

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

Our Gospel on this day, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John.

The raising and unbinding of Lazarus sheds light on how God wants to heal the dead areas of our lives and free us from whatever sins, burdens, or wounds prevent us from living life to the fullest.

We are often like Lazarus. We have areas in our lives that are dead and need to be enlivened again by Christ. But we also may be bound either by our own sins or by the hurts others have inflicted on us. We may carry great burdens or worries or dysfunctional patterns of relating to others that bind us down and keep us from peace and happiness. Jesus wants to free us from those wounds; he wants us, like Lazarus, to be unbound.

This week's Gospel shows us Jesus wants us to let him into all those places that have been rendered dead by sin. He wants to weep with us in his humanity, but also to reveal his divinity and bring about a total healing. He wants our better selves to step forward as he says to each of us, **"Come out!"**

What has you bound? What is holding you back or weighing you down? What are the "burial bands" that keep you from being the beautiful person God created you to be?

"Jesus, please untie me and set me free". May that be our prayer this day.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Mon - Sat): 8:00 AM

Sunday: (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM,
(Sun) 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
(or by appointment)

MISSION / VISION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic Christian Community, called to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: *Word, Sacrament, Renewal Programs, Ministry/Service,* and other ***Spirit-led*** activities. We dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install, in our parish community, the basic building blocks of Christian living, ***to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to all through our words, deeds, and lives.***

Parish Rectory Hours**Monday:** 12:00 PM-4:30 PM**Tues. - Fri.:** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed**Outreach Office Hours****Mon. - Wed.:** 9 AM to 2 PM**Thurs. - Friday:** 9 AM to 11 AM**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed**FOOD PANTRY Hours****Mon. - Wed.:** 9 AM to 12 PM**Thurs. - Friday:** 9 AM to 11 AM**Religious Ed Office Hours****Monday:** Closed**Tues. - Thurs.:** 12 pm - 8:00 pm**Fri.:** 10:00 am - 6:00 pm**Saturday:** 2:00—5:00 pm**Sun:** 7:00 am - 1:00pm**PARISH CLERGY & STAFF****Pastor** (ext. 111)*Msgr. John Mbinda**jmbinda@rcchawaii.org***Parochial Vicar** (x 104)*Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa**jayinpuusa@rcchawaii.org**Fr. Pat McCormick* (x 108)*(In Residence)***Deacon** Modesto Cordero*mcordero@rcchawaii.org***Deacon** Romeo Ganibe*rganibe@rcchawaii.org***Parish Office Administrator** (x 103)*Jolly Guerrero-Tano**jollygt@rcchawaii.org***Parish Secretary** (x 100)*Dominique Kekiwi**dkekiwi@rcchawaii.org***Director of Liturgy***Nicholas Calzada**ncalzada@rcchawaii.org***Grounds & Maintenance***Robert Garnsey**rgarnsey@rcchawaii.org***Outreach Department** (x 203)*Pearl Bates**pebates@rcchawaii.org***RCIA Coordinators***Dcn. Modesto Cordero**Dcn. Romeo Ganibe***Religious Ed. Director** (x 206)*Julie Quiroz-Zamora**jquiroz@rcchawaii.org***Religious Ed. Secretary** (x 204)*Dominique Kekiwi**dkekiwi@rcchawaii.org***Preschool Director** (744-9538)*Catherine Awong**cawong@rcchawaii.org*

PASTOR'S CORNER

Celebrating the Easter Holy Triduum

The Easter Holy Triduum is ONE continuous commemoration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ. All parishioners are encouraged to come to this special time of prayer, preparation and celebration of Easter.

❖ **Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper (March 29):** We commemorate Jesus' command to celebrate the Eucharist and to wash one another's feet, a symbol of service.

- No Mass at 8:00am
- Morning Prayer at 8am
- **Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm**
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in silence till 12 midnight.

❖ **Friday of the Passion of the Lord (March 30):** We solemnly commemorate the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus, venerate the Cross of our Salvation and receive Holy Communion. We observe a fast & abstinence in honor of the Passion and Death of Our Lord.

- No Mass at 8:00am
- Morning Prayer at 8am.
- **Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00pm**
- **Stations of the Cross at 7pm**

❖ **Holy Saturday (March 31):** We keep a Solemn Vigil as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord by lighting a New Paschal Candle and solemn procession led by the **Light of Christ, recalling the Story** of our Salvation in the Liturgy of the Word, solemnly **initiating new members** into our community through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

- No Mass at 8am
- Morning Prayer at 8am.
- **Solemn Easter Vigil Celebration at 7:00pm**

❖ **Easter Sunday (April 1):** We celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.

- **Solemn Mass at dawn at 7:00am.**
- **Solemn Mass at 9:00am**
- **Solemn Mass at 11am.**
- **NO 6:00pm Mass.**

Msgr. John S. Mbinda



Encounter Alefa

We encounter Alefa in Malawi. Alefa is a mother, grandmother and farmer. She provides for her three children, three grandchildren and husband by selling her crops. If they fail during one of Malawi's rainy seasons—or in a drought—her family goes hungry. One particularly difficult year, Alefa was forced to sell some of her land to make ends meet. She knew she had to start planting crops that could withstand Malawi's changing climate. So, she attended a CRS-sponsored seed fair, where farmers learn the best crops to plant for the upcoming year, and receive vouchers so they can choose the seeds and supplies they need. Besides rice, Alefa bought corn, cabbage and tomato seeds. This way, she can continue farming rice but also feel confident that, even if her rice fails, she will have other crops to sell.

How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Be generous and you will be prosperous; help others and you will be helped." (Good News Translation) - Prov 11:25

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

This brief passage from the third of four "Servant Songs" in Isaiah 40-55 expresses firm confidence in God in the face of great suffering. Here the Servant represents the whole nation of Israel, a sole individual representing the community. The Suffering Servant speaks of his ability to endure pain and insults in his mission because of his trust in God's help and protection. The early Church regarded this as a prophecy about the Messiah fulfilled in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the whole of humanity.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Psalm 22 is a prayer of an oppressed person who feels abandoned by everyone. Here the prayer anticipates the words of Jesus in his final moments before death. Once again the details of the psalm reflect the plight of the suffering servant in the first reading, and strikingly prefigure the climax of Jesus' passion. The second part of the psalm (vv 23-32) expresses confidence and praise that God hears those who call upon him. Response: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul quotes a hymn professing faith in the lordship of Jesus that was probably already familiar to his readers. He gives the passion of Jesus as the pattern for Christians to follow. Jesus emptied himself, but God the Father raised him up, and enthroned him as Lord. In other words, we look at the sufferings of Christ in the light of the resurrection. Thus the reading gives a perspective to Passion Sunday and Good Friday whereby we do not only concentrate on death alone, but also on the mystery of life that overcomes death. The passion makes sense only as a passage to new life.

Gospel of the Mass: Mark 14:1-15:47

The passion narrative of Jesus according to Mark interprets the death of Jesus on the cross as an agonizing conflict between the powers of light and the powers of darkness. For Mark therefore the passion of Jesus is an apocalyptic interpretation. The loud cry of Jesus on the cross is an announcement of triumph of the power of light and the rending of the temple curtain is a symbolic expression of that victory. The narrative in fact recalls the hymn in Philippians 2:6-11 in the Second reading. Thus Jesus is the divine Redeemer who has emptied himself of his divine glory, in order to hide himself from the powers of darkness. These powers crucify the Lord of glory. The crucified Messiah, who allows himself to be handed over to a shameful death, is a mystery and a scandal which is presented in Mark without explanation, and simply demands acceptance and submission.

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog

(text): www.sundayhomily.com

Podcast (audio): <https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

iTunes (audio): [Streaming Homilies](#)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 19, 2018

(8 am) †Sonny & Tessie Aquino

†M/M Charley Jones

†Josefino Solano, Sr.

(Birthday Memorial)

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

(8 am) †Yoko Aki

Patrick Aki (Special Intentions)

Antonet Ramento Recinas & Family

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

(8 am) Mildred Furuta

†Teresa Yamamoto

Antonet Ramento Recinas & Family

Thursday, March 22, 2018

(8 am) Earl & Ava Sauget

(Birthday Blessings/ Thanksgiving)

†Teresa Yamamoto

Antonet Ramento Recinas & Family

Friday, March 23, 2018

(8 am) †Teresa Yamamoto

Yolanda Morreira (Birthday Blessings)

Dominic Cortel (Birthday Blessings)

Saturday, March 24, 2018

8 am Nicholas Calzada

(Birthday Blessings)

Ramona DeCosta (Birthday Blessings)

Antonet Ramento Recinas & Family

5 pm †Teresa Yamamoto

Sunday, March 25, 2018

7am Antonet Ramento Recinas & Family

9 am For the People

11 am †Teresa Yamamoto

6 pm Laura Ann Peeters

(Birthday Blessings/ Thanksgiving)

† Rest in Peace †

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Warren Chalmers, Carrie Becky, Deacon Modesto Cordero, Cheryl Solomon, Clyde Sauget, Felisa Rapisura, Linda Osdieck, David Hall, Evelyn Quinata, Shirley Del Rosario, Carol Towne, Darrlyn & Ron Bunda, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, David Torres, Jack & Ellen Cleghorn, Ernesta Tolentino, Lester Wilson, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Jim Vangrinsven, Dollie McGarry, Suzanne Foster, Linda Eguchi, Mario M. Pichon & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Larry Butcher, Teresita Aquino, Rosalina V. Bayona, Agreda Acebo, Maureen Hart, Francisco V. Soliven, Ernesto D. Dumlaio, Teodora Caliboso, Praxedes Salmorin, Milagros Gueco, Bella Rillamas, Phillip D. Meek, Sr., William Brilhante, Barbara Silva, Theresa M. Robles, Alveria Maldonado, Teresa Yamamoto, Jose R. Burgos, Debra K. Badis, & George Dorado.

† **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT** †**Barbara Silva (RIP)**

Saturday, April 14, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:00 am

Mass: 10:30 am

Burial: 1:00 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Central Vicariate Lenten Penance Service:

Tuesday, March 20– 7 pm
 Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa
 Wednesday, March 21– 7 pm
 St. Michael, Waialua

Please contact the parish office to set up an appointment & coordination for the following :

Anointing of the Sick**Baptisms** (Upcoming ceremony dates)**March 18, April 15 & 22, May 13 & 27.****Baptism Preparation Classes : April 8, May 6, and June 3.****Blessings** (home, auto, religious items, etc...)**Funerals****Homebound Communion****Marriages** (at least 6 months before wedding date)**LIFE TEEN REMINDER:**Sunday, March 18: **"SATISFIED"!**

"Taking care of the Soul." at 7pm in Rms 4/5.

No Life Night– March 25 "Palm Sunday"

SEE YOU THERE!**RE ANNOUNCEMENTS: RESTORED ORDER NEWS**

Grades 2-5, Edge & Life Teen

Parents may download the One Ohana Videos on Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist in preparation for our student's class schedules for March.

Go to: www.catholicahawaii.org/confirmationvideo for Confirmation: One 'Ohana www.catholicahawaii.org/eucharistvideo for Eucharist: One 'Ohana Catechists have the joyful mission of assisting parents with recognizing Christ's presence in the every day activities of the "domestic Church". Christ is already at work in us and we, the Body of Christ, help to nurture the seeds of faith. We must look to finding God in every day family life.

RE & CYM Upcoming Events:

Easter Egg Hunt! Bring your Easter Egg Baskets & Join us on **Sunday, April 1, 10 am at Kipapa Neighborhood Park** for our Parish Egg Hunt, sponsored by Religious Education Department.

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held on *Friday, April 6*, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on *Saturday, April 7.*



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	MAR 10/11
Sunday Collection	\$ 13,602. 20
Children's Collection	\$ 5. 00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,318. 70
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 996. 65
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 4,154. 45
Candle Sales	\$ 645. 00
Donation– Baptism	\$ 70. 00
Donation– Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,754. 00
Donation– Holy Thurs.– Oper. Rice Bowl	\$ 88. 51
Donation– Frugal Meal– Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 81. 00
Donation– Flowers– Easter	\$ 75. 00
Donation– Social Ministry	\$ 58. 00
Donation– Charity	\$ 82. 70
Donation– Mass Intentions	\$ 120. 00

Weekend Total: \$ 28,284. 96

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce."– Proverbs

The next *Catholic Book Club* meeting will be on **Thursday, April 19, 7-9 pm in classroom 6.**

The title of the discussion book is "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion" by Gregory Boyle.

Open to All!

For more information, contact Erlyne 808-783-9550.

Respect Life: The spring 40 Days for Life Campaign of prayer, fasting and outreach to protect all innocent life extends from Feb 14 through March 25. Community outreach includes group prayers and physical presence at the facility, located 1350 S. King St., appealing to God to end anti-life procedures in Hawaii and our nation. You may sign up online at: www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu or you are invited to join a group *St. John the Apostle & Evangelist* that will leave our parish parking lot at 9 am on Mondays and arrive back at Church at approx. 11:30 am. Each parish ministry is encouraged to select one day and time for the ministry members to participate together as a group. Sign up at the back of church or contact Mary Smart, cell: 741-2358 for more information.



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Easter Flower Envelopes are available at the back of the church or you may also donate online by visiting our parish website, clicking "**online giving.**"

Stations of the Cross will be held on the following **Fridays: March 23 & 30 at 7pm.**

Frugal Meals will be served after Stations of the Cross on March 23rd. Mahalo to Knights of Columbus for hosting.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace & join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **Please be generous!** You may donate online by visiting our parish website, clicking "**online giving.**"

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in Disguise.** Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Learn more at www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Divine Mercy Sunday— Join **the St. John Rosary Group & The Knights of Columbus on Sunday, April 8 at 3pm in the church** for the Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. Bring your Rosary! To prepare, remember to begin a Novena on **Good Friday (March 30)** thru **Easter Saturday (April 1st)**. For more info, call Pearl at (808) 623-3332 ext. 203.

Lent and Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross: 7pm (Fridays)
March 23 & 30.

Frugal Meal sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on March 23 after Stations of the Cross.

Palm Sunday, March 25
(Regular Mass Schedule)

Holy Thursday, March 29 (No 8am Mass)
*Morning Prayers at 8am.

***Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper** at 7pm.

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in silence til 12 midnight.

Good Friday, March 30 (No 8am Mass)
*Morning Prayer at 8am.

***Celebration of the Lord's Passion** at 3pm.
*Stations of the Cross at 7pm.
Parish Office Closed

Holy Saturday, March 31 (No 8am Mass)
* Morning Prayers at 8am Mass.
* No 3:30pm Confession

* **Solemn Easter Vigil Celebration** at 7pm

Easter Sunday, April 1
Solemn Mass at dawn at 7pm.
Solemn Mass at 9am.
Solemn Mass at 11 am.
** No 6 pm Mass **

Easter Monday, April 2
Church Offices Closed

Diocese of Honolulu

2018 Lenten Regulations

FASTING

❖ In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on **Good Friday (March 30th).**

❖ To *fast* means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

❖ Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

❖ To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

THIS WEEK: March 19– March 25

Monday – 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
4 pm– Girl Scouts (Troop 611) (Rm 6)
6 pm – Cub Scouts (Rms 4-5)
7 pm – Charismatic PG (CH)
7 pm– Boy Scouts (Rm 4)

Tuesday –7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am–Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am–Church Cleaning–Environment (CH).
9 am– Women's Bible Study (Rm 6)
3 pm – Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)
4:30 pm– Children's Choir Practice (CCH)
7 pm– Combined Chorus Practice (CH)
7:30 pm – AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm – OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
7:30 pm – NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday –7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
5 pm– Women's Guild (Rms 4/5)
7 pm– Liturgical Planning Mtg. (Conf Rm)
7 pm– Chrism Mass– at Co-Cathedral

Friday – 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am– Church Cleaning (Environment)
4 pm– 2 Hearts (CH)
6 pm– Girl Scouts (Troop 104) (Rm 5)
7 pm– Stations of the Cross (CH)

Saturday– 7:30am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
3 pm– RE "B" Schedule (Rm 1/3)
3:30 pm – Confession
5 pm– Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday – Masses: Palm Sunday
7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

RE: "B" Schedule (Rms 1-6)

7 pm– NO Life Teen

4pm — 6pm Choir Practice (CH)

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...
... AND SECURE YOUR VEHICLE!

PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.



Car thieves love to window shop!

Planting Seeds for the Future: When your attorney prepares your estate planning documents, you can include your church as the final beneficiary to receive remaining benefits after other beneficiaries are remembered. Please remember *St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church* in planning your will.

Meditations for the Fifth Week of Lent

WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

The Son of Man

John 12:20–33

As the Gospel opens, Jesus is well aware that his time on earth is coming to a close. In fact, he admits that he is “troubled,” but adds, “Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Upset as he admits he is, he still puts the Father first.

In today’s Gospel, a voice responds to Jesus’ prayer by saying, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” In the second part of this passage, Jesus tries to explain to the crowds his true identity, the Son of Man, and the real meaning of the cross — the salvation of all the world.

Through his obedience to the Father, Jesus reveals God’s glory.

He foreshadows his crucifixion and death through the language of service: “If someone might give service to me, let him follow.

Where I am, there also will be my servant.”

As we enter the final weeks of Lent, we are called to bring forth the glory of the Lord as we follow Christ in service to God and one another. Let us remember not just the pain of Christ’s passion, but the reason for his death — to bring us the gift of reconciliation with God the Father.

FOR REFLECTION

- › Am I carving out enough time to pray this Lenten season?
- › Is there someone in my life that I need to forgive?
- › How am I doing on keeping my Lenten discipline?

Lenten Prayer

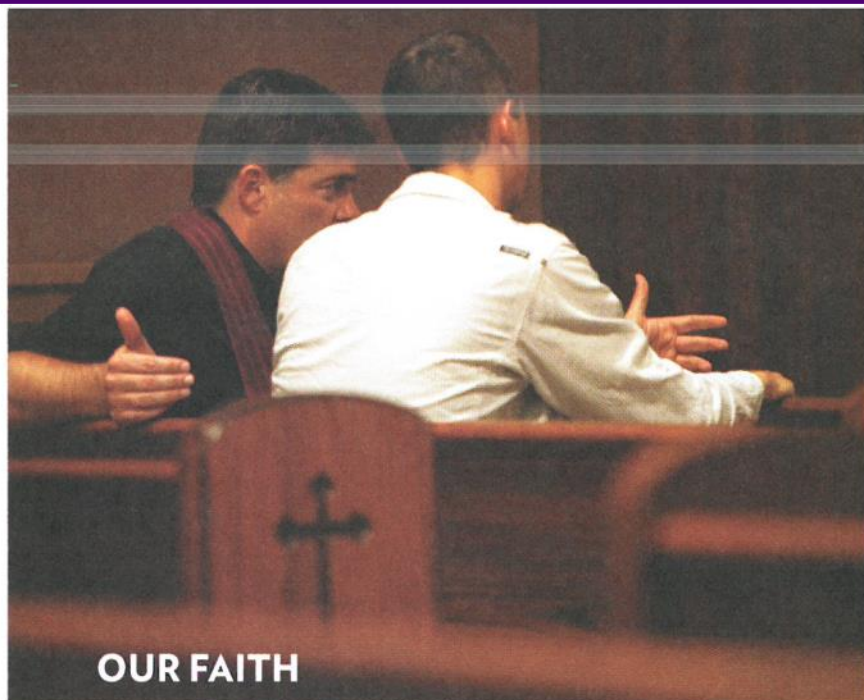
Unto to you, I cry, my God!

“This is the promise that he made us: eternal life.”

— 1 John 2:25

Thank you, my God, for your steadfast love, which guides me in this life and waits to welcome me home to the next.





OUR FAITH

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

According to Church law, all Catholics “having reached the age of discretion” are required to confess all “grave sins” at least one a year. It is also recommended that they confess venial sins. Lent is the ideal time to make a good confession. Most parishes offer extended confession times and even special penance services.

Catechism CONNECTION

“It is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest’s sacramental absolution God grants the penitent ‘pardon and peace.’ It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the life of God who reconciles: ‘Be reconciled to God.’”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1424



FAMILY ACTIVITY

Random Acts of Kindness

Part of penance is service, and we are called to serve one another with joyful hearts! As a family, write out several random acts of kindness that can be carried out over the week. Include things like smiling at someone, picking up trash, inviting someone to play a game, making a phone call to a grandparent, and helping someone carry a package. Throughout the week, have each family member draw a slip and complete the action. When everyone has completed their random act, talk about what happened and how it felt. Be sure to pray for the recipients of your acts of kindness.

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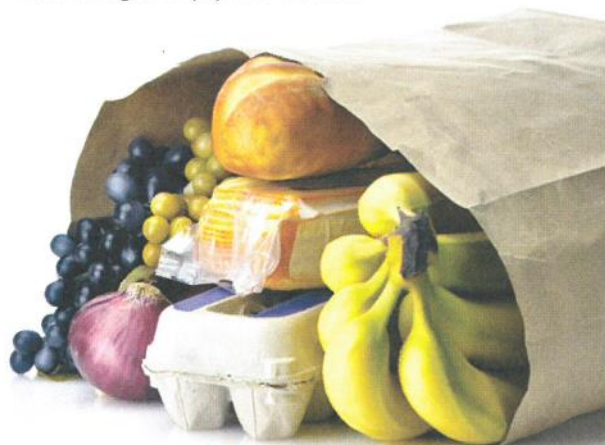
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SIGNS OF THE SEASON

Fasting

Fasting, one of the Lenten practices, is often observed as fasting from food. It is not because our bodies need to be punished (or that we need to go on a diet). We fast to allow our physical hunger to remind us of our spiritual hunger, our need for God. We fast to remind ourselves of our baptismal commitment and need for renewal.

Fasting not only reminds us of our dependence on God but also on the needs of others, the hungry and the poor. Fasting is a Gospel value, but not fasting by itself. Fasting and almsgiving are Gospel twins. Our tradition of fasting has never been to purge, to deprive the body for deprivation’s sake, but to have more to give away. We fast in order to place ourselves in solidarity with the poor and hungry. If the grocery money saved by our fasting does not somehow help feed the poor and hungry then our fasting is empty and useless.



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