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MARCH 30, 2025 FOURTH 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

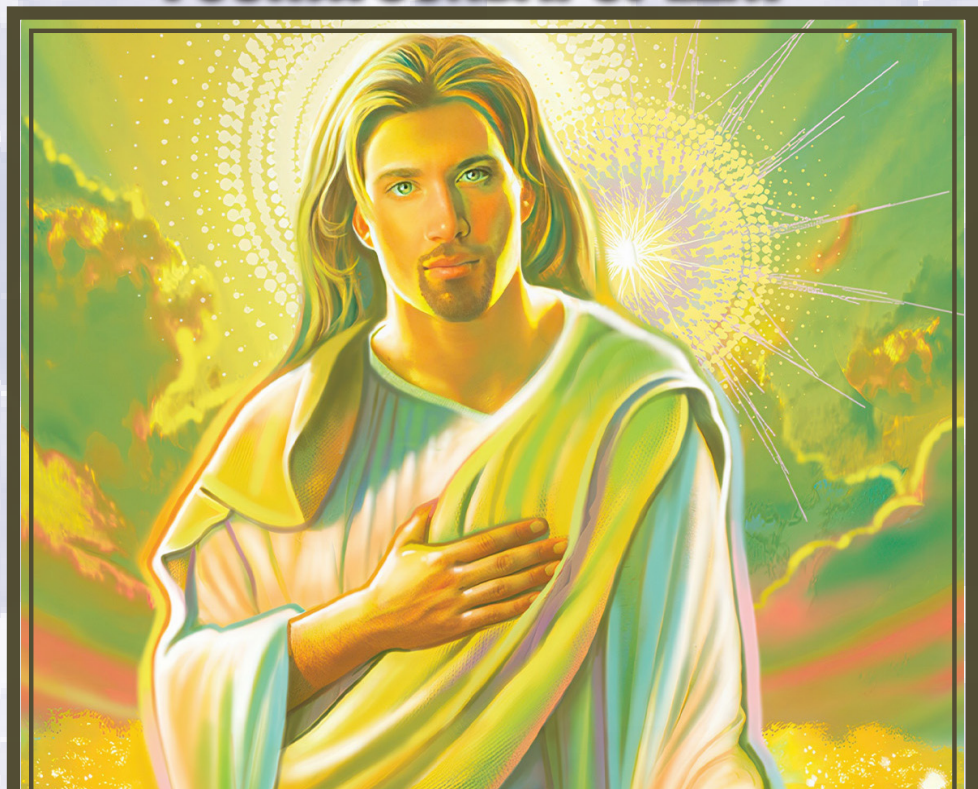
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**MY SON
EVERYTHING
I HAVE IS YOURS**

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This week's Readings: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Alleluia: Luke 15:18; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Philippians 3:8-14; Alleluia: Joel 2:12-13; John 8:1-11

"EMBRACED BY MERCY: A JOURNEY OF REDEMPTION AND LOVE"

Beloved Pilgrims of Hope,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, we are invited to reflect on one of the most touching and powerful parables that Jesus shared with His disciples and listeners: the Parable of the Prodigal Son. This story, often titled as such, tells of a son who squandered his inheritance on reckless living and vices. The goodness he received from his father was repaid with a life of temporary gratification and meaningless pursuits, leading him to a state of desolation and self-realization. He no longer saw himself worthy of being called his father's son and sought to be treated as a servant.

When the son decided to return to his father, he was met with an unexpected and overwhelming welcome. His father embraced him with love and mercy, celebrating his return with a grand feast, a ring on his finger, and a party fit for royalty. In his humility and shame, the son confessed, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you." Yet, the father's love was so profound that he did not even need to utter words of forgiveness; his actions spoke volumes of acceptance, love, and kindness. Who could be such a father? Who possesses the ability to show such overwhelming kindness to a wayward child?

This parable reveals to us the nature of our God—a loving and merciful Father who awaits each of us with open arms. God continuously calls us into His embrace, full of mercy and compassion. The key to experiencing this divine welcome lies in our awareness and willingness to change. Human weakness often leads us away from God, but like the father in the parable, God is always at the door of His mercy, ready to forgive and transform our lives.

The embodiment of this unconditional love is made even more real when He sent His Son, Jesus, into the world and was handed over to death. Such love can draw our minds and hearts to a changed life and lead us to live in a manner of being called sons and daughters of a Loving, Merciful Father. Drawn to this profound thought gives us the hope to live a better life, focus on Jesus, and turn away from our sinful path.

Let this season of Lent guide us deeply back to Him, restoring our dignity as sons and daughters of God.

Your fellow pilgrim in hope,

Fr. P. Abaya IV

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**'THIS SON OF
MINE WAS DEAD,
AND HAS COME
TO LIFE AGAIN;
HE WAS LOST, AND
HAS BEEN FOUND.'**

Luke 15:24

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent
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.

Monday, March 31, 2025
Monday of the 4th Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, April 1, 2025
Tuesday of the 4th Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, April 2, 2025
Wednesday of the 4th Week of Lent
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, April 3, 2025
Thursday of the 4th Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, April 4, 2025
Friday of the 4th Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm
Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:30pm

Saturday, April 5, 2025
Saturday of the 4th 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, April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

Having a friend forgive a wrong we have done is a great relief. When someone pardons us after we've hurt them, it brings peace and healing. How much greater is the release we feel when God forgives our failings! Jesus' suffering and death and the promise of new life through the Resurrection are the heart of our Lenten journey.

Jesus came to save and reconcile us with God the Father through his death on the cross. Through Jesus, the Father offers us something we could never accomplish ourselves. Only God could conceive so gracious an act of justice and mercy.

But God also extends to us the invitation to share the message of his graciousness and goodness. By reconciling us in such a radical and generous way, God invites our reflection on how we have been forgiven. Then God entrusts us to give the same gracious and generous forgiveness to others, to those who have offended us or caused us pain. By becoming God's ambassadors of reconciliation, we transform the world into a new creation.

SHARING FAITH

What are messages of reconciliation you want or need to receive in your own life?

Who might need to hear a message of reconciliation or healing from God, the Catholic Church, a small faith community, or you?

What would a world look like that is transformed by God's grace, using humans as ambassadors of reconciliation?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Choose a particular person in your life who you believe has hurt or wronged you (the person may not be alive or even live near you). Reflect on what God may be asking you to do in this relationship. Begin by adding this person to your daily prayer life.

Have a discussion with a group about an ambassador's role (such as to another country or to the United Nations). What is their job? What qualities do they need? How do these ideas and images relate to being an ambassador of reconciliation for Christ?

The elder brother is faced with a choice at the end of the parable of the prodigal son: "Your brother was dead and has come to life again" (Luke 15:32). If he acts with the same generosity and forgiveness as his father, imagine what the conversation might be between the two brothers as they reconcile. What would you say if it was your brother?

REFLECTION

And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation . . . entrusting to us the message of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18)



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.



Dear Jesus,
Please help the Church more fully conform with your truth and will.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

March 17 - 23, 2025

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 6,364.09
Weekday	\$ 1,048.19
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 284.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,417.01
Total Offertory	\$ 10,113.29

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 124.85
Diocesan Collection	\$ 186.21
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,701.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 343.00
Total	\$ 12,468.35

WHV PENANCE SERVICES

Following Churches with Lenten Penance Services:

Blessed Sacrament, Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 PM

Our Lady of the Mount, Thursday, April 3rd at 6:30 PM

Vietnamese Catholic Community, Friday April 4th at 7:00 PM

St. Stephen, Wednesday, April 9th at 6:30 PM

Cathedral Basilica, Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 AM

Holy Family, Every Thursday

Korean Catholic Community, Every day and or by appointment

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for supporting this week **2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services**. With changing priorities for U.S. government humanitarian assistance, our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are being affected around the world. Due to funding challenges, people need us more than ever. Since our beginning more than 80 years ago—from a groundswell of support from generous Catholics to assist in the aftermath of World War II—it is our donors in the United States that breathe life into our work. For more information, please visit <https://www.crs.org/>

'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 \$23,300.00 of \$36,671 and we are at 64% 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

St. Hugh of Genoble (1053 - 1152), Bishop, Feast Day April 1