



# Sts. Peter and Paul Church

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

S<sub>T</sub> PETER

S<sub>T</sub> PAUL



Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.

EPHESIANS 5:8B-9

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**WEEKDAY:** Monday–Friday 7:00am & Noon

**WEEKEND:** Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 6:00pm

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Fridays after 7:00am mass until 11:15am

### **RECONCILIATION:**

Fridays: 10:15—11:00am

Saturdays: 3:00—4:00pm

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

Fridays 11:15am & 6:00pm

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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 OCIA coordinator, 808-941-0675 ext. 27)

**Marriage:** The proper and required prep for Marriage is extensive. Please talk to a priest or deacon at least 6-months prior before setting a date.

**Father Arnel Soriano, *Pastor* ◇ Father Paul Aguilar, *Parochial Vicar***  
**Deacon Joel Narusawa**

# Good News!

March 15, 2026

## Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ephesians 5:8-14 / John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

### Born Free

MIGUEL DULICK

Today's gospel, the healing of the man born blind, is a terrific story that includes many details. Notice that Jesus, who has his own agenda, "so that the works of God might be made visible through him," does not even wait for the man to ask to be healed. But the man is a willing subject, allowing mud and saliva to be smeared on his eyes, agreeing to go to Siloam and wash. And, he's a quick learner. At first, all he knows is "the man called Jesus" healed him. Soon, however, he's calling Jesus "a prophet." Then, as a "division" ("schism" in the original) opens among the authorities and even in his own family, he defends Jesus' divine calling when the Pharisees mock Jesus as a "sinner." Finally, expelled from the synagogue, the man finds Jesus waiting for him with the ultimate revelation: he sees before him the Son of Man, "and he worshiped him."

Now, maybe we weren't born blind, but I venture to say a lot of us are short-sighted. Do I "see the works of God"? Starting from "the man called Jesus," do I keep going forward in faith, defending Jesus when he is mocked by people, to a deeper, fuller reality than even my own family may not understand? All the way to adoration, worship, a total handing over of my whole self to the Son of Man? Or, as Thomas would later say, when his own eyes were opened, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). ●

#### -Reflect-

*This week, I will pray for my eyes to be opened to something important for me to see.*

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#### MONDAY

MARCH 16

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

#### TUESDAY

MARCH 17

*Lenten Weekday*

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

#### WEDNESDAY

MARCH 18

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

#### THURSDAY

MARCH 19

*St. Joseph,  
Spouse of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

2 Sm 7:4-5a,

12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21,

24a or Lk 2:41-51a

#### FRIDAY

MARCH 20

*Lenten Weekday*

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

#### SATURDAY

MARCH 21

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

#### SUNDAY

MARCH 22

*Fifth Sunday  
of Lent*

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,

17, 20-27, 33b-45

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# LITURGY & PRAYER

Date		Intentions
Sat March 14	5:00 PM	+ Matilda Correa + James Evans
Sunday March 15	7:00 AM	+ Dcn Angken Xymoon + Fr. Roland Pacudan
	9:00 AM	Alison Kunishige (SI) Rey Payumo (SI)
	11:00 AM	+ Fr. Sydney Fernandes + Maria & Anthony
	6:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish
Monday March 16	7:00 AM	+ Adriana Santos
	12 NOON	Manlolo Family (SI)
Tuesday March 17	7:00 AM	+ Liam Kosciolek
	12 NOON	St. Anthony de Padua intercessions (Th)
Wednesday March 18	7:00 AM	+ Fr. Roland Pacudan
	12 NOON	+ John Kim
Thursday March 19	7:00 AM	+ Edna Anton
	12 NOON	+ Jesusa Cruz Espiritu
Friday March 20	7:00 AM	+ Fr. Roland Pacudan
	12 NOON	Manlolo Family (SI)
Sat March 21	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish
Sunday March 22	7:00 AM	+ Dcn Angken Xymoon Rose Sautner (BD)
	9:00 AM	Alison Kunishige (SI) Rey Payumo (SI)
	11:00 AM	Mary Valen (BD) + Rose Cubi + Fr. Sydney Fernandes
	6:00 PM	+ Sue Mueller

For believers who are unable to receive Eucharist physically, an act of spiritual communion is a pious practice that expresses desire to receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist spiritually. This can occur if one is unable to attend Mass, is in a state where receiving the sacrament is not possible, or if circumstances prevent sacramental communion. By making an act of spiritual communion, one reaffirms their devotion and it serves as a reminder of the importance of the Eucharist and the grace it imparts in our spiritual lives.

+ **Act of Spiritual Communion** +

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*



## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March *For disarmament and peace*

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



## PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

We join together to pray for our brothers and sisters

Rob Aguilar	Rosario Garuida	Janet La Farciola
Peter Alosi	Michelle Harada	Joan La Farciola
Lucrecia L. Ancheta	Virginia Ishida	Anna Nevtanova
Joseph A. Benavente	Victoria Jacinto	Anne Noto
James Brauer	Jack Jucewicz	Bob Sweeney
Charles Brauer	Christoph Jucewicz	Diane
P. Estella	Alison Kunishige	Larry
Mark Felipe	Lyudmila Kuritsina	Sharon & Kevin



*In Loving  
Memory*

We pray for the repose of the soul of...

+ La Verne Isabelo



## PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

*Let us come together in our Lenten journey towards conversion in preparation for the glory of Easter!*



## Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent

11:15 a.m.(after Benediction) & 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (March 16—22, 2026)

**Monday: 6:30 pm—Charismatic Prayer Group-Amana Bldg 3<sup>rd</sup> flr**

**Tuesday: 6:30 pm—Young Adult Bible Study/Faith Sharing-Amana Bldg 3<sup>rd</sup> flr**

**Wednesday: 1:00 pm—Legion of Mary-Amana Bldg 3<sup>rd</sup> flr**

**3:30 pm—Centering Prayer-**

**6:00 pm—Parish Scripture- Amana Bldg 3<sup>rd</sup> flr**

**Thursday: 6:00 pm—Parish Penance Service-Church**

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

**10:15-11:15 am—Confession-Church**

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

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

**Saturday: 10:00-11:00am—Olakino Distribution-Parking Lot**

**3:00-4:00 pm—Confession-Church**

**Sunday: 9:00-10:30 am—Adult Scripture Study-Upper Rm**

**10:15-11:45 am—Faith Formation-Amana Bldg 3<sup>rd</sup> flr**

**12:15 pm—OCIA-Reception Rm**

**12:30 pm—Youth Ministry & High School Catechism- Amana Bldg 3<sup>rd</sup> flr**

**5:00 pm—OCIA-Reception Rm**

# STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



*“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.”*

—1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others, and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent, and treasure here on earth.

### Olakino Food Distribution—Saturday, March 21, 2026

**Distribution time is 10:00-11:00 a.m.**

*All are welcome to receive produce.*

*Volunteers are also needed. Sign-up on parish website, or check-in at 9am to be assigned a task.*

*Mahalo for your time!*



The **Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)** is a united effort for all Catholics to come together in faith and generosity, *Sharing God's Gifts* to carry out Christ's mission in our communities today. Some of the many needs your gift will help support are our Priests and Deacons, Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Catholic schools, and those most in need through parish and social ministry agencies. Prayerfully consider making a gift by completing a pledge form or visiting [Appeal.CatholicHawaii.org](http://Appeal.CatholicHawaii.org) (be sure to select **Sts. Peter & Paul** for our parish to receive credit for your donation).

**CMAA Stewardship Report—Our Parish Goal: \$38,792.**

*As of January 31, 2026, we have collected \$12,625 (33%).*

## REMEMBRANCE WALL

If you are interested in purchasing a brick in honor or memory of a loved one, for the second wall located at the end of the walkway connecting Church to the Emmaus Center (771 Amana Bldg), please visit the parish office or email [campaign.sspp@rcchawaii.org](mailto:campaign.sspp@rcchawaii.org).

## TREASURE

*Mahalo for your generous donations and faithful Stewardship.*

**MARCH 7—8, 2026**

*Offertory collection/Unrestricted donations*

WEEKLY OFFERING	\$9,023.47
STEWARDSHIP (online)	\$2,510.00
BAPTISM	\$50.00
BLESSING	\$100.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$10.00
DONATION	\$2.75
CANDLES	\$696.95

**Operating income subtotal: \$12,393.17**

*\*Second Collection/Restricted donations  
Sunday and online giving*

BUILDING FUND	\$175.00
MASS INTENTIONS	\$201.38
CATHOLIC CARE	\$210.00
OLAKINO	\$345.00
OUTREACH	\$20.00
EMMAUS CAMPAIGN (AMANA BLDG)	\$50.00
GRANT	\$1,000.00
CMAA	\$1,545.00
JOSEPH DUTTON	\$5.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES	\$20.00
EASTER FLOWERS	\$112.00
RESTRICTED-SACRISTY	\$25,000.00

**Custodial & Restricted subtotal: \$28,683.38**

**TOTAL COLLECTION: \$41,076.55**

*\*Restricted Donations to be applied for specific use.  
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Online giving is also available on our parish website. It is secure, quick, and easy. Scan this QR code with your mobile phone's camera app to access the web link.

## EASTER FLOWERS OFFERING

*Please use the Easter Flowers Offering envelopes to make a donation. You may include the names of loved ones to be remembered during the Easter season. Kindly return the offering envelopes in the collection basket by Palm Sunday. Mahalo for helping make our church a beautiful place.*

# Around the Diocese

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## Growing as Faithful Stewards

**A PARISH LENTEN MISSION**  
with **Father Martin Solma, SM**  
Chaplain, Chaminade University



Tuesday | 24 March 2026 | 6:00 PM

Lent is a time of renewal, reflection, and return to the Lord. Join us as we rediscover what it means to be faithful stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us.

**All are welcome.**

## END OF LIFE CARE A JOURNEY OF FAITH, HOPE & LOVE

Thursday, March 26, 2026

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

at **St. Stephen's in Nuuanu**

2747 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96817

The Dignity of the Human Person + Ordinary versus Extraordinary Masses + The Role of the Sacraments + Preparing for the Journey

*If we live, we live for the Lord,  
And if we die, we die  
for the Lord, so then,  
Whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's.  
—Romans 14:8*



## UPCOMING EAST HONOLULU VICARIATE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

PARISH	DATE	TIME
Sts. Peter and Paul	Thursday, March 19	6:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity	Wednesday, March 25	6:15 p.m.
Sacred Heart	Monday, March 30	6:00 p.m.

## Ohana Mass

Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

**Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Honolulu**

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# Dear Padre,

March 15, 2026

## *I am left-handed. Why doesn't the church allow the sign of the cross to be made left-handed?*

A Catholic who is unable to make the sign of the cross with the right hand is certainly permitted to do so with the left. There is no rule against it. When Pope Saint John Paul II injured his right arm, he used his left hand to impart his blessing.

The sign of the cross is a sacramental, one of the symbols that identifies you as a Roman Catholic. Just like all such symbolic gestures, there is an expected uniformity. To use a secular example, at a University of Texas football game, fans of the Longhorns give the "hook-'em horns" sign. You wouldn't give the "thumbs-up" sign instead. It would be confusing.

It's true that at one time, the left hand was associated with evil. Jesus sends the goats to sit at his left and the sheep to his right. (See Matthew 25:33.) And, throughout the Scriptures, we read that Jesus sits at the right hand of God. (See Mark 16:19.) The word "sinister" is from the Latin sinister, meaning "left."

Left-handedness is no longer associated with evil. If you wish to make the sign of the cross with your left hand, you may. But do consider why you are doing it. Most left-handed people have no trouble using their right hand for many simple tasks. If your purpose is a bit rebellious, maybe realize that signifying unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ is more important. ●


*Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org*



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O Lord, we cannot go to the pool of Siloe [Siloam] to which you sent the blind man. But we have the chalice of your Precious Blood, filled with life and light. The purer we are, the more we receive.

—Saint Ephraem



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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Dear brothers and sisters, let us trustfully bring our ailments before Jesus, and also those of our loved ones; let us bring the pain of those who feel lost and without a way out. Let us cry out for them too, and we will be certain that the Lord will hear us.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 11, 2025

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