

March 8, 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 8

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

Monday, March 9

7:15am Communion Service CH

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

11am Food Pantry/Senior Box H

Thursday, March 12

7pm	Baptismal Class	CH
7:30pm	Baptismal Class (Spanish)	C.R
6pm	10AM Choir Practice	H

Friday, March 13

12:30pm	School Stations of the Cross	
6:30pm	Stations of the Cross	CH
6pm	Youth Ministry	CH/H
7pm	Hispanic Choir Practice	R.E

Saturday, March 14

5pm	Vigil Mass	CH
7:30pm	Neocatechumenal Way	CH

Calendar Legend

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us Christian stewards' motivation to continue on our 40-day journey towards deeper holiness. The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of a good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable way of life, to the only home he has ever known, he recognizes that all he has is gift from God, puts his trust in God and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

St. Paul encourages us on this path in our second reading taken from his letter to Timothy. "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel..." adding this critical phrase, "with the strength that comes from God." On our own we are weak, inclined towards selfishness and comfort seeking. Relying on God's strength, however, we can persevere in the fight to attain holiness. Paul reminds us that, in fact, we were made for this! "[God] saved us and called us to a holy life."

To be "holy" means to be set apart for God. This means that our lives as Christian stewards will look different from those around us who do not know the Lord — but different in a way that is attractive, that draws them to the Lord as well. It is a way of life that is counter-cultural in our individualistic, "me first" day and age. The generous offering to God of our time, talents and treasure at times can feel like the "hardship" Paul mentions in our second reading. But this way of life is a path to holiness.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord takes His key apostles up to a high mountain and reveals Himself in His true glory. "He was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." And not only that, but the voice of the Father was revealed to them with the words, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." This revelation of the glory of God was so overwhelming to the apostles that they fell to the ground in fear when they saw Him this way. But our loving Savior is quick to reassure them to "Rise, and do not be afraid."

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses, "Listen to Him," "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.

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Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection	\$4,339.12
Other Offerings/Income (Candle, Mass Offerings, Funerals Marriages, Baptisms, Unscheduled Masses & Donations)	\$1,513.00
Ash Wednesday	\$2,722.75
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$8,574.87
Weekly Offering needed for Operations	\$6,743.00*
Amount Over or Short	+\$1,831.87

*Unplanned expenses in our budget for This Year (Increase)
Parish Assessment and Property & Liability Insurance \$21,898.00

Upcoming 2nd Collection:

Building and Maintenance Fund

Altar Ministry Cleaning Schedule Team 5

*Estrella.Domingo
*Claudia.Laongaya
*Connie. Enrico
*Elaine. Madrid
*Pat. De Peralta

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 8, 2020:

Repose of the souls:

(+)Cipriana Ventura
(+)Paulino & Annabelle Castillo
(+)Tereza Agapay Dagulo

Thanksgiving & Healing:

- Sekoti Bernard & Taililigo Van

Birthday Blessings:

- Maria Koleti Talaeai

Thanksgiving from:

- The Leota family

March 9-March 14@ 7:15am & 5pm. Repose of the souls:

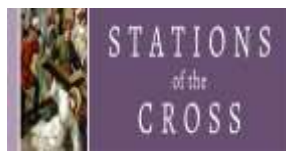
(+)Floralei Maglaya Diamsay
(+)Luisa Perla Madagarang
(+)Monica Batangan

Birthday:

- Erlinda Maglaya

Birthday & Thanksgiving:

- Olivia Edejer



Friday 3/13/2020,
Stations will be at 6:30pm. 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