

**March 1, 2020**  
**First Sunday**  
**of Lent**



**Parish Calendar**

**Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm**

**Sunday Masses:**

**6am, 8am, 10am, 12:30pm**

**Daily Mass(Tuesday to Saturday) at  
7:15am**

**Sunday, March 1**

11am	R.E Classes	<b>C.R/H</b>
12:30pm	Mass/Fellowship	<b>CH/H</b>
2pm	Divine Mercy	<b>CH/H</b>
4pm	Chuukese Mass	<b>CH/H</b>

**Monday, March 2**

7:15am	Communion Service	<b>CH</b>
6:30pm	Zumba Class	<b>H</b>

**Tuesday, March 3**

5pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	<b>CH</b>
7pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	<b>CH</b>
7:30pm	Neo-Catechumenal	<b>H</b>

**Wednesday, March 4**

11am	Food Pantry / GPS	<b>H</b>
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**Thursday, March 5**

6pm	10AM Choir Practice	<b>CH</b>
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**Friday, March 6**

12:30pm	School Stations of the Cross	
5:30pm	Stations of the Cross	<b>CH</b>
6pm	Ilocano Mass	<b>CH</b>
6pm	Youth Ministry	<b>CH/H</b>
7pm	Hispanic Choir Practice	<b>R.E</b>

**Saturday, March 7**

8am-11	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Retreat	<b>CH/H</b>
5pm	Vigil Mass	<b>CH</b>
7:30pm	Neocatechumenal Way	<b>CH</b>

Calendar Legend

Ch = Church	RE = Religious Ed
CC = Convent Chapel	SR = Science Room
PL = Parking Lot	CR = Classroom

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP**

As we begin the beautiful and challenging season of Lent, our readings this week remind us why it is that we need these 40 days so much. They also suggest a particular strategy we Christian stewards might take as we make the journey towards Easter, so that we arrive there as better disciples — more focused on Christ and His mission for us.

Our first reading takes us all the way back to Genesis, reminding us of our Creator and the loving care and lavish gifts He gave to our ancestors, Adam and Eve. Out of pure love, He “formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life.” Then He “planted a garden in Eden... [and] made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food.” Life was good in the Garden!

Until the first couple allowed just a sliver of doubt in the goodness of God to enter their minds. Swayed by the words of the serpent that they could become like gods if they ate of the one fruit God had forbidden, they became ungrateful and distrustful despite God’s great love for them and all the gifts of creation He had provided. Sound familiar? These are the same temptations that threaten to pull us away from God today.

Our second reading, from St. Paul’s letter to the Romans, sums up this ancient story and reminds us that the same all-perfect God who created Adam and Eve and that good Garden has provided a remedy for our sins — the saving love and perfect obedience of Jesus on our behalf. “For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.” This is truly Good News!

Our first reading reminds us of our need for this 40-day “reset” to examine our lives and make changes where needed so that we can become stronger in overcoming temptations to sin. Our second reading gives us hope that this reset is truly possible through the mercy and grace of Jesus.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, shows us by the example of Jesus Himself one way that we can attain spiritual strength and grow to become more effective disciples and stewards. In this passage we find our Lord in the desert, fasting for 40 days and 40 nights. Like Adam and Eve, He is confronted by the evil one. But unlike our fallen parents, our Lord triumphs definitively over the devil’s lies and sends him slithering away. How did He do it? By knowing the Scriptures and by proclaiming them confidently, and by His perfect trust in the Father.

This Lent let’s embrace this 40-day spiritual reset. Let’s commit to prayerfully studying the Scriptures. This could take the form of a daily family Gospel reflection, a few moments with the Psalms at the beginning of a lunch break or any other countless ways. If this requires a bit of “fasting” from social media or a favorite TV show in order to find the time, all the better since Jesus Himself fasted for 40 days, too. As faithful stewards, we are called to prioritize our use of time to seek relationship with our loving God. Let’s get to know Him better by studying His Word this Lent!

## Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection	\$3,990.05
Other Offerings/Income (Candle, Mass Offerings, Funerals Marriages, Baptisms, Unscheduled Masses & Donations)	\$1,446.37
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection retain by the parish "Maintenance Fund"	\$1,637.66

**TOTAL OFFERINGS \$7,074.08**

Weekly Offering needed for Operations	\$6,743.00*
Amount Over or Short	\$331.08

\*Unplanned expenses in our budget for \$21,898.00

This Year (Increase)  
Parish Assessment and Property  
& Liability Insurance

### Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:

Catholic Relief Services

### Altar Ministry Cleaning Schedule Team 4

Neo-Catechumenal Way

\*Dr. Ramos

Rev. Diego Restrepo  
Serna  
Parish Administrator

Peter Soumwei  
Deacon

Ricardo Burgos  
Deacon

Bertha Guerrero  
Secretary &  
Business Manager

Carol Chong  
School Principal

Sr. Esther Pagdato, O.P.  
Sisters Convent &  
Superior

Renier Torres  
Pastoral Council Chair

Ping Blas  
Finance Council Chair

Danielle Burgos  
Religious Education  
Director

## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, March 1, 2020:**

### Repose of the souls:

- (+)Remedios Garcia
- (+)Paulino & Annabelle Castillo

### Thanksgiving & Healing:

- Sekoti Bernard

### Birthday Blessings:

- Mekiole. Leota

### Thanksgiving from:

- The Leota family

### Successful Surgery:

Rockelle Ventura

**March 2-March 7@ 7:15am  
& 5pm. Repose of the  
souls:**

- (+)Marcelino, Susana, Romulo  
& Mariano Tavita
- (+)Jomel Ganding
- (+)Boni Martinez
- (+)Ben Cabalar

### Birthday:

- Mekiole. Leota



First Friday 3/06/2020,  
Stations will be at 5:30pm.  
Invite a friend and join us.

### Our Stewardship Prayer

Generous and Loving  
Creator, you have called us to  
Malama i ka Makana (Cherish  
the Gift).

As disciples of your Son, we  
ask that your Spirit open our  
minds and hearts to  
more deeply  
appreciate your countless  
blessings. Increase your  
transforming spirit within us,  
so as to nurture  
our call to stewardship as a  
way of life marked always by  
faith-filled prayer,  
service to others  
and generous giving. With  
the kokua of St. Marianne  
and St. Damien, teach us to  
be good  
stewards so we may return a  
hundred-fold the makana  
entrusted to us.  
We pray this through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen

## PARISH MINISTRIES

*Building & Maintenance*  
*Baptism Preparation*  
*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*  
*Marriage Preparation*  
*Eucharistic Ministers*  
*Lectors*  
*Altar Server*  
*Altar Cleaners*  
*Ushers/Hospitality*  
*Social/Outreach*  
*Neo-Catechumenal Way*  
*Divine Mercy*  
*Music Ministries*  
*Knights of Columbus*  
*Youth Ministry*  
*Gimong ti Novena*  
*Ethnic Ministries (Hispanic, Samoan, Ilocano,  
Chuukese)*

### Other Masses, Adorations & Devotions

First Friday @ 7:45am-9:00am -Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
First Friday @ 6:00pm- Ilocano Mass  
First Saturday @ 8:00am- Holy Rosary - Dominican Lay  
Associates  
First Sunday @ 5:00pm- Chuukese Mass  
First Sunday @ 10am Samoan Mass