

Third Sunday of Lent

Appreciating God's Patience

Sts. Peter and Paul Church

March 24, 2019

GOOD NEWS!

God is very patient, but his patience doesn't last forever. In the Old Testament, after God spoke to Abraham and Lot's subsequent rebellion, some 500 years passed before God revealed himself again—this time to Moses. God takes the first step toward Abraham and, when his descendants turned away, he steps back. He reached out again to Moses and revealed his name so that Moses could enter into a personal relationship with him and explain his name to others. God wants to be known by his people and by you!

So here we learn that with this revelation of God comes a responsibility. He unveils his mysterious face but he also desires a loving response and for us to witness about him to others.

Saint Paul makes it clear that God eventually ran out of patience with the Chosen People in the desert. After freeing the Israelites from Egypt with signs and wonders, giving them his law, and feeding them in the desert, they complained against him. Like the fig tree in the gospel, he gave them ample time and multiple encores of his love and mercy. Yet eventually, his love took the form of tough love—forty years of desert wanderings.

Lent is another expression of God's patience toward us. He is once again sowing the seeds of conversion, hoping for the fruits of our change of heart—fruits of love, forgiveness, repentance, and renewal.

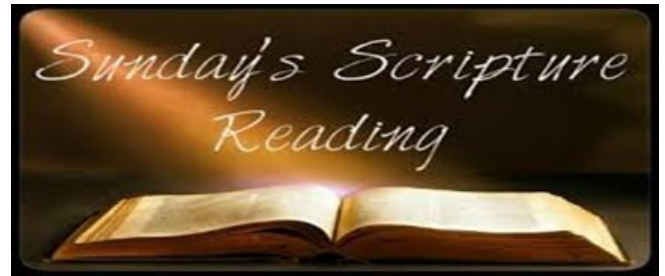
He gives time for his cultivating efforts to take effect and for fruit to appear, but our life on earth is finite, so that time isn't unlimited.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Is there a particular way I "desire evil things," as St. Paul says in the second reading? God shows me patience and mercy yet again this year. How shall I respond?

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Reading I - Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15

Here we have the only place in the Old Testament where the attempt is made to explain the meaning of the name Yahweh. This is a declaration of the presence of God and the hiddenness of God in His incomparable nature.

Reading II - 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

The apostle Paul uses a lesson from the Old Testament to show the importance of obedience to the demands of a mature faith. Christians must not assume that since they have received free grace, they have automatically secured full salvation. Christian faith is not an application of magic but a call to moral obedience.

Reading III - Luke 13: 1-9

Luke's story leaves open the possibility of fruitfulness. There is yet time. God gives His people the opportunity to repent and to avoid the final judgment. God's mercy is still in serious conversation with God's judgment.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday in Lent

1st Reading— Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel - Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



**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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Schedule of Stations of the Cross
(Ministries leading prayer)**

March 29th

- * 11:15AM—Knights of Columbus
- * 6:00 PM—Faith Formation Children & Altar Servers

April 5th

- * 11:15AM —Sacristans & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- * 6:00 PM—Liturgical Planning Team & Lectors

April 12th

- * 11:15AM—Priests/Deacons/Religious
- * 6:00 PM—Parish Social Mission

April 19th

- * 11:15 AM
> 3:00 PM Good Friday Service
- * 5:15 PM
> 6:00 PM Good Friday Service

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick

<i>Kia Rose Adams</i>	<i>Robert Heisler</i>
<i>Loranzo Alota</i>	<i>Arthur Ho</i>
<i>Becky Alota,</i>	<i>Stanley Ho</i>
<i>Darlene Amoro</i>	<i>Maria Elena Jencks</i>
<i>Olivia Mia Blake</i>	<i>Jack Jucewicz</i>
<i>Arthur Cababa</i>	<i>Christopher Jucewicz</i>
<i>Susie Cababa</i>	<i>Richard McCrea Jr.</i>
<i>Milanie Cleofas</i>	<i>Edwin C. Munalem</i>
<i>Avon Czerwinski</i>	<i>Betty Ann Nault</i>
<i>Regina Czerwinski</i>	<i>Olivia B Olegario</i>
<i>Aida Diao</i>	<i>Judy Orlando</i>
<i>Shirley Dungo</i>	<i>Rita Stocker</i>
<i>Tessie Dungo</i>	<i>Rafael Inigo Suarez</i>
<i>Yuriko Enomoto</i>	<i>Andrea Pontillas</i>
<i>Encornita Esteban</i>	<i>Ruth Tavares-Toma</i>
<i>Charles Goo</i>	<i>Theresa Yu</i>

*Please pray for the repose of the soul
of Cheong "Sonny" Chee and for the
consolation of his family.*

**APRIL 2019 BIRTHDAY and/or
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS**

Please complete this form with your pertinent information so that we may remember you at Mass and with prayers and blessings on your special day in **APRIL**. Fill in this form (**please print clearly**) and place it in the collection basket or return to the office no later than **March 31, 2019**.

NAME: _____

PH# _____

BIRTHDAY: _____(check) DATE: _____

~ AND/OR ~

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: _____(check)

DATE: _____ NO. OF YEARS MARRIED: _____

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

East Honolulu Vicariate Churches

Mary, Star of the Sea—March 26 @6:30 pm

St. Augustine by Sea Church—April 1 @ 6:00 pm

Holy Trinity Church—April 8 @ 7 pm

Sts. Peter and Paul Church—April 9 @ 6:00 pm

Newman Holy Spirit Parish—April 9 at 7 pm

Sacred Heart Parish, Punahou—April 10 @ 7pm

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME - TALENT - TREASURE



Mahalo for your contributions of non-perishable food items for the Catholic Care Brown Bag Project, volunteers prepared 50 bags, on Monday, March 18th for our Kupuna, families and those in need of supplemental food. Mahalo to our volunteers who came to help pack the brown bags with food.

Our next Catholic Care Brown Bag Collection is April 13th and 14th (Holy Week).

Sorting and packing will be

April 15th at 9:00 AM.

Distribution will be April 16th and 17th.

Mahalo for sharing your food supplies with those who have less. Your donations help us to help others.

The Hawaii Food Bank Distribution was Friday March 15th. Mahalo to all our volunteers who helped sign-in the kupuna and helped them 148, 32 pound Hawaii Foodbank boxes. The next Foodbank Senior Box distribution is April 26th.

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.*



ENCOUNTER CHRISTYAN

Christyan DhathCroos is from a farming village in Sri Lanka, but he spent half of his life in India. He and his family fled there during Sri Lanka's civil war. He was only 14 years old when they left. When he returned to his homeland 16 years later, Christyan was 30, and the family farm was in shambles. He and his father found their fields covered in trees and filled with rocks. With a wife and family to provide for, Christyan needed help.

For a refugee, returning home after so many years can be challenging. That's why CRS is helping Christyan and others like him rebuild their lives. That means helping to clear overgrown sections of farmland and ensuring those farms have access to water.

Christyan is now growing rice, pumpkin and peanuts. Because of the assistance from CRS, Christyan can give his family things he never had—things like education. Because his family was always fleeing violence during the war, Christyan never completed school. "I want to make sure my three children are educated," he says. "That's my dream. No one in our family has finished their education, but I know my children will." Christyan's dream is coming true.

With the profits from the family's farm, Christyan can send his 4-year-old son, Godwin, to a private Catholic preschool. It's worth the money to Christyan to help Godwin achieve his dream of becoming a scientist. Christyan isn't just teaching his family that they can achieve their dreams with the help of a good education—he's also making sure they understand the importance of helping others. "When we had nothing,

CRS came and helped us, and now we have what we need. We should help others too."

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation

Aloha Parishioners, Visitors, Family and Friends,



As catechists we have a unique and precious opportunity to share the beauty and importance of the Lenten season with our students. We purposefully plan lessons that create a sense of love and anticipation during Lent. By doing

this, we can overcome any negative thoughts or feelings students may have related to the sacrificial nature of this season. Here are just a few things we do in class.

- ♥ We discuss the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. They become aware of the ways that we may be disconnected to God – even though the arms of God are always willing to embrace us.
- ♥ Like Advent, Lent is another opportunity to reflect on our “spiritual fitness”. We contemplate Jesus’ sacrifice so that we can fully celebrate his resurrection.
- ♥ We discuss almsgiving and encourage our students to fill their Rice Bowls with money they’ve received or earned.
- ♥ We provide students and their families an opportunity to participate in leading the parish Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 15th and 29th at 6:00 p.m. in Church.
- ♥ We participate in the 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Procession and Mass; carrying banners into Church.

Lastly,

- ♥ We suggest that families emphasize prayer and spirituality during this Lenten season by participating in these deeply moving prayer practices and Masses.
- ♥ Prayer before meals that reinforce love and sacrifice
- ♥ Praying the Sorrowful Mysteries during the Lenten season as a family.
- ♥ Attend Stations of the Cross on Fridays.
- ♥ Attend Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday and spend Holy Hour in Eucharistic Adoration afterwards.
- ♥ Attend Good Friday Service and Veneration of the Cross.
- ♥ Attend Easter Sunday Mass: (7, 9, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.)

In Christ’s Peace,
Bernadette Lopez and Anna Flores

Young Adults

Matt. 18:21-22 *Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven."*

‘Ano’ai Kākou,
When do we have enough? Enough of something good, or had enough of bad things? God alone knows, of course - but can we do more than simply practice gratitude and patience? That alone is often difficult enough, but if we're sincere in our efforts, then we should try to be aware of how things influence us. Are we nourished by good things, and learn lessons to avoid when we have to deal with bad things? The more we're nourished by good, the easier it is to appreciate life (and when our patience is tried, to take a deep breath and let go). So we should do our best to not just read the good book and pray, but keep company with good people and do good service...

- * Tuesdays Bible Study: Young adults Bible study Every Tuesdays 5-6 pm
- * Wednesdays ESL (English as a Second Language): Practice English conversation Wednesdays 5-6 pm
- * Second Saturday Morning Church Cleaning: Once a month, just for a couple of hours, we help clean the church from 8.30 am

We also do other things as well - please contact me if you're interested in joining efforts on serving:

- * Kaka’ako Family Shelter
- * Human Trafficking Victims

Of course, there are also plenty of one-off projects, partnering community organizations, and social/spiritual activities with our fellow parishes, so please sign up (email/facebook) for notifications, and join whenever you can.

Check out our facebook page: www.facebook.com/YoungAdultsMinistry.Honolulu

As the young adults ministry of Ss. Peter & Paul, inspired by St. Don Bosco, we wish to volunteer, learn, reflect, and be happy. Serve Domine in laetitia (Serve God cheerfully). Being part of St. Don's, in this phase of our journey in life, will allow us to help each other to grow spiritually, intellectually and physically. If you have any interest, questions, comments, ideas, etc. please e-mail us at trivialFyr@gmail.com or txt [305-898-0378](tel:305-898-0378). Hope to see everyone soon!

Aloha,
Sunu & Amala

STEWARDSHIP

TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

TREASURE

*Mahalo for your generous contributions
and Faithful Stewardship.*

The Collection for **March 16—17** is as follows:
\$15,320.24

Envelopes & Loose Collections	\$8,121.42
Electric Votive & Candles	653.75
Total:	\$8,775.17

ENVELOPES

IDENTIFIABLE	41%
UNIDENTIFIABLE	59%

Building Fund	\$3,427.50
Outreach	285.00
Donation	60.00
Reimbursement	106.88
Total:	\$3,879.38

Special Collections

Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
50th Anniversary	240.00
Mary Mother of God	20.00
Black & Indian Mission	15.00
Christmas	20.00
Retirement Fund	5.00
Holy Land	10.00
Good Friday	10.00
Holy Thursday	5.00
All Saints	5.00
Easter	15.00
Shepherd's Collection	5.00
Thanksgiving	10.00
Augustine Foundation	5.00
Funeral	200.00
Step Sisters	40.00
CRS Grant*	1,500.00
Donations	373.80
First Offering	15.00
Catholic Relief Services	17.00
Latin America	11.25
Ash Wednesday	38.00
All Souls	10.00
World Mission	5.00
Campaign For Human Development	5.00
Operation Rice Bowl	80.64
Total:	\$ 2,665.69

**Because of your generous donation to Operation Rice Bowl,
the parish received a CRS grant from the Office of Social Minis-
try to help promote Social Justice and service to those in need.*

This Week's Events March 24–March 30, 2019

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

Sunday March 24

Third Sunday of Lent

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

Monday March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

6:30 pm – Charismatic Prayer Group (M)

Tuesday March 26

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

Wednesday March 27

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 28

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

Friday March 29

Abstinence

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
7:40 am - Eucharistic Adoration/Sacred Heart Devotion
10:00 – 11:30 am Confession and Spiritual Direction
10:25 am – Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
11:15 am—Stations of the Cross
11:45 am—Benediction
5:15 pm—**Oratio: Conversation with God** (video)
6:00 pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 30

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

Reminder: Parish Mission is April 7—10

AROUND THE PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

St. Elizabeth Women's Retreat featuring Kelly Wahlquist

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY

- When:
Sat, 06 Apr 2019
@ 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM
- Where:
Saint Elizabeth Church
99-312 Moanalua Road
Aiea, HI 96701



- ♦ 7:30 am Registration and light breakfast
- ♦ 9:00 am Mass with Bishop Larry Silva
- ♦ 3:00 pm Closing Remarks
- ♦ Lunch included

RSVP Sr. Stella at: umeristella@gmail.com

50th Anniversary



Mahalo!



To those who volunteered their time this past weekend to wash cars and for your generous donations.

Newman Center holds Busy Person's Retreat, Mar 23—27

The Busy Persons Retreat runs from Saturday, March 23 through Wednesday March 27. This is an opportunity to gather with all retreatants on Saturday to move into the spirit of the retreat and then meet individually with a spiritual director for 45 minutes Monday-Wednesday. These directors are trained in Ignatian Spirituality. Their role is listen to you and help you see more deeply how God is already at work in your life. A closing Mass and reflection will be held on Wednesday evening. For a more detailed description and schedule, [click here](#).

The registration fee is \$150.

You can register on line at the Newman Center website: <http://www.newmanhawaii.org/2019/02/busy-persons-retreat-2019/>

You can come to know God more deeply; you can grow in gratitude for the many gifts God has already given you; you can see more clearly how God is inviting you to live your life.



DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

May 24 - 26, 2019

at the
Hawaii Convention Center

Theme:

**Divine Mercy
and the
Message of Fatima**

- >>> Learn how Divine Mercy is a Preparation for the Second Coming of Christ
- >>> Learn about the connection of Divine Mercy to Fatima
- >>> Listen to Miraculous Healings Through Our Lady's Intercession
- >>> Venerate the United Nations Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and be blessed
- >>> Venerate the First-Class relics of St. Jacinta, St. Francisco, St. Faustina
- >>> Come, Witness and be Healed

Listen to great and dynamic guest speakers...

Don't miss this powerful conference!

Register early... Seats are limited!



What Kind of Fig Tree are You?



In today's Gospel reading, we hear a parable about a fig tree. The owner waited three years for it to grow some figs, but it still wasn't producing any.

He told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener said he would try just for one more year to get it to bear fruit- and if it didn't give any then he would cut it down.

The fig tree is like a person who can do good things but doesn't. The owner shows the justice of God- he has given the tree enough chances so its time is up. But the gardener is like God's mercy. He wants to give the tree one more chance. And he's going to give it extra fertilizer to try to help it.



Lent is a good time to look at our own life and see if we are doing all the good things we can. Maybe there's something nice that we know we could do for someone but we just never bother to. Or maybe we aren't praying quite as much as we know we should. God is giving us a chance to become better people this Lent, and it's your job to make it happen!

Answer to Word-Find: Free land

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

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*What's wrong with this fig tree?
See what the two men want to do with it by
reading what they say in a mirror.*