

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, February 28

Second Sunday of Lent

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

Religious Education classes at 8:00am

R.C.I.A. at 9:00am Mass

Samoan Choir Rehearsal at 5:00pm

Monday, March 1 – *Lenten weekday*

Tuesday, March 2 – *Lenten weekday*

Lenten Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 3 – *Lenten weekday*

Confessions at 11:00am

Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, March 4 – *Lenten weekday*

Cathedral Prayer Group at 6:00pm

Friday, March 5 – *Lenten weekday*

Day of Abstinence

Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:15pm

Saturday, March 6 – *Lenten weekday*

Confessions at 10:00am

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 7

Third Sunday of Lent

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

Religious Education classes at 8:00am

R.C.I.A. First Scrutiny at 9:00am Mass

Samoan Choir Rehearsal at 5:00pm

With Grateful Hearts

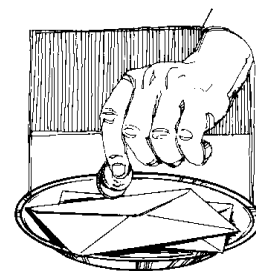
Donation acknowledgement letters were sent out for tax filing purposes. If you did not receive your letter or if you are having "pledge" problems or questions, or if you wish to make a pledge, please call our office (536-7036) and ask for Alika Cullen. All pledge payments will result in a 25% rebate check to the Cathedral General Fund. To date we have been received \$48,100!

Help! We need "greens"

If you can help provide our community with either large coconut or areca palm fronds to be used in our Passion Sunday celebration, or if you would like to help us pick and clean the palms, please call our office at 536-7036! We would appreciate the extra "hands."

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,112.28
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,774.84
Coffers	\$ 774.85
Holy Day Collection	\$ 2,965.08
Total	\$ 14,627.05



Building Planning Committee

All of our sub-committees, tasked with reflection on the various aspects of the Cathedral's life and ministry, have all met at least once now in preparation for the visit by our architects and liturgical consultant the first week of March. Plans are now being made for the visit on March 4th, 5th, & 6th. Currently, we are also working on and awaiting the written contract with the architectural firms.



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Science

Grade 5 has been researching, writing, and preparing their displays for their Science Fair on Thursday. Their topics range from plants to buoyancy to chocolate! We look forward to seeing their projects!

Last Saturday we tested 24 potential students for Kindergarten – Grade 7! We still have a few more to test and calls come in every day. We are blessed by so much interest and enthusiasm about our school. It's not too late to apply! Please call the school office at 533 – 2069 for more information.



Grades 4 & 5 are busy preparing for their trip to the Big Island in another week. Please keep them, their teachers, and parent chaperones in your prayers as they embark on this long awaited excursion.



Thank you for continuing to save Boxtops and Campbell's Soup Labels for us. We appreciate your efforts!!



February 28, 2010 – Second Sunday of Lent

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 | Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 | Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 | Luke 9:28b-36

Being faithful to a promise is easy sometimes. We know what's expected and it may not be hard to honor our promise. But keeping a promise that requires sacrifice or constant reflection on our part can be harder because, as humans, we have a tendency to become careless or forgetful.

Lent provides us with an opportunity to remember our baptismal promise to be faithful to God. Lent reminds us of the covenant God made with Abram and the faith asked for in return. For Abram, this act of faith meant surrendering his future into God's hands. For Jesus, it meant surrendering his life.

Often, we need help remembering our part in the covenant. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, gave his life so we could remember that our part is to live imitating him as his disciples. Jesus' entire life and ministry on earth showed us how to love God by loving one another. We often fail in our part of the covenant. Once again this Lent, we are tasked with finding a way to renew our own baptismal promises, our part of the covenant with God.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 | Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 | 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 | Luke 13:1-9

Fr. John's Corner

2nd Sunday of Lent...

Today, as on every Second Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of the transfiguration of Jesus, a glimpse of what is to be. With the apostles, we climb the mountain of Lent to behold Jesus at the summit in glory. Luke's version of the transfiguration draws the reader's attention to one unusual word: *exodus*. In the vision, Moses and Elijah appear in glory and speak with Jesus about his exodus in Jerusalem. With one word, Luke opens up a vast and important interpretation of this event and of Jesus' death and resurrection. The topic of conversation at the transfiguration is the passion we will commemorate at the conclusion of Lent. The passing of Jesus from death to life is likened to the exodus, the crossing of the chosen people into their promised land.

Lenten Penance and Good Works...

The faithful are encouraged during the period of Lent to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, participate in penance services, and receive Sacramental Absolution; to take part as frequently as possible in public and private exercises of piety, give generously to works of religion and charity, perform acts of kindness towards the sick, aged, and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial especially regarding food, drink, and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Flu precautions update...

We will continue to **temporarily suspend the practice of offering Holy Communion under the form of the cup**. At the same time, we encourage those who prefer to receive Communion (the consecrated host) on the tongue to consider receiving in the hand during this current flu epidemic; and those who still prefer to receive on the tongue are asked to please wait until the end of the line, since it is impossible for those distributing to purify their hands during the Communion procession. Lastly, **for the Sign of Peace, we recommend that you simply wave, nod, bow, or smile** in place of handshaking during this flu season. If the threat of the flu epidemic continues to diminish, we would like to resume offering the cup (the Precious Blood) at all Masses, starting with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 1st.