The Jubilee Year invites us to become "Pilgrims of Hope," renewing our trust in God and fostering hope in our communities and the world. It is a call to deepen our faith, promote the dignity of all persons, and respect God's creation.

As we journey through this Jubilee Year, let us embrace its spirit of reconciliation and pilgrimage. Let it inspire us to live with renewed hope and commitment to Christ's teachings.

Your fellow pilgrim in hope,

**Fr. Pascual Abaya IV**



**THEN FROM  
THE CLOUD  
CAME A VOICE  
THAT SAID,  
"THIS IS MY  
CHOSEN SON;  
LISTEN TO HIM."**

*Luke 9:35*

## CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 16, 2025  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Repairs & Maintenance**  
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, March 17, 2025  
Monday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, March 18, 2025  
Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, March 19, 2025  
Solemnity of St. Joseph  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, March 20, 2025  
Thursday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, March 21, 2025  
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 22, 2025  
Saturday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 23, 2025  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

## SCRIPTURE

Lent is a time of conversion, a time to turn our lives around and return to God. Moses heard God's voice in the midst of tending his father-in-law's flock. Just as his moment of conversion comes right in the middle of daily life, so do ours. In the course of daily living, God calls us to pay attention, repent, and change.

In calling forth Moses and revealing his name, "I am who am," God reveals himself as awe-inspiring, the source of all being, the one who rules over creation and gives meaning to life. Faced with such a God, we can imagine Moses' astonishment. Yet God asked obedience from him. Moses is to do as God tells him. God asks us, too, for obedience when we hear his call in the middle of everyday life. We are called by God: repent, bear fruit, change your ways, and redeem your lives from destruction.

Once again, Lent is a new opportunity, a time of renewal. Like the fig tree, God's grace fertilizes and nourishes us, but our response must be to bring forth life. The life we bring forth is to make the fruits of God's reign visible for all to see.

## SHARING FAITH

Moses thought God should send someone else, yet God called him. What do you think of God's call to you?

What will fertilize and nourish your growth this Lent?

Read Psalm 103, which lists everything God does. How or where God has done these things for you?

## LIVING THE LITURGY

Make a plan for how you will find spiritual nourishment during the remaining weeks of Lent. Perhaps you will create a certain point of quiet each day or choose a specific time each week to read the daily scripture or a Lenten reflection. Mark it on your calendar as you would an appointment.

Create a mind map (a drawing with a circle in the center and lines drawn in different directions from the circle). Write your name in the circle. At the ends of the lines, write the things that continuously nourish, support, or fertilize your life, especially during Lent.

Talk to a person you know or a member of your parish who became Catholic as an adult. Ask them what was important on their faith journey and who were witnesses of faith along the way for them. Ask them what it was like to be part of a parish community during their journey, especially during Lent.

## REFLECTION

But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! (Luke 13:5)



## 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!

March 3 - 9, 2025

### Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 7,617.26
Weekday + Ash Wednesday	\$ 6,006.58
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 125.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,427.18
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 15,176.02</b>

### Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 81.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 296.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,702.50
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 328.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,582.52</b>

## GUIDED TOUR OF THE CATHEDRAL

Join us Saturday, March 22 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM as we celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope with a special Lenten pilgrimage experience at the mother Church of our Diocese. This is one of the last opportunities to receive a guided tour of the Cathedral Basilica before it closes for restoration later this spring. Led by Anthony Selvanathan, Local Theologian and Young Adult Parishioner. For more information, please call the office at 808-536-7036.

## 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

April 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM

Speaker: Fr. Lazarus Anondee

Theme: RENEWING OUR FAITH COMMITMENT IN THE  
JUBILEE OF HOPE

## '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](http://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

Your accumulated offences do not surpass the multitude of God's mercies: your wounds do not surpass the great Physician's skill.

**St. Cyril of Jerusalem** (313 - 386), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day March 18