

# First Sunday of Lent

## Learning From Jesus' Temptations

Sts. Peter and Paul Church

March 10, 2019

### GOOD NEWS!

Every Lent, priests, nuns, monks, and many laypeople pray the following: "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

Jesus encountered this truth in his temptations in the desert, another place in his ministry where he experienced the struggle of humanity.

The temptations begin, "If you are the Son of God..." All our temptations begin by doubting and challenging Jesus to prove himself. Although Jesus is all-powerful and all-good, we struggle to make sense of suffering and tragedies.

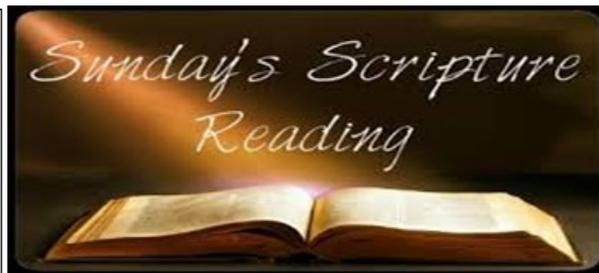
The temptations continue as Jesus is invited to satisfy himself, impress others, and skip suffering. But Jesus responds repeatedly in humility. In the desert he doesn't turn stones into bread. Later, he does something far greater; he turns bread and wine into himself. When tempted, we cry out to him to soften the hard realities of our lives. And Jesus does just that. He suffers in his passion, dies, and rises again to become life-giving bread for us. He becomes manna in our desert.

When we wish for power, Jesus promises we will reign with him if we also let him suffer for us and we with him. The devil would have us take matters into our own hands, doubt God, and make him prove himself by our measures. Yet if we listen to Jesus, look at his answers, and learn from his life, then true power will be ours.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

***For Reflection: What makes me question God the most? How can God's word and Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection respond to that doubt?***

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### **Reading I - Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

Moses delivers a series of exhortations to his people. Moses retells the stories of how God's care was always present. He asks the people to be faithful to the will of God as revealed at Sinai. They should never forget that they must obey God in order to receive God's blessings.

### **Reading II - Romans 10:8-13**

Paul proclaims that everyone will receive God's approval – there is no distinction between Jew and Greek. The same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on Him. But the people are disobedient and do not do the will of the Lord, and they need to be faithful.

### **Reading III - Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus was tempted in every way but did not give in to the temptations. Purity of heart such as Jesus maintained in himself requires us to love God, do His will and serve the people.

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

#### ***2nd Sunday of Lent***

***1st Reading– Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18***

***2nd Reading – Philippians 3:17-4:1***

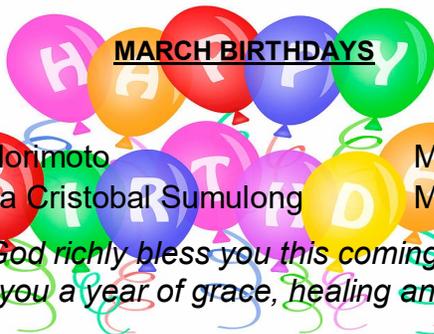
***Gospel - Luke 9:28b-36***



**MARCH Prayer Intentions from Pope Francis**

**Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities.**

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Akiyo Morimoto March 12th  
Christina Cristobal Sumulong March 24th

*May God richly bless you this coming year and give you a year of grace, healing and peace.*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

A prayer form that is most often associated with the season of Lent, the Way of the Cross (as it is formally called) is a prayer for all seasons. The idea of this prayer came from the ancient practice of pilgrimage. Some who had particular spiritual burdens to discharge, penances to do, or needs to intercede for would make the long journey to the Holy Land on foot in search of the special graces attached to the land where Christ had walked. Obviously, this took considerable time and resources to accomplish, and not everyone could make the journey even once in a lifetime. But the spiritual benefits of a pilgrimage were enormous, not the least of which was the community that often spontaneously formed along the way for protection, mutual encouragement, and fellowship. The final leg of the journey was to follow the Via Dolorosa, or Way of Sadness—the route that Jesus presumably took through Jerusalem to Calvary with his cross. It was this final stage of pilgrimage that led to the idea of the stations, or stops, that Jesus took along that last sad street.

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**Schedule of Stations of the Cross (Ministries leading prayer)**

**March 15th**

11:15AM —*Legion of Mary*

6:00 PM—*Kupuna & Faith Formation Families*

**March 22nd**

11:15 AM—*Devotional Team*

6:00 PM—*Hospitality Ministry*

**March 29th**

11:15AM—*Knights of Columbus*

6:00 PM—*Faith Formation Children & Altar Servers*

**PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK**

*Please pray for the sick*

Kia Rose Adams  
Loranzo Alota  
Becky Alota,  
Darlene Amoro  
Olivia Mia Blake  
Arthur Cababa  
Susie Cababa  
Milanie Cleofas  
Avon Czerwinski  
Regina Czerwinski  
Aida Diao  
Shirley Dungo  
Tessie Dungo  
Yuriko Enomoto  
Encornita Esteban  
Charles Goo

Robert Heisler  
Stanley Ho  
Maria Elena Jencks  
Jack Jucewicz  
Christopher Jucewicz  
Charita A. Mabon  
Richard McCrea Jr.  
Edwin C. Munalem  
Betty Ann Nault  
Olivia B Olegario  
Judy Orlando  
Manuel C. Ramirez  
Rita Stocker  
Andrea Pontillas  
Ruth Tavares-Toma  
Theresa Yu

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

**PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK**

Prayers bring our parish community together and this is true especially when we pray for those parishioners who are ill among us.

We have updated the list for this year. If you wish to have your name or the names of your loved ones included on the list, please fill the form below. (Because of privacy laws, only the sick person themselves or immediate family members may submit a request).

Please complete below so that we may remember you in our prayers for the month of March. You may place your request in the collection basket or return it to the office.

*Mahalo for your prayers & concern.*

Please print clearly.

**NAME of the Sick:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Person**

**Requesting :** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Relationship):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME - TALENT - TREASURE



Our **Catholic Care Brown Bag Collection** is  
**Next week: March 16th & 17th 2019.**

Please see the list of needed items.

**Sorting and packing - March 18th, 9:00 a.m.**

Distribution - March 19th & 20th.

The Lenten season is a good opportunity to practice sacrifice for others. Mahalo for your sharing food supplies with those who have less. Your donations help us to help others.

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The next **Hawaii Food Bank Distribution** will be **Friday March 15th @ 1:15-2:45 p.m.**

If you would like to receive the Hawaii Foodbank box see the website to register. There are age and income qualifications.

If you are able to volunteer please come at **11:00 a.m.** to check in. We need help registering people, passing out water and refreshments, translators, showing kindness to strangers. Strong bodies needed to help carry boxes to the cars.

***Do you know someone in our parish who would benefit from receiving a food bag to help them make ends meet?***

*Please tell them to contact our  
Catholic Care Helpline  
(808) 941-0675*

*All information we receive remains confidential.*



### Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Jesus reminds us that we are all made in God's image and likeness. That means that every human being has a special value and a purpose. We need to care for each other so we can be the people God calls us to be.

### Encounter Norma

For young families living in the mountains of Guatemala, raising a baby can be hard. Most families grow corn and beans for a living, but a long-standing drought has caused harvests to shrink. There are few job opportunities, which means putting food on the table is a daily challenge. That's why when Norma discovered she was pregnant, she wondered how she would manage. "When I was young, my mom and dad didn't have money to buy much food," she says. "My mom would split one egg among four children." Norma wanted more for her son, Victor.

But at age 20, she didn't have much experience beyond helping her mother around the house. So, she looked for help. She found it in a CRS-sponsored program that teaches young mothers how to raise healthy children, grow nutritious food in small gardens and manage a healthy diet. Plus, CRS provided Norma with food throughout her pregnancy and monthly medical check-ups during Victor's first two years of life.

"I learned a lot of beautiful things," Norma says. "I learned how to take care of my boy and what foods to feed him so that he can grow healthy and strong."

Now, Norma is sharing what she learned with others as a "mother monitor." "It makes me proud to share the experience I had and the lessons I learned with other women," she says. It makes Norma proud—and makes her community a better place to raise a family.



# FAITH FORMATION

## YOUTH MINISTRY

This semester at youth ministry we will be diving deeper into each Fruit of the Holy Spirit which will be themed with different superheroes to recognize the good qualities and lessons to be learned from things in popular media.

This past week (March 8th) we focused on charity and generosity. The youth learned about them through the fun example of Supergirl and, ultimately, through the example of the great love and generosity of God the Father and the Death of Jesus Christ. The youth shared how the workings of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives can help us be better people and live in a way that deepens God's presence within us as children of God.

**Youth Ministry meets every 2nd and 4th Friday evening of each month. The next gathering will be on Friday, March 22, 6:30-8:30pm.**

### ***Youth Ministry Recap***

***Friday, February 22, 2019***

*"Fruits of the Holy Spirit"*

At our last meeting, we discussed the workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The youth learned that the Holy Spirit was sent to all of us by Jesus through our Baptism and Confirmation to be our Comforter and Guide. We reviewed the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and discussed how they can help us be better people and live in a way that deepens God's presence within us as children of God. This semester, we will be diving deeper into each Fruit of the Holy Spirit which will be themed with different superheroes to recognize the good qualities and lessons to be learned from things in popular media.

## RCIA

*We celebrate the Rite of Election today with the Bishop. As we get ready for the Easter Sacraments we will be celebrating the Rite of Scrutinies, so please keep us in your prayers.*

*Elect: Larry Akiyama and Erleen Edward  
Candidates for full reception: John Graff, Danny Limon, Marie Maumoynier, and David Roberts  
Candidates for completion of Sacraments: Erlas Abadicio and Neal Blas*

### **History of the Scrutinies**

The rites of the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent don't have the most comforting of names. On these days we engage the elect in rites and prayers called scrutinies and exorcisms.

In the earliest ritual books of the church, the exorcisms and scrutinies seemed to be separate events sometimes celebrated on a daily basis. By the 12th century, the elect participated in only one exorcism on Saturday morning.

With the renewal of the initiation rites, the scrutiny is meant not simply to critique and assess one's readiness, but "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect" and "to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (RCIA 141). At its core, the scrutinies are not about the sinfulness of the elect but about the overwhelming grace of God in Christ.

### **Schedule of rites**

First Scrutiny—March 23 at 5 PM

2nd Scrutiny—March 31 at 7AM Mass

3rd Scrutiny—April 7 at 11AM Mass

*Note: The readings for these Masses will follow the Cycle A readings (Option for RCIA) in our Breaking Bread.*

# STEWARDSHIP

## TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

### TREASURE

*Mahalo for your generous contributions  
and Faithful Stewardship.*

The Collection for **March 2-3** is as follows:

**\$12,840.75**

Envelopes & Loose Collections	\$9,833.05
Mass Intentions	430.00
Electric Votive & Candles	<u>826.34</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$11,089.39</b>

### ENVELOPES

IDENTIFIABLE	34%
UNIDENTIFIABLE	66%

Building Fund	\$547.00
Outreach	46.36
Donation	75.00
Stained Glass	<u>472.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,140.36</b>

### Special Collections:

Ash Wednesday	47.00
5th Anniversary	500.00
Operation Rice Bowl	59.00
Catholic Relief Services	<u>5.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$611.00</b>

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND!

Our Collection will be for the **Building Fund** **March 16-17**. Your contributions are greatly appreciated, as we are continuing to improve and repair our Parish Church.



### Catholic Relief Service

The CRS collection on March 30-31 is different than the Operation Rice Bowl that is usually turned in during Holy Week. This collection helps those facing crisis due to storms, earthquakes or war.

### This Week's Events March 10 -March 16, 2019

*M – Main Church, U–Upstairs Parish Conference Room,  
R – Reception room, B - Blue room, G - Green Room,  
C – Courtyard*

#### Sunday March 10

##### *First Sunday of Lent*

6:15 am —Rosary (M)  
8:15 am — Youth choir practice (B)  
10:15 am—R.C.I.A.

#### Monday March 11

6:30 pm – Charismatic Prayer Group (M)

#### Tuesday March 12

6:10 am – Rosary (M)  
11:15 am – Rosary (M)  
7:00 pm – Centering Prayer (M)

#### Wednesday March 13

6:10 am – Rosary (M)  
7:30 am – Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help (M)  
11:15 am – Rosary (M)  
1:00 pm – Legion of Mary, Queen of Peace (R)  
6:00 pm – RCIA (B)  
7:00 pm – Scripture Study (B)

#### Thursday March 14

6:10 am – Rosary (M)  
11:15 am – Rosary (M)  
5:15 & 6:00 pm – Choir Practice (M)

#### Friday March 15

##### *Abstinence*

6:10 am – Rosary (M)  
7:40 am - Eucharistic Adoration/Sacred Heart Devotion  
10:00 – 11:00 am Confession and Spiritual Direction  
10:30 am – Divine Mercy Devotion & Chaplet  
10:45 am—International Rosary  
11:00 am—Benediction  
11:15 am — Stations of the Cross  
5:15 pm — *Prayer: An Intimate Dialogue (video)*  
6:00 pm — Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday March 16

11:15 am – Rosary  
3:30 – 4:30 pm – Confessions (M)

## AROUND THE PARISH AND THE DIOCESE



### Chrism Mass with Bishop Larry Silva

The Chrism Mass is the annual liturgy where oils for use in administering the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick are blessed.

Representatives from island parishes, and military and ethnic Catholic communities, bring their oils to the designated parish for that island in baskets and sleek glass containers.

**Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at  
7 p.m., Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu**

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We are looking for creative minds who can interview, organize and write for the church 50th Anniversary book and video.

Please contact the office at 941-0675.



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Complex World**  
with  
**Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP**



**Tuesday & Wednesday  
March 12 & 13, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

Free  
Refreshments provided after presentation.

St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church  
95-370 Kuahelani Avenue  
Mililani, HI 96789

**More Information:**  
Jolly Guerrero-Tano  
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jollygt@rcchawaii.org



**Car Wash + Blessing  
&  
Malasada Sale**

**March 16, 2019  
8:00 am to 2:00 pm  
You may have your car blessed  
from 9-11 am**

Suggested donation \$10.00

The funds raised will finance the projects to prepare the church for her 50th Anniversary

# Lent:

## Getting ready for Jesus' death and resurrection

Lent is the special time when we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. We get our souls ready by doing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.



Prayer is talking with God. We need to talk with God even more than we need to talk to our family and friends. Lent is a good time to get into a habit of talking with God every day.



Fasting is eating less than you normally would. It's a good idea to give up a little something you like for Lent. Giving things up helps us remember we need

God, not just food.

Almsgiving means giving to those who are in need. It helps us to be generous like God. Maybe you have a bit of money you can give to the poor or to the Church.



Answers to True or False: 1. true, 2. false, 3. false, 4. true, 5. true, 6. false, 7. false.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

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March 10th, 2019



Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing for His work. During Lent we spend 40 days getting ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

*Can you find your way into the desert to be with Jesus?*