

PARISH CALENDAR

Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2016

The Lord fills the hungry
with good things!

Saturday, February 6	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Sunday, February 7	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)
		Confirmation & Youth Ministry
	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Monday, February 8	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, February 9	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, February 10	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass - Ash Wednesday
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Mass - Ash Wednesday
Thursday, February 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, February 12	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Stations of the Cross - Lectors/EM's & Ushers
Saturday, February 13	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confessions
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Deut:26:4-10: Moses reviews salvation history.
Rom:10:8-13: All who believe in Christ will be saved.
Luke:4:1-13: Jesus is tempted in the desert.

Living Catholic in the 808: Why Do You Go to Mass

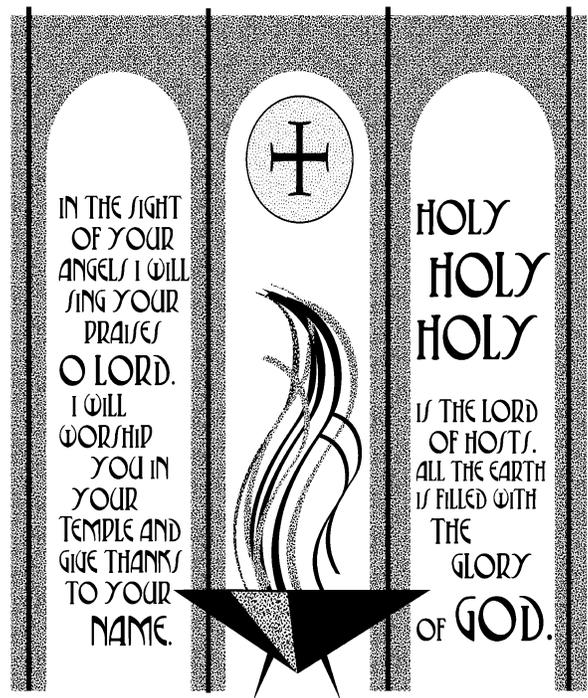
As Catholics we are taught to observe the 10 Commandments, including keeping holy the Sabbath, which we do in part by going to Sunday Mass. We are taught that not going to Sunday Mass is a mortal sin, on par with breaking any other commandment. And we uphold these truths even unto today.

That said, research shows that many Catholics disagree. Catholics still care about Mass and the Sacraments. But even stronger markers of our identity are our concern for the poor and the universality of the Church across the world (American Catholics in Transition, 2013).

I suspect that life's pressures and busy-ness explain much of this shift away from regular Mass attendance. But I think we've also received societal messages telling us that the reason to go to Mass is "for my spiritual enrichment/nourishment." And, if I do not need spiritual enrichment today, or if I do not generally feel nourished by Mass, then, of course, I should not go. Right?!

I agree we are nourished by Mass (sometimes without us knowing it – sometimes in SPITE of us!). However, our tradition offers at least 12 reasons we need the Mass. Maybe Lent is a good time to (re)discover some of these

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

“DA BIG BREAKFAST”: You still have time to purchase your tickets and join the parish ohana for Da Big Breakfast to be held on **Sunday, Feb. 14 after the 7:00 am mass and 9:00 am mass.** Entertainment will be provided. Tickets are being sold outside for **\$8.00.** On the day of the event we will be selling roses and valentine boxes of chocolates. Please join us and support the Religious Education fund-raiser. Thank you.

BUILDING COMMITTEE NEEDS: As a continuation to Fr. Alapaki’s homily last week, the St Rita Parish Planning & Building Committee is seeking the immediate services of a **Licensed Electrician.** We are planning on moving the trailers / rectory and need to move power prior to that. If you know a licensed Electrician, please contact **Chris or Krissy Kalili @ 840-9038/39.**

AUGUSTINE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION: SHOW YOUR SUPPORT TODAY! Our Catholic schools provide a quality education to students from all ethnic, religious and financial backgrounds. The Augustine Educational Foundation provides tuition scholarships to students with a financial need in our schools. Please take a moment today and help make a difference in a student’s life – your gift goes directly to support tuition scholarships from our parishioners and vicariate. MAHALO for helping the Foundation reach it’s goal of raising \$100,000!

HUNGERING FOR THE JOURNEY: Join our parish community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s rice bowl from the back of church on **Ash Wednesday, February 10th** and don’t forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! Remember what you give up for Lent changes lives.

WORD OF LIFE: “In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him.” – “**God’s Gift of Forgiveness: A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation**”, USCCB www.goo.gl/oXNDBj

WEEKLY READINGS

Feb 7 Sun: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa:6:12a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor:15:1-11; Lk: 5:1-11

Feb 8 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

1 Kings: 8:1-7, 19-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk: 6:53-56

Feb 9 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Kings: 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5, & 10, 11; Mk: 7:1-13

Feb 10 Wed: Ash Wednesday

Joel:2:12-18; Ps 51: 3-4, 6ab, 12-13, 14 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt: 6:1-6, 6-18

Feb 11 Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Deut: 30 ; 15-20; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk: 9:22-25

Feb 12 Fri: Friday after Ash Wednesday

Isa: 58:1-9a; Ps:51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt: 9:14-15

Feb 13 Sat: Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Isa:58:9b-14; Ps:86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship involves a willingness to give from the very core of who we are and what we have; from substance rather than abundance. “None of those who cry out “Lord, Lord” will enter the kingdom of God, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven” (Mt 7:21). Jesus made it clear that being stewards of our time, talent, and treasure is part of the will of his Father.

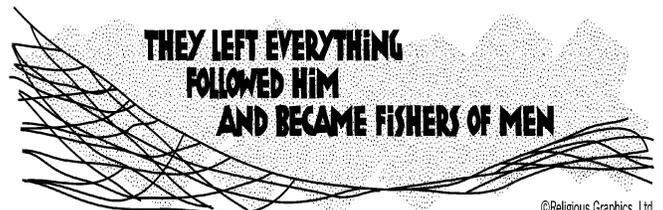
PREACHING THE GOSPEL

John, the only other evangelist to recount the story of the miraculous catch of fishes, places the story after the resurrection of Christ from the dead, not at the beginning of his ministry, as Luke does here. Unlike Matthew and Mark, who write that the disciples immediately follow Jesus at his summons, Luke seems to know that his listeners will comprehend the call to discipleship better if it follows a miraculous sign. But whether it’s Luke describing the beginning of the disciples following Jesus in mission, or John’s depiction of the risen Christ preparing his followers for the mission facing them after his return to the Father, the point is the same—and remains the same for us today. Paul expresses it best. It does not matter who preaches the gospel, or where or when, but only that it is, through the grace of God in us, preached and believed.

GOD IS CALLING

When God calls you to preach that gospel, what will be your response? Do you feel you have what it takes to love and serve? God knows your gifts and your goodness, even where the only things you may see are your faults. Despite these flaws, or perhaps even because of them, God wants you just as you are, just as God called Isaiah, Paul, and Peter. God assured and strengthened them in spite of their fears. Even as Paul said, “I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle” (1 Corinthians 15:9). Even as the psalmist said, “When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me” (Psalm 138:3). Remember, Peter finally said, “At your command I will lower the nets” (Luke 5:5).

Today’s readings offer a clarion call to each of us to live the vocation to which God has called us. Through our baptism, we have been invited to live out God’s vibrant love each day, making some hard choices as we go along. Today’s readings offer food for the journey as we try and try again to leave everything and follow Jesus.



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