

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 15

Third Sunday of Lent

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

First Scrutiny at 9:00am

Young Adult Meeting at 12:00pm

Monday, March 16

Monday of the Third Week of Lent

Tuesday, March 17

Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent

Wednesday, March 18

Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, March 20

Friday of the Third Week of Lent

Day of Abstinence

Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:30pm

Saturday, March 21

Saturday of the Third Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Ss. Damien/Marianne Prayer Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 22

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Ministry Fair at 8:00am

Sharing Faith

- Water for the Church is a deep symbol of new life. Water (or lack of it) in various places in the world is a sign of abundance or scarcity. The United States is rich in the abundance of water, compare to many places. How are we Christians call to use and conserve that resource for the good of all God's people?
- Pray using Psalm 95. In your reflection, explore what it means to keep your heart from hardening to God's will. Discuss it with a group or use it for daily prayer this lent.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

3/1 – 3/8

Sunday Offering	\$ 9,136.74
Weekday with Latin Mass	\$ 1,643.71
Coffers	\$ 818.00
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 75.00
Total Offertory	\$ 11,673.45

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 45.00
Funeral Donation	\$ 10.00
Devotional Candles	\$ 1,499.25
Augustine Educational Foundation	\$ 40.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00
Others (Gallery, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 2,003.36
Total	\$ 15,276.06

Ministry Fair

You are light in the Lord! Light produces every kind of goodness, righteousness and truth. On Sunday, March 22, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., the various ministries that make up the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace parish will hold a ministry fair to share with you the good works that are happening within our church and as light to the world and our downtown community. More than ever, we need YOU to make our light shine even brighter! Please take the time to visit the booths in the Kamiano Center, learn how the ministry adds to the life of the parish, and meet others who are currently serving who welcome your participation with them. Afterwards, take time to review your own God-given gifts and pray on how you can best serve God through serving others. Our light shines brighter together!

Sharing Faith

- What part of your life might you leave at Jesus' feet as you go out into the world to give witness to God's Good News?
- Have there been times when you have grumbled at God for things that happen in your life? What kind of dialogue does God invite you to have?
- What does life-giving water mean to you?

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Calendar

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March 15, 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Exodus 17:3-7 | Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 | Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 | John 4:5-42 or 5:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

In today's Exodus reading, we hear Moses' frustration with the Israelites who demand he find water in the desert. He prays to God, who provides water from the rock in Horeb. The Israelites demand water but they really want God to send them a sign of his presence. It is a human story; it is easy to trust God is with us when all is right in our lives. But in our desert times, when struggle, heartache, and loss occur, we wonder where God is. Like the Israelites, we thirst for reassurance that God remains ever with us.

In today's Gospel we hear a story about water and thirst. Jesus tells a Samaritan woman he is the source that can quench her thirst for all eternity. She does not understand. Jesus' conversation with her reveals an amazing truth: he is Christ, the Messiah, who offers her salvation. She believes and testifies to this Good News in her town, where people began to believe because of her testimony. This Lent, we, too, are invited to testify how Christ, the Messiah, quenches our thirst.

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

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a | Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. | Ephesians 5:8-14 | John 9:1-41

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"Give me a drink."

I used to attend the Aloha Run on Presidents' Day. One time, I encouraged my associate pastor, Fr. Rex, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Pearl City to join me in the event. It was his first. Days before the event, we prepared ourselves by doing a lot of walking and short runs to keep fit. We must finish 8.2 miles to reach the Aloha Stadium. When I first joined, I shared the instructions I received to him, especially to hydrate during the run. In the past events I attended, I witnessed some people passing out because of dehydration. Organizers knew the importance of having water stations. Although Fr. Rex was way ahead of me, I had a good guess that he did take a cup or two to drink to finish the race. For me, not just because the water was available that I had to get one, but also, I realized that I needed the water to keep me going and finish the race. I know that drinking water helped me finish. Completing the race made me felt good and felt a sense of accomplishment.

We all know the importance of water. It cleans, it replenishes, it sustains and most of all it gives life. It soothes our thirst and makes us feel satisfied. As our physical bodies need water, so is our soul. This water that nourishes our soul is no other than Jesus Himself, the Living Water.

The story of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the well demonstrates to us how a simple request of the Lord for water became a teachable moment. Jesus knew who she was from the beginning, but He made the woman realize for herself what she had done in her life and what she needed to do. In short, the conversation that took place became a beautiful encounter of conversion and mission. Having met and known Jesus, what else could she ask for?

We know who Jesus is. We know what he did for us. We are very much aware of what he taught. But do all these enable us to have a genuine encounter with Him? We know in life that we desire good things, but we tend to satisfy these desires with pleasure and materialism. Our thirst is quenched by what the world offers us only to find out that we thirst for more. But if we come to realize and accept that only Jesus can quench our thirst, then we know that we can continue the path towards the Kingdom of God.

Your friend in the Lord,
Fr. Pascual