

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, February 28

Second Sunday of Lent

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Monday, March 1

Monday of the Second Week of Lent

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after Mass

Tuesday, March 2

Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Wednesday, March 3

Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Thursday, March 4

Thursday of the Second Week of Lent

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Friday, March 5

Friday of the Second Week of Lent

Day of Abstinence

Stations of the Cross at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Saturday, March 6

Saturday of the Second Week of Lent

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Sunday, March 7

Third Sunday of Lent

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

2/15 – 2/21

Sunday Offering	\$ 3,520.79
Weekday + Ash Wednesday	\$ 2,033.19
Online Giving	\$ 1,159.26
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 47.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,760.24

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 10,416.00
Augustine Educational Foundation	\$ 35.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 29.85
Religious Retirement	\$ 10.00
Others (Gallery, Candles, Intention etc.)	\$ 699.61
Total	\$ 17,950.70

Living the Liturgy

- Make a sign to post in some corner of your home that reads, "Mount Tabor." Try to reserve that area as a place to go when you need an experience of God's awesome, overwhelming presence.
- Cut out a picture of a ram or print one from the Internet. Glue it to a piece of cardboard and use it as a bookmark. The next time you go to confession or just feel "sinful," take out the ram and remember that just as the ram substituted for Isaac, Christ substituted for you and paid the price for your sins.
- Brainstorm ideas for small things that each member of your family can do this week to show love for God and kindness to others. Make a list with at least one thing for each person each day. Check off your offerings as you complete them.

Sharing the Faith

- Jesus was deeply steeped in the history of his people, symbolized here by Moses and Elijah, who represent the law and prophets. What aspects of your history do you understand best? Who in your ancestry helps you understand yourself better?
- Have you ever undertaken something you didn't want to do because you thought God was asking it of you? How did you feel? Would you do it again?
- What do you think motivated Abraham's willingness to give up what he loved most in the world? What do you think motivated God's willingness to send his only beloved Son into the world?

Quote of the Week

"He who did not spare his own Son . . . will he not also give us everything else along with him?"
(Romans 8:32).

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 | Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 | Romans 8:31b-34 | Mark 9:2-10

In his breathless relief over the sparing of his son, Abraham spies a ram and knows he has found a substitute to offer in place of his beloved boy. Isaac was a son, his firstborn whom he loved! Abraham's hopes and dreams were pinned on him. To lose Isaac would be to lose everything. But in his place Abraham offers something that isn't even his — the ram is a found object, provided by the merciful God. Isaac is commonly considered a type or foreshadowing of Jesus, but there is also great contrast between them. While Abraham substitutes an animal for his son, God offers his Son in place of us. An inferior creature substitutes for Isaac, but an infinitely superior creature substitutes for us. The ram shares nothing in common with Abraham, but Jesus is God's own Son who shares the very life of God. His divinity is manifested on the mountain in a spectacle that terrifies the disciples. This Jesus who is sacrificed in our place — who, unlike Isaac, God did not hold back — is the one of whom Paul sings. Like a teenager on the playground Paul struts and says: Who would dare be against us? Why so bold? Because Paul knows, as we all should, that one far greater than any threatening bully stands with us: Christ who died, was raised, and who forever reigns and intercedes for us, his sisters and brothers.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Third Sunday of Lent"

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 | Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 | 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 | John 2:13-25

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him" Mark 9: 7

Our Gospel Reading this Sunday brings us back to the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Peter, James, and John are so privileged to witness the event. Peter is caught up with high energy to build three tents for Jesus, Elijah, and Moses. The experience though terrifying, places Peter in a position to be excited to build tents for them. In this event, a voice from the cloud is heard, *"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him"*. After the transfiguration, all of them went down from the mountain, and Jesus tells them not to say anything about it until He will rise from the dead.

His miracles or well-known teachings do not bring about the glorification of Jesus. These miracles and thought-provoking teachings put Him in trouble with the scribes and Pharisees. Rather, Jesus' glorification is brought about by His Passion, Death and Resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. He suffered and died for the sin of humanity. Jesus' obedience brings about this act of sacrificial love to God's will.

We need to reflect on the words of the Father; *this is my beloved Son; listen to him* because Jesus sets an example of how we can truly be sons and daughters of the Father. To listen to Him directs our path towards the things that would nourish our lives spiritually and motivates us to live in grace and not in sin. The Opening Prayer of this Sunday's Liturgy expresses this, *"O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased; we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight make pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory."*

Lent is a time given to us to examine how we are carrying out our call to be Jesus' disciples today. We ask ourselves if we have been faithful, turning away from our sin and listening and believing in the Good News of Christ as we had reflected from last Sunday's message. Lent is a moment to continue that journey of faith, reconciling ourselves to our God, with one another, and with ourselves.

I know it is so difficult to carry on with our lives during these trying times. Patiently, we are awaiting that all things will be back to their normal course. And, it is taking a while. Many of our brothers and sisters have greatly suffered because they lost a loved one or work is difficult to accomplish or even lost jobs. But this might be the way to climb up our mountain of sacrifice that, on top of this, we may truly see what God wills for us and accept it wholeheartedly. As we embrace this, we can bring about change in our lives, a deeper relationship with Jesus, full of faith and trust in Him.

May the Lenten Season enrich your spiritual path!

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual