



September 14, 1969, First Parish Mass • May 17, 1970 Ground-breaking • August 15, 1971, Dedication of the church

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DAILY MASS: Monday-Saturday: 8:00am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

or by appointment

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday – Closed

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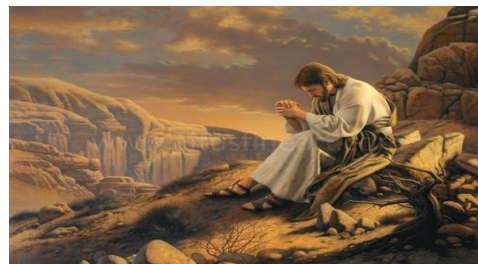
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Temptations: Food, Power and Idolatry

The Lenten Season that began on Ash Wednesday leads us immediately to imitate Jesus who spends 40 days in the wilderness where he faces temptations.



Three times Jesus is tempted by the devil and three times he resists, because he not only knows the Scriptures, but He also remains faithful to it: "Be off Satan! For Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone". The three temptations have all the signs of our human desires: food, power and idolatry. The temptations of Jesus remind us that any quick gain or shortcut without sacrifice does not last. They call us to the same faithfulness that Jesus had in overcoming his temptations. During this season of Lent, we have many opportunities for prayer, almsgiving and fasting to help us. Prayer in particular is a great help in moments of temptations. Knowing the scriptures is not enough since the devil can also quote it. We will be different if we live the scriptures.

There are three points to remember. 1) We will be tempted by food, drink and other material desires. What satisfies our hunger is not physical food but God's word. 2) We will be tempted to take shortcuts by wanting the resurrection without Good Friday; without the Cross. There is no self-giving without sacrifice. The alms you give; the offertory you give must have an element of sacrifice. The temptation is always to pretend that we own what we have received and thus try to tip God who owns everything! 3) We will be tempted to embrace the idolatry of power rather than leadership as service. Lent is the time to be focused on our mission; to be committed disciples and stewards with a purpose and mission in our life: to be the best version of ourselves by living the scriptures and seeking closer relationship with Christ. Besides moments of prayer, almsgiving and fasting, find time to read the scriptures or to read a good spiritual book that is uplifting.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

VISION STATEMENT

*We are called to **develop a deeper relationship with Christ**. Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: the Sacraments, the Word, Renewal programs, ministry/service, fellowship and other **Spirit-led** activities. We will dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install in our Parish community these basic building blocks of Christian living, **to live out the Lord's commands and to preach the Good News** to all through our words, deeds and lives.*

Next Sunday Readings: March 16
Second Sunday of Lent Year A

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

In this reading, we hear about the call of Abram, whose change of name to Abraham is significant. He was originally from Ur in the Chaldean land, present-day Iraq. It was then an extremely fertile area, and had one of the most advanced cultures of the day. Abram, the Father of the Israelite people, was called to be the founder of a people faithful to the One True God. God's call and acceptance to leave his own familiar land and go to the unknown would later be seen as Abram's obedience to God's covenant with Israel. This obedience would be rewarded with blessings for Abraham and his greater family, the communities of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Psalm 33 is the loving and trusting prayer response of one who has heard and answered God's call. Response: "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Paul in this reading sees God's call in terms appropriate to second generation Christians, living a settled life in community. This call echoes the call to Abram, not to a new land or a new people, but to a new life in Christ. This new life is made possible because Jesus has conquered death and holds out saving grace to all people.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

The transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain described in this passage is meant to reveal to the disciples the true identity of Jesus and the nature of his mission. The purpose of his mission is not to be an earthly hero-messiah, but to be the source of final and eternal salvation to those who believe in him. In this passage, Jesus is portrayed as the new Moses. Matthew wanted to convince the Jewish Christians that the law of Moses had been completed by the law of Christ. The voice from the cloud and the command of the Father recall the giving of the law to Moses on the mountain. Following upon the disciples' awareness of the true meaning and mission of Christ, there is only one obligation for them and for us: "Listen to him!"

Msgr. John's Sunday homilies are available on the following updated links: Blog (text): <http://www.sundayhomily.com>

Podcast (audio): <http://streaminghomilies.podbean.com>

On iTunes, under Podcast search for: streaming homilies, subscribe free to get the homilies weekly.

Boohomily (audio): <http://audioboo.fm/jmbinda>

"If our prayer is resolutely united with that of Jesus, in trust and boldness as children, we obtain all that we ask in his name, even more than any particular thing: the Holy Spirit himself, who contains all gifts."(CCC 2742)

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Healing/Blessings: Sally Bordfeld, Leilani Mueller, Hilda Gomez, Charmaine Molina, Melody Ramos, Ken Enomoto, Cely Deveraturda, John "Mike" Culkin, Guillermo Uyttingco, Anthony Scarpelli, Shirley Shimaoka, Pat Nazareth, BJ Sagocio, Marcie and Ron Thames, Salve Galman, Rowena Ahakuelo, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Albert Sieben, Jr., Gladys Naone, Millard Beck, Rhoda Sanders, Marie Paz Bartolome, Bernadette A. Uyeda, Victor Ventigan, Jr., Kenneth J. Ferreira, Rainfredo J. Llamido, Fr. Tim Ottman, Veneranda M. Mendoza, Severo F. Tania, Danny Uehara, Fr. Cletus Mooya, Roy Burns, Jr., Grace Santos, and Celedonia Deveraturda.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, March 10, 2014

8am Mass Solomona Duldulao (Death Anniv.)
Everette Anthony Flanders (RIP)

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

8am Mass Everette Anthony Flanders (RIP)
Howard M. Tibbetts, Jr. (RIP)

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

8am Mass Ann Remington (RIP)
Hanako Allen (RIP)

Thursday, March 13, 2014

8am Mass Catalino Propios (RIP)
Cypriano A. P. Herrera (RIP)
Veneranda M. Mendoza (RIP)

Friday, March 14, 2014

8am Mass Brett and Salve Galman (Blessings)
Howard M. Tibbetts, Jr. (RIP)

March 15, 2014

8am Mass Hilario Aquino (RIP)
Ron Thames (Birthday)
5pm Mass Everett Bates (Birthday)

Sunday, March 16, 2014

7am Mass Joshua Nakata (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass James and Mildred Mizoguchi
6pm Mass Myrtle Reponte (Healing)

Parish News & Announcements

Join us for Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 14th, at 7pm. Frugal Meal will follow afterwards on the lanai. The Charismatic Prayer Group is hosting.

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for parishes, schools and families. The program invites Catholics to live in solidarity with our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the three Lenten pillars of praying, fasting, and almsgiving. Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. **Rice Bowls are available near the church entrance.** Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor. This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the People of Kenya. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person, and reminded that our inherent dignity comes from our creation as children of God and not from any of our own actions. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Kenya and all around the world, that we may respect and uphold the sacredness of life and dignity of all people.

Outreach Office Prison Ministry Easter Drive collection days are March 8 - April 12, 2014. The following items will be collected in the Outreach Office: toothpaste, toothbrush, bath size bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant (men/women), shaving cream, disposable razors, sanitary napkins, rubber slippers (all adult sizes – black, blue, or brown), #2 pencils, letter size writing paper and envelopes, bath towels and wash cloths (white only), twin size sheets (white only), standard size pillow cases (white only), men's boxer shorts (various sizes, white only), and brief type women's underwear (various sizes, white only).

Central Oahu Vicariate 2014 Lenten Penance Services

Tuesday, March 11th, 7:00 PM
Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa

Wednesday, March 19th, 7:00 PM
St. John Apostle and Evangelist, Mililani

Tuesday, March 25th, 7:00 PM
St. Elizabeth, Aiea (Bishop Larry Silva, Presider)

Wednesday, March 26th, 7:00 PM
Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio

Monday, March 31st, 7:00 PM
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City

Parish Lenten Mission Retreat

Monday-Wednesday, March 17th-19th, 7:00 PM

Presenter: Rev. Michael Dalton, OFM, Cap.

Fr. Mike will preach at all Masses the weekend
of March 15th – 16th

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. John's parishioners for their generous support of the chicken plate sale last Saturday. It was a great success!

40 Days for Life Campaign will be conducted between March 5 through April 14, 2014

The parishioners of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist are invited to join the peaceful prayer vigil this spring. **40 Days for Life** has been successful in closing down many abortion centers and inspired several abortion workers to join the pro-life movement. We are asking you to commit to prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America. You can sign up for yourself or a group on the 40 Days for Life website or the back of the Church. One group leaves the Church Parking lot on Mondays at 9AM. This group will be there for approximately an hour, praying and holding signs, before returning to the Church parking lot between 11:30am and noon (March 10, 17, 31, and April 7, 2014). You are invited to join them or start your own group at a time convenient to your own weekly schedule. Talk with your family and friends and decide to take a stand. The 40 days for Life Website is: www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20th, from 7pm-9pm in the Parish Center classroom #6. The next book that we will discuss is **Lenten Reflections From A Father Who Keeps His Promises** by Scott Hahn. Borrow or buy the book, read it and join us for our book discussion. Contact Melissa Crisostomo 626-2469 or alohamc@yahoo.com for more information.

Sunday Collection March 1/2, 2014

	Weekly Goal	Actual Amount
Sunday Offering	\$12,647.00	\$15,094.96
Building, Equip., Maintenance, and Outreach	\$1,470.00	\$2,139.00

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce." PROVERBS 3:9