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MARCH 8, 2026 THIRD 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: 8:00 a.m.,

10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

& 5:00 p.m.

(unless noted in the bulletin)

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday and Saturday

10:00am - 11:00am

located at 1159 Fort Street Mall

(unless noted in the bulletin)

Devotions

First Friday

Adoration/Benediction

at 10:00 a.m.

First Saturday

Adoration after 7:00 a.m. Mass

(unless noted in the bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE

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This week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Lent: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; Verse Before the Gospel - John 4:42, 15; John 4:5-42

Next week's Readings - 4th Sunday of Lent: 1 Samuel 1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Ephesians 5:8-14; Verse Before the Gospel - John 8:12; John 9:1-41

"DRINKING FROM THE WELL THAT GIVES LIFE"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

One thing I missed this year was participating in the Aloha Run. In one of those events on President's Day, I invited my associate pastor, Fr. Rex, from Our Lady of Good Counsel in Pearl City, to join me. It was his first time. In the days leading up to the event, we prepared by walking and doing short runs to build stamina. The goal was to complete the 8.2-mile route to Aloha Stadium. I shared with him the same instructions I had once received, especially the importance of staying hydrated. In previous years, I had seen people collapse from dehydration, and the organizers knew how essential it was to provide water stations along the route.

Although Fr. Rex ran far ahead of me, I was certain he stopped for water. As for me, I didn't drink simply because water was available; I drank because I knew I needed it. Without it, I wouldn't have finished the race. That simple act of taking water renewed my strength and let me reach the finish line with a sense of joy and accomplishment.

We all recognize the importance of water. It cleanses, refreshes, sustains, and gives life. It quenches our thirst and restores our strength. Just as our bodies cannot survive without water, our souls cannot live without the One who is Living Water, Jesus Christ.

The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well beautifully reveals this truth. What began as a simple request for a drink became a moment of grace. Jesus knew her story, her wounds, her sins, and her longings. Yet He gently led her to recognize her own thirst, not just for water, but for truth, healing, and new life. In meeting Jesus, she discovered the One who could quench her heart's deepest thirst. Once she encountered Him, she could not keep the good news to herself.

We, too, know who Jesus is. We know His teachings, His miracles, His sacrifice, and His love. Yet knowledge alone does not satisfy the soul. We can desire many good things in life, yet often try to quench our thirst with what the world offers, comfort, pleasure, material success, or fleeting distractions. These may satisfy for a moment, but they leave us thirsting again.

Only Jesus can satisfy the thirst beneath every desire, the thirst for meaning, for peace, for forgiveness, for love, for God Himself. When we finally recognize this and allow ourselves to drink deeply of His presence, His Word, and His grace, we find the strength to continue the journey toward the Kingdom. Like water on a long run, Christ sustains, renews, and leads us to the finish line with joy.

May this season awaken in us a deeper longing for Christ, the Living Water. And may our thirst lead us not to the wells of the world but to the heart of Jesus, who alone can satisfy.

Your Friend in the Jesus,

Fr. P. Abaya IV

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



**WE KNOW THAT
THIS IS TRULY THE
SAVIOR OF
THE WORLD**

John 4:42

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 8, 2026
Third Sunday of Lent
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm
located at the Kamiano Center, 1159 Fort Street

Monday, March 9, 2026
Monday of the 3rd Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Lent
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, March 12, 2026
Thursday of the 3rd Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, March 13, 2026
Friday of the 3rd Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm
Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:30pm

Saturday, March 14, 2026
Saturday of the 3rd Week of Lent
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent
2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

In today's Exodus reading, we hear Moses' frustration with the Israelites who demand he find water in the desert. He prays to God, who provides water from the rock in Horeb. The Israelites demand water but they really want God to send them a sign of his presence. It is a human story; it is easy to trust God is with us when all is right in our lives. But in our desert times, when struggle, heartache, and loss occur, we wonder where God is. Like the Israelites, we thirst for reassurance that God remains ever with us.

In today's Gospel we hear a story about water and thirst. Jesus tells a Samaritan woman he is the source that can quench her thirst for all eternity. She does not understand. Jesus' conversation with her reveals an amazing truth: he is Christ, the Messiah, who offers her salvation. She believes and testifies to this Good News in her town, where people began to believe because of her testimony. This Lent, we, too, are invited to testify how Christ, the Messiah, quenches our thirst.

SHARING FAITH

What part of your life might you leave at Jesus' feet as you go out into the world to give witness to God's Good News?

Have there been times when you have grumbled at God for things that happened in your life? What kind of dialogue does God invite you to have?

What does life-giving water mean to you?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Water for the Church is a deep symbol of new life. Water (or lack of it) in various places in the world is a sign of abundance or scarcity. The United States is rich in the abundance of water, compared to many places. How are we Christians called to use and conserve that resource for the good of all God's people?

Pray using Psalm 95. In your reflection, explore what it means to keep your heart from hardening to God's will. Discuss it with a group or use it for daily prayer this Lent.

The Samaritan woman acted as an evangelizer. John the Baptist was another such figure. The Catholic bishops of the United States define evangelizing as "bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself" (Go and Make Disciples, 10, citing Evangelii Nuntiandi, no. 18). Where and to whom do you evangelize?

REFLECTION

The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" (John 4:28).



ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER (MARCH)

Lord Jesus,

We journey with you this Lenten season, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, ever closer to Jerusalem, ever closer to your death on the cross.

We hear your words:

“Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me,”

but we are unsure of their meaning, or anxious about their true intent.

Through the power of your Spirit, give us the strength to deny the “self” that keeps us from being good stewards of those who need our love and compassion.

Give us a deeper awareness of the cross in our own lives so that we may embrace it and join our sufferings with yours and a world in need of your redemption.

And give us the confidence to follow you no matter the cost; knowing that if we die with you, we will also live with you and eternally rejoice in your resurrection.

We humbly ask this of you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

February 23 - March 1, 2026

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$	5,522.00
Weekday +Ash Wednesday	\$	995.36
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$	60.00
Online Giving	\$	3,638.53
Total Offertory	\$	10,156.16

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$	60.00
Diocesan Collection	\$	285.17
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$	828.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$	688.00
Total	\$	12,077.33

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL



Knights of Columbus

OUR LADY OF PEACE COUNCIL 5000

Knights of Columbus Council 5000 thanks all the parishioners who donated alms in support of Pearson Place, a Honolulu pregnancy support center in Honolulu. Through their generous actions, over \$700 was collected since the beginning of Lent. Those who wish to make their Lenten almsgiving have future opportunities to make their donations with Brother Knights after Sunday Masses during Lent. MAHALO!



The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is far more than a fundraising effort - it is an opportunity for each of us to respond with gratitude for the blessings God has entrusted to us and to use those blessings to serve others. Funds raised through the CMAA support essential ministries and outreach programs for our Church, including Religious Education, Youth Ministry, the formation of Deacons and Seminarians, hospital and prison ministries, and services for the homeless. **Our goal for the 2026 CMAA is \$45,437.00.** We are **50%** of our Goal. Every gift, large or small, strengthens the mission of the Church. We hope you'll prayerfully consider your gift and support our mission to live out Christ's to extend his love and mercy across the islands. You can make your gift today at: Appeal.CatholicHawaii.org/support. Thank you for your faith, your support, and for making a difference in the life and mission of our Catholic Church.



HAWAII Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

"The public ceremonies of the Church, the saint remarked, draw the people by their pomp and magnificence, and by 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 the sight."

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