

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Living, Loving In The Here & Now

Sts. Peter and Paul Church

March 31, 2019

GOOD NEWS!

It is good that we are here—joined in community for Sunday worship, here, in this moment of prayer.

Our lives are so hectic and fast-paced that it's often hard to enjoy just being in the present moment with God. It's not just the pressure of work, but the added responsibilities of home. You know the routine...getting the kids to school; getting to work on time; leaving from work; running a few errands; preparing dinner; going back out to pick up the kids from practice; then back home for dinner, dishes, laundry, homework; and then finally to bed on time so you can get up early and start again.

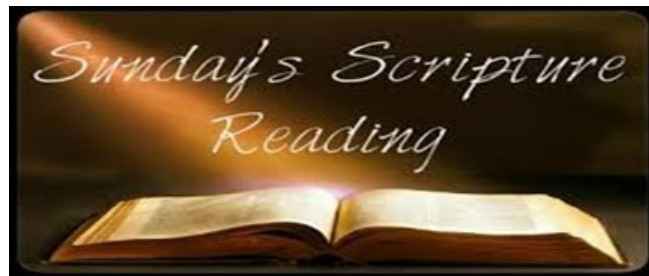
But just stop! Take the time to enjoy the grace of the Eucharist, to rejoice in one another and savor Christ who reveals his love to you. Give yourself this gift. Each moment has power, poetry, and grace. Each instant is a gift from God, and each moment is an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ. It's an occasion to return within ourselves and turn back to our Father who is eagerly waiting for us.

It's good to be here—not somewhere else, not in another time when we were happier, healthier, or life was easier and simpler. Right here, right now, right where God has you is where he is revealing his love. It may not be easy, but this is where God is, and it's good to reflect on the graces each moment presents.

For Reflection

Can I let go of the past and set aside worries of the future to find God in the only place he can be found—in the present moment? If not, how about asking Christ for that grace today?

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Reading I - Joshua 5:9a, 10–12

The safe arrival in the land meant that the disgrace associated with Israel's slavery in Egypt had been undone. This place would be a perpetual reminder of the liberating character of our God. Here the deliverance from slavery was real.

Reading II - 2 Corinthians 5:17–21

Christ's death and resurrection represent God's victory over all the powers that stand between humanity and God. Being reconciled to God indicates that God is at work to sanctify the reconciled into vessels of God's righteousness.

Reading III - Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

God's mercy and reconciliation awaits the Prodigal Son and is available to each one of us if we are faithful to God's welcoming embrace.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading—Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126:1—6

2nd Reading—Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel—John 8:1-11



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.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

East Honolulu Vicariate Churches

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

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

Richard McCrea Jr.

Edwin C. Munalem

Betty Ann Nault

Olivia B Olegario

Judy Orlando

Rita Stocker

Rafael Inigo Suarez

Andrea Pontillas

Lisa Tang

Ruth Tavares-Toma

Theresa Yu

AN ACT OF CONTRITION

My God,
I am sorry for my sins
with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love
above all things.
I firmly intend,
with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever
leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God,
have mercy.



1. Confess

CONFESS YOUR SINS ALOUD TO THE PRIEST,
WHO LISTENS LOVINGLY ON BEHALF OF
CHRIST & THE CHURCH.

THE PRAYERS OR GOOD DEEDS THE PRIEST
GIVES US, SO THAT YOU MAY BEGIN HEALING THE
RELATIONSHIPS HURT BY YOUR SINS.

2. Receive Penance



3. Act of Contrition

A SIMPLE EXPRESSION TO GOD THAT WE ARE
SORRY FOR OUR SINS & THAT WE RESOLVE TO
LEAVE SIN BEHIND AND LIVE IN THE LIGHT!

THE WORDS THE PRIEST SPEAKS WHICH
RECONCILE US TO GOD AND THE CHURCH.

4. Receive Absolution



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME - TALENT - TREASURE



We received this in our parish email:

Sex-trafficking isn't something that happens to other people's children. Even youth in our churches have become ensnared in its grip. No one is immune. This concerns Catholic families.

Did you know...

- Youth from every public middle school and high school on Oahu and even those from private schools are being affected by sex-trafficking?
- Youth from loving, intact families are being coerced and trapped in sex-trafficking?
- Churches are targeted by sex-traffickers because youth in churches tend to be more naive and trusting?
- Recruiters are often fellow classmates who gain the trust of girls before trapping them with fear and control?
- Research shows Hawaii has the highest number of purchasers of sex online per capita in the entire United States? There are 18,000 men on Oahu alone who are buying a sexual encounter with a person. This translates into one in 11 men on Oahu who is buying sex online. There is a huge demand for sex trafficked youth!

Sex trafficking has become a huge problem in Hawaii and it's time to fight back. Explicit Movement is holding a conference for the Christian community to increase awareness about sex-trafficking to inform adults and equip you to protect our youth. Register for the conference today. This event is for all adults, especially parents and church leaders. Mahalo!

**APRIL 26-27, 2019: Friday Night
(Check-In at 6:00pm) 6:30-9:00pm**

**Main Session: Saturday Morning
(Check-In at 8:30am) 9:00-11:30am**

**Workshops
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD AT RED HILL
3400 Moanalua Road**

Register at www.explicitmovement.org



Encounter Kumba

Waisa didn't spend a single day in school. When she was young, no one thought girls should receive an education. Plus, there was work to do. She helped her twelve siblings at her family's farm. She was responsible for helping her mom sell meat to their neighbors.

Now, things have changed in Sinkunia, a town in the north of Sierra Leone. Waisa knows the importance of education—especially for girls. "If there's education, Sierra Leone will develop," she says. "Our students will make sure of it."

That's why Waisa insists that her 12-year-old granddaughter, Kumba, attends the nearby CRS-sponsored school, so she can learn how to make a difference in her community and her country. And, through the nutritious lunch that CRS gives to each student every day, Kumba and her classmates can focus on their studies and not on their hunger.

Kumba's favorite subject is math because she likes the challenge. And when she completes her education, she wants to be a nurse. A nurse, Kumba says, helps cure the sick, and if there were more nurses in Sinkunia, those who get sick wouldn't have to leave the town to get healthcare.

Waisa is proud of her granddaughter and continues to work hard to support her. With no shade from the hot sun, Waisa cares for the family's garden, watering eggplants, tomatoes, onions and more to be harvested and sold through the streets of Sinkunia. Kumba helps, too, visiting the garden every day after school.

"I'm happy if I can support my daughters and granddaughters, even through university," Waisa says. With a smile, she adds, "I know that educated girls help their parents and their communities."

FAITH FORMATION

Youth Ministry

"With great power comes great responsibility."

Youth Ministry Recap

Friday, March 22, 2019

"Faithfulness and Joy"

Last week we used the fun example of Spider-Man to talk about faithfulness and joy, two more fruits of the Holy Spirit. We discussed the importance of remaining faithful to Christ and our call to live as children of God. The youth learned that we can be faithful to God in our belief, words, and actions. They also learned about how following Christ and trusting in Him will lead us to great joy. With joy and faithfulness, God can help us to get through any tough situation in life.

Family Reflection:

- What does it mean to be faithful in your life?
- How will you find the most joy in life? What are some things you can do to share this joy with others?
- What can you do in your daily life to celebrate your calling as a child of God?

Homework:

- Find joy in your daily life. Write about it in your prayer journal.
- Challenge: Write a rap or song about your Faith in God.
- **Reminders:**
Stations of the Cross are held every Fridays at 6:00pm at Sts. Peter & Paul.

Youth Ministry Liability Forms (Spring 2019) - Whether you are new and want to attend youth ministry or if you have not come to youth ministry in awhile, you are always welcome to join us! Please request the form from the office and fill it out, then bring it to the next gathering. This form is required to attend youth ministry.

NEXT Youth Ministry gathering:

Friday, April 12, 2019 @ 6:30-8:30 pm

RCIA—Catechumenate

The ministry of every baptized person is discipleship. The reason we became initiation ministers is to make more disciples. The reason our parish exists is to make more disciples. The reason priests and deacons get ordained is to make more disciples. The reason we build Catholic schools is to make more disciples.

All our Elect and Candidates will visit your mass during the Scrutinies (March 31 @ 7:00 a.m. and April 7 @ 11:00 a.m.) This is your opportunity to help form disciples: say hello and introduce yourself to them and welcome them to the community of faith. If nothing else remember their faces as newcomers to the faith and pray for them as some day they may have recourse to pray for you.

There are 6 principles to formation of catechumen (who now are called elect). Notice 2, 4 and six involve you, the parishioner, who are an example to them by your actions of a faith lived out in our daily lives.

1. The initiation of catechumens is a **gradual process**
2. that takes place within the **community** of the faithful.
3. By joining the catechumens in reflecting on the value of the **paschal mystery**
4. and by renewing their own **conversion**, the faithful provide an example that will help the catechumens to obey the Holy Spirit more generously.
5. The rite of initiation is suited to a spiritual journey of **adults**
6. that **varies** according to: the many forms of God's grace, the free cooperation of the individuals, the action of the Church, and the circumstances of time and place.

(This is also a model of our own continual formation as disciples of Jesus.)

STEWARDSHIP

TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

TREASURE

*Mahalo for your generous contributions
and Faithful Stewardship.*

The Collection for **March 23—24** is as follows:

\$ 11,352.68

Envelopes & Loose Collections	\$ 9,626.57
Mass Intentions	260.00
Electric Votive & Candles	643.01
Total:	\$10,529.58

ENVELOPES

IDENTIFIABLE	41%
UNIDENTIFIABLE	59%

Building Fund	\$ 213.00
Outreach	40.00
Donation	90.00
Catholic Care	100.00
Total:	\$ 443.00

Special Collections

Holy Land	10.00
Good Friday	10.00
Holy Thursday	10.00
Easter	10.00
Shepherd's Collection	10.00
Operation Rice Bowl	300.10
Ash Wednesday	10.00
Augustine Education Foundation	3.00
Catholic University of America	2.00
Catholic Relief Services	15.00
Total:	\$ 380.10

SECOND COLLECTION

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

SHEPHERD'S COLLECTION

The priests in our Diocese are now paid a salary to include their food and car allowances. This collection will help us to meet these needs of those who minister to us.

This Week's Events March 31,—April 6 2019

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

Sunday March 31

Fourth Sunday of Lent

6:15 am —Rosary (M)
(2nd Scrutiny celebrated at 7:00 a.m. Mass—Cycle A)
8:15 am — Youth choir practice (B)

Monday April 1

6:30 pm – Charismatic Prayer Group (M)

Tuesday April 2

St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

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

Wednesday April 3

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 April 4

St. Isidore, Bishop, Doctor

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

Friday April 5

St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest 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
11:00 am—Benediction
11:15 am—Stations of the Cross
5:15 pm—*Contemplatio: The Gaze of Love* (video)
6:00 pm—Stations of the Cross
7:30 pm—First Friday Mass

Saturday April 6

11:15 am – Rosary
9:30 am—Funeral for Dorothy Mendoza
3:30 – 4:30 pm – Confessions (M)

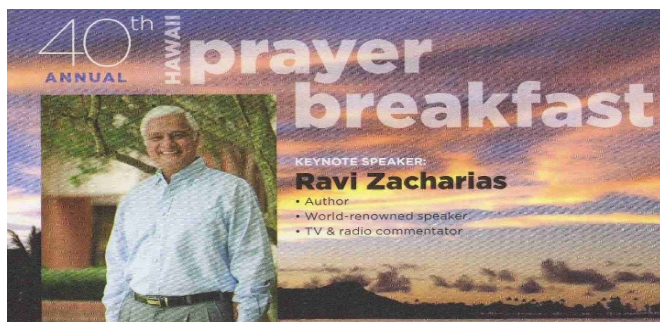
AROUND THE PARISH AND THE DIOCESE



Thursday April 4th @ 7 p.m., Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu 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. We pray for our priests and one another with song and symbols. Mahalo to our parish representatives Bernadette and Vincent Lopez.



40th Annual Hawaii Prayer Breakfast featuring Ravi Zacharias

- Tue, 30 Apr 2019 @ 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM HST
- Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom

Make reservations by sending your check to:

Hawaii Prayer Breakfast

PO Box 29804

Honolulu HI 96820

Tickets: \$39.00

Information call: 486-8986 or email:

hawaii.prayer.breakfast@gmail.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Schedule of Stations of the Cross

(Ministries leading prayer)

April 5th

- * 11:15AM — Sacristans & Extraordinary Ministers
- * 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

50th 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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

- Fri, 24 May 2019 - Sun, 26 May 2019
- Saint Anthony Retreat Center
3351 Kalihi St. Honolulu, HI 96819

Consider enriching your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, honoring husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unity of society. Take the time to salute the beauty of your faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life.

For information and to register visit:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

at www.hawaiiwwme.org

The Son who was Sorry



Today's Gospel reading tells us about God's forgiveness. We are like the son who ran away and wasted all his money whenever we don't use our gifts or talents to serve God or others.

God is like the father in this story. He lets the younger son do whatever he wants, but he loves him even when he chooses to be bad. All he wants is for his son to come home and be sorry. He is ready and waiting to forgive the prodigal son.

God is waiting to forgive us too, in the sacrament of Confession. He wants us to be sorry for our sins and tell Him we are sorry so He can take them away.

Try to make sure you go to confession before Easter so your soul will be clean and ready for the great celebration!



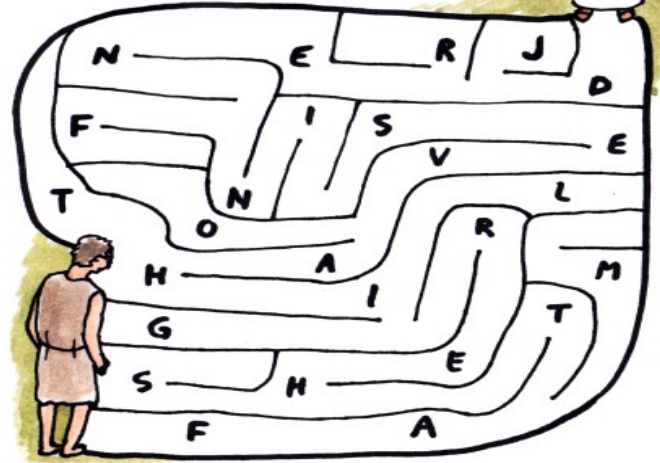
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The Kids' Bulletin

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What did the son in today's Gospel reading say to show his father he was sorry?



As you go through the maze, use only the letters in the right path to fill in the blanks:

_____, _____
