



# Sts. Peter and Paul Church

## February 25, 2024

### Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them....

MARK 9:2

#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### WEEKDAY

Monday – Friday  
7:00 a.m. & noon

##### WEEKEND

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
12:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

##### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays after 7:00 a.m. mass until 11:45 a.m.

##### RECONCILIATION

Fridays: 10:15—11:30 a.m.  
Saturdays: 3:00—4:15 p.m.  
Or by appointment

#### CONTACT

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#### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Anointing of the Sick and Funerals:** Please call parish office.

**Infant Baptism:** Parents are required to meet with Father before scheduling a baptism. Please call the office or send email to request a registration form. (For adults call and leave a message for RCIA coordinator, 808-941-0675 ext. 25)

**Marriage:** The proper and required prep for Marriage is extensive. Please talk to a priest or deacon before setting a date.

CLERGY: Father Khanh Pham-Nguyen, Pastor

Dcn. Richard Port (emeritus) ◇ Dcn. Berley Araceley ◇ Dcn. Joel Narusawa

Dcn. Angken Xymoon (on leave)

# Good News!

February 25, 2024

## Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Romans 8:31b-34 / Mark 9:2-10

### Transfigurations in a Mutilated World

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I've never met anyone who thought today's story** in Genesis of Abraham and Isaac to be a good story. Abhorred, they ask, "Why would God test someone by asking him to sacrifice his son?" But what if we change the question and ask, "Why would the Hebrew people include that story in their most holy writings? Why would they tell it over and over?" Because of the ending—that's why. Like a movie we watch over and over even though we know how it ends, we watch it, in part, because the ending is satisfying.

The ending of the Abraham/Isaac story shows God is not interested in death and human sacrifice, contrary to the gods of that time. The God of the Hebrews is a God of Life—that's the surprise ending they love, and they keep telling it over and over lest they forget. For them, the part about the testing is simply a means to that unbelievable ending when God insists upon life, contrary to false gods.

In his poem "Try to Praise the Mutilated World," Adam Zagajewski writes of life's Godly moments in a world we have mutilated by violence, greed, division, and more. He muses on tender moments when we fall in love, on laughter until our sides hurt, on nature's dazzle, on the sweet taste of wine—all simple moments of a life-giving God transfigured in a mutilated world, for our God insists upon life. ●

#### **-Reflect-**

**Remember and give thanks for the moments  
of this past week that made you smile.**

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#### **MONDAY**

February 26  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 9:4b-10  
Lk 6:36-38

#### **TUESDAY**

February 27  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 1:10, 16-20  
Mt 23:1-12

#### **weDNEsDAY**

February 28  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 18:18-20  
Mt 20:17-28

#### **THURSDAY**

February 29  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 17:5-10  
Lk 16:19-31

#### **FRIDAY**

March 1  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

#### **SATURDAY**

March 2  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

#### **SUNDAY**

March 3  
*Third Sunday of Lent*  
Ex 20:1-17  
or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17  
1 Cor 1:22-25  
Jn 2:13-25

**"THIS IS MY BELOVED  
SON. LISTEN TO HIM."**



*The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah, the Christ. The Lord calls his stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.*

# LITURGY & PRAYER

Date		Intentions	Celebrant
<b>Sat Feb 24</b>	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
<b>Sunday Feb 25</b>	7:00 AM	+ Liberata Orallo	Fr. Khanh
	9:00 AM	+ Thao Thi Nguyen Truong + Victoria P. Rosero Benjamin Cho (SI)	Fr. Khanh
	11:00 AM	Ka Kin Choi (H) Claire (SI) Felix Hong (SI) Benjamin Cho (SI)	Fr. Khanh
	12:30 PM	Amiera Alves (SI) Cabales Family (Th) Galolo Family (Th)	Fr. Khanh
	6:00 PM	Arsenio & Victoria Jacinto (H)	Fr. Khanh
<b>Monday Feb 26</b>	7:00 AM	+ Ivan Igitol + Ernesto Larosa	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	+ Peter Behrens	Fr. Khanh
<b>Tuesday Feb 27</b>	7:00 AM	Nancy Pavic-Cordova (BD)	Fr. Joseph
	12 NOON	+ Joseph Camacho Benavente	Fr. Joseph
<b>Wednesday Feb 28</b>	7:00 AM	+ Ernesto Larosa	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	+ Crystal Jenkins	Fr. Khanh
<b>Thursday Feb 29</b>	7:00 AM	+ Ramona Souza	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	Manlolo Family (SI)	Fr. Khanh
<b>Friday Mar 1</b>	7:00 AM	Danilo A. Dizon (BD)	TBA
	12 NOON	+ Ricardo Marcos & Fe Marcos	Fr. Khanh
<b>Sat Mar 2</b>	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	TBA
<b>Sunday Mar 3</b>	7:00 AM	+ Mary Welson + Liberata Orallo	TBA
	9:00 AM	+ Victoria P. Rosero Ka Kin Choi (H)	TBA
	11:00 AM	+ Edward Ishida + Paulino & John Secretaria Gregory Tom (Th)	TBA
	12:30 PM	Amiera Alves (SI)	TBA
	6:00 PM	+ Minerva Herrera	TBA

*We pray for the repose of the soul of*  
+ Patrocínía G. Laca



## Holy Father's Intentions For The Terminally Ill

**Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.**



## PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

We join together to pray for our brothers and sisters

*Cleotilde M. Bamba  
Rose Bautista  
Vicky Chee  
Deb Chiarucci  
Matilda Correa  
Avon Czerwinski  
Mauriko David  
Blanche DeConte  
Harold DeCosta  
Brian Dill  
Lynn Domingsal  
Elena Elliott  
Pedro R.D. Guerrero  
Robert Heisler  
Alma Helsenbeiser  
Tuna Hunkin  
Virginia L. Ishida  
Christoph Jucewicz  
Jack Jucewicz*

*Diane Kai  
Sabina Kaupu  
Mike Layala  
Carol Luke  
Kimberly Mann  
Gloria Masunaga  
J. Norman  
Gregory Peter  
Doreen Shimabuku  
Joseph Shimabuku  
Laurie Sparks  
Erlinda Surban  
JayMark Thomas  
Joe Valzon  
Margaret B. Vincze  
Albert Waterson  
Deacon Angken Xymoon  
Theresa Yu*

## LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE / RECONCILIATION

**Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

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## BLESSING OF THE OILS AND CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.  
at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa**

*Bishop Larry Silva will bless the Holy Oils used in the  
Sacraments of the Church. Everyone is invited to attend.*

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Feb 26—March 3, 2024)

**Monday: 6:30 pm—Charismatic Prayer Group—Courtyard**

**Wednesday: 1:00 pm—Legion of Mary—Courtyard**

**3:30 pm—Centering Prayer—Reception Room**

**Friday: 7:30-11:15 am—Eucharistic Adoration—Church**

**11:15 am—Stations of the Cross—Church**

**6:00 pm—Stations of the Cross—Church**

**Saturday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm—Homebound Visitation Training—Church**

**Sunday: 10:15-11:45 am—Faith Formation classes—Amana**

**5:00 pm—OCIA—Reception Room**



# STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



*"Here I am!" he answered.*

—Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.



### Rites of Christian Initiation

Please keep in prayer Aysea Kim, Helen San, and Felix Dacuycuy who were enrolled in the office of the elect by Bishop Larry Silva last Sunday. Please also keep in prayer Daylen Kim and Wayne Niland and all candidates who are accepting our Catholic Faith.

Our Elect will be joined by our parishioners in special prayers called the Scrutinies at the 6:00pm Mass on March 3, March 10, and March 17. Pray for them as they continue their journey to Baptism.

**Homebound Visitation  
Ministry Training**

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**  
**9:00 am – 12 noon**  
**Sts Peter & Paul Church**

**with Hyun Underwood**  
*Retired Board Certified Chaplain  
for the Diocese of Honolulu*

*Our Parish Homebound Ministry is working to become fully active once again and are in need of more Ministers to help serve our community. For those interested, please join us on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> for an informational training with Hyun Underwood, retired Board Certified Chaplain for the Diocese of Honolulu.*

## TREASURE

*Mahalo for your generous contributions and faithful Stewardship contributions.*

*Totals for February 17—18, 2024:*

<b>Sunday collection &amp; Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 8,349.81</b>
Mass Intentions	275.00
Building Fund	5.00
Outreach	569.00
Olakino	200.00
Donation	550.00
Holy Day	63.00
Ash Wednesday	6,583.21
Latin America Mission	18.00
Black & Indian Mission	10.00
CRS	160.00
Augustine Ed. Fund	231.00
Candles	<u>686.53</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$17,700.55</b>

*Our online giving is available on our website.*

*The collection total for February 12—16, 2024*

*online giving is: \$1,942.16*

Stewardship	1,275.00
Building Fund	35.00
Catholic Care Project	110.00
Olakino	20.00
Shaping the Future Campaign	360.00
Mass Intention	30.00
Augustine Ed. Fund	105.00
Help offset fee	7.16

*THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION (FEB 24 & 25):  
BUILDING FUND*

**FOR  
LENT  
FOR LIFE**



This Lent, be transformed—  
and transform the world—by  
practicing:

- ▣ Daily prayer.
- ▣ Weekly fasting.
- ▣ Almsgiving.

Journey with CRS Rice Bowl  
to encounter God and our  
global family. What you give  
up for Lent changes lives!

Find stories, videos and  
more at [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org)

**CRS RICE  
BOWL**



# Eucharistic Revival & Evangelization




In order to live man needs food and drink.  
In order to gain eternal life man needs the Eucharist. This is the food and drink that transforms man's life and opens before him the way to eternal life.  
—Saint John Paul II

The human body can only go so long without food. Eventually, the lack of nutrition will cause us to die. The same is true for drink. In fact, we can last without food longer than we can last without water. What we eat is important too. What we put into our bodies can help or hurt our health.

The same is true for our souls. In the Gospel according to John, Jesus says, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (6:53). For Catholics, the most important thing we can do is go to Mass and receive Holy Communion. It is the spiritual food that is greater than any other. Prayer is good, and so are good works done for others. These will bring us grace. But we cannot get closer to God than by receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus. This is the food that God provides for us to ensure that we will have eternal life.

**Gospel Weeklies**

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**Friday, March 1 - Sunday March 3, 2024  
St. Anthony Retreat Center, Honolulu**

Imagine having the opportunity rest in a peaceful and spiritual environment, recharging yourself with prayer, and connecting with God to start the season of Lent. All of this is possible, and it can make all the difference in the Lenten season and into Easter. Experience a weekend retreat with expectant faith; the belief that God can be heard, seen, and felt in spiritual ways. The theme of BCCH Adult Retreat #125 is "Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ." This retreat is ideal for anyone seeking to find peace this Lenten season in expectant faith for the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter.

To register or learn more, please  
visit [www.bcchawaii.com](http://www.bcchawaii.com).



**BE THIS IN MEMORY OF ME:  
EMBRACING A EUCHARISTIC LIFESTYLE  
Lent Retreat Speaker: Fr. Philip Chircop, SJ  
March 11 and 12, 2024 | 7:00 P.M.  
St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church  
95-370 Kuahelani Ave., Mililani**

During these few hours of retreat we will focus our loving gaze upon the Eucharist. Together we will try to see how the Eucharist is more than a devotion. Eucharist is an action. Eucharist is more a verb than a noun. Pondering the four verbs we hear spoken each time we participate in our parish liturgies - **took, blessed, broke, gave** – we will try to outline a possible, fresh new way of living the Gospel in the concrete daily events that form the chapters of our lives.

*Fr. Philip, a Jesuit, is an artist at heart and madly in love with all things beautiful and soulful. He believes that beauty is a uniquely wonderful entry into the mystery of the God "whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere." He considers himself a seeker, with bottomless curiosity, exploring fresh ways to proclaim the Good News in the hope of helping fellow pilgrims to embrace real and radical changes that will lead to conversion and transformation.*

**All are welcome. Come and be filled.**  
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# Dear Padre,

February 25, 2024

**What are the guidelines for producing a passion play?  
My pastor said there are special guidelines to follow.  
What are they?**

Please read "Criteria for the Evaluation of Dramatizations of the Passion," issued in 1988 by the Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of what was then called the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. (The document is located at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).)

Passion plays should emphasize the saving action of Christ's death and resurrection without becoming stumbling blocks to understanding the role of the Jewish people in salvation history. The document warns that "'stock ideas,' unfortunately, can become vividly alive in passion dramatizations. It is all too easy...to resort to artificial oppositions... to heighten interest or provide sharp contrasts between the characters." We must avoid portraying the Jewish tradition as "a religion of only justice, fear, and legalism with no appeal to the love of God and neighbor."

It is simplistic and incorrect to blame Christ's death on certain historical groups and neglect the complexities of the Gospel portrait and of Christ's life. Christ freely undertook his passion and death because of the sins of all, so that all might attain salvation. This is the truth that passion plays should strive to communicate most clearly. ●

**Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



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