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## MARCH 15, 2026 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: 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)

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**This week's Readings: 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**Next week's Readings - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent:** Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Romans 8:8-11; Verse Before the Gospel - John 11:25a, 26; John 11:1-45

**"OPENING THE EYES OF THE HEART"**

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

Our Gospel this Fourth Sunday of Lent calls us to reflect on the powerful encounter between Jesus and the man born blind. It is a story not just about physical sight but about a deeper vision of the heart. Jesus restores this man's sight, opening his eyes to a world he had never seen before. However, the Pharisees, who could see clearly, refused to acknowledge the miracle in front of them. Their spiritual blindness, rooted in pride and self-righteousness, keeps them from recognizing the goodness and mercy of God at work.

The man born blind receives a gift he never expected, but instead of celebrating with him, the Pharisees question, criticize, and condemn. Their hearts are closed. Their minds are fixed. Their egos are too loud. And so, while the blind man begins to see, they remain trapped in darkness.

This same blindness can also affect our lives. In a world that values image, success, and self-promotion, it's easy to become focused on ourselves, our opinions, our comfort, and the need to appear right. When this happens, we stop noticing Jesus's presence in our daily lives. We become quick to judge others while ignoring the shadows within our own hearts. Jesus warns us of this when He asks, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye but not the beam in your own?" (Matthew 7:3)

As we approach the celebration of the Paschal Mystery, we are invited to ask, Do we truly want to see as Jesus does? Are we willing to let Him open our eyes to what needs healing, forgiveness, or change? Will our relationship with Him, and with one another, be transformed into ways that bring peace, goodness, and joy to our families, our parish, and our world? Like the man born blind, can we honestly say, "I was blind, and now I see"?

This Gospel also speaks powerfully to the challenges of our modern world. We live in a time marked by rapid change, uncertainty, and deep division. The wounds of society, violence, loneliness, inequality, and fear, can make us feel as though we are stumbling in the dark. Yet even in these difficult times, the Lord continues to speak. He calls us to see beyond our physical sight and recognize His presence in the courage of those who work for peace and justice, in the sacrifices of families, in the compassion of neighbors, and in the quiet resilience of communities. He invites us to rediscover what truly matters: faith, solidarity, humility, and love.

Lent is our time to let Jesus touch the areas where we are blind, our fears, prejudices, selfishness, and indifference. It is a season to accept our crosses not with despair but with trust, knowing that Christ walks with us. When we keep our focus on Him, the Light of the World, our eyes of faith start to open. We begin to see clearly, with compassion and hope.

May this season lead us from darkness into light, from blindness into sight, and from fear into the fullness of life that Jesus desires for each one of us, here and now.

Your Friend in the Jesus,

**Fr. Pascual Abaya IV**



**WHILE I AM  
IN THE WORLD,  
I AM THE LIGHT  
OF THE WORLD**

**JOHN 9:5**

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## CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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

Monday, March 16, 2026  
Monday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, March 17, 2026  
Tuesday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, March 18, 2026  
Wednesday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, March 19, 2026  
Solemnity of St. Joseph  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, March 20, 2026  
Friday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm  
Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:30pm

Saturday, March 21, 2026  
Saturday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am  
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm  
**Vigil Mass at 5:00pm**

Sunday, March 22, 2026  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

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## SCRIPTURE

Paul's letter to the Ephesians, with images of light and waking from sleep, sounds almost like an Advent reading. It connects us powerfully to an Advent theme during Lent: we welcome the Messiah, the light of the world come to dwell among us. In Lent, we remind ourselves that the Messiah's message of light in the darkness has been passed on to all disciples. Testify to the Good News. Produce goodness, righteousness, and truth. Reject sin. Live in the light.

In today's Gospel, we hear the powerful story of the man born blind. Considered a sinner all his life because of his blindness, he is led to conversion and faith. And we might notice in the story that it is not he who asks for healing, but the disciples who make an example of him. Nonetheless, he follows Jesus' instructions and begins a journey that ends with his proclamation of Jesus as the Messiah. Light entered the darkness of his blindness and his world was changed. The blind man's faith in God led him to the truth.

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## SHARING FAITH

Paul encourages his readers to awaken and rise from the dead. How can the Second Reading renew your Lenten commitment to conversion?

God often picks unlikely or fallible people to carry out his plans. How do you feel about God choosing you?

Where does God invite you to see with new eyes?

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## LIVING THE LITURGY

Write a statement of your beliefs about God's actions in your life. You might look back on key moments in your life to find different times where your relationship with God developed or stalled. Share your beliefs with a friend, family member, or group.

Read Psalm 23. Write a prayer to God as your shepherd. What do you ask from God? What does the Shepherd offer you?

What situations or places in the world seem to be in darkness, perhaps as a result of war, pollution, famine, or prejudice? Do you have any relationships or areas of struggle in your life that seem to be in darkness? How does God ask you to bring light to these places and situations?

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## REFLECTION

[Jesus] said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" [The man who had been born blind] answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him (John 9:35-38).

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**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!**

March 2 - 8, 2026

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday	\$ 4,861.00
Weekday	\$ 915.63
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 50.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,527.61
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 7,354.24</b>

**Other Collection**

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 21.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 1.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,041.10
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 79.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,496.34</b>

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL**



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 collected \$26,556 and at 58% 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*

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

This week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services collection. Funds from the collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those not in need. Learn more about this collection at **www.usccb.org/catholic-relief**.

**SAINT FOR THE WEEK**

"But let us all by God's grace run the race of chastity, young men and maidens, old men and children: not going after wantonness but praising the name of Christ. Let us not be ignorant of the glory of chastity: for its crown is angelic, and its excellence above man."

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