

PARISH CALENDAR

Second Sunday
of Lent

February 21, 2016

Redeem us, Lord,
from our distress!

Saturday, February 20	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Sunday, February 21	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)
		Confirmation & Youth Ministry
	..... :5:00 p. m.	Mass
Monday, February 22	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, February 23	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, February 24	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, February 25	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 5:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Feeding Menu: CHICKEN
Friday, February 26	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Stations of the Cross - Outreach
Saturday, February 27	..... 8:30-2:30	CAR WASH
	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confessions
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Exod: 3:1-8a, 13-15: God appears in the burning bush.
1 Cor: 10:1-6, 10-12: Learn from other's mistakes.
Luke:13:1-9: If you do not repent, you will perish.

Living Catholic in the 808: Offering God Our Lives Part 11

One important reason we come to Mass is so we can work, so we can do the work of offering God our lives.

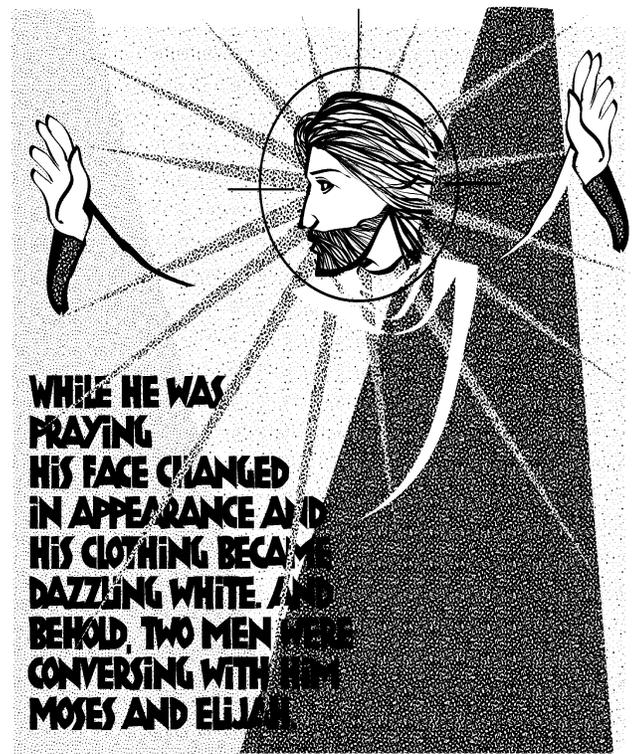
Consider a portion of this classic daily offering prayer, "I offer You everything I do this day: my work, my prayers, my apostolic efforts; my time with family and friends; my hours of relaxation; my difficulties, problems, distress, which I shall try to bear with patience."

During the Offertory at Mass, we build on this daily prayer. We give our lives to God to do with as God wishes. We put our lives "on the altar." We place before God our very selves alongside everyone else present.

And what does God do with this offering, with our sacrifice? Along with the bread and wine, God makes it sacred and gives it back to us. Four words capture the Eucharist – Take, Bless, Break, Give – are done not only with bread and wine but with us disciples. God **takes** our lives, as messy as they are, **blesses** them, **breaks** us (yes, this too!) and then **gives** us a better version of ourselves to be shared with one another.

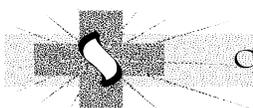
This is one important reason why we come to Mass.

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WHILE HE WAS PRAYING HIS FACE CHANGED IN APPEARANCE AND HIS CLOTHING BECAME DAZZLING WHITE. AND BEHOLD, TWO MEN WERE CONVERSING WITH HIM MOSES AND ELIJAH

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CHRIST is our light!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**.

BUILDING COMMITTEE FUND-RAISER: The St. Rita Building Committee will host a car wash on **Saturday, 27 Feb 2016 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.**, in front of the Church. Volunteers are needed...the more cars we wash, the more money we make for our building fund! Please spread the word and encourage all your friends and family to stop by and get their cars washed!

LENTEN 'AINA RETREAT: please **SAVE THIS DATE SATURDAY, MARCH 5th from 9am-2pm**. There will be an 'Aina Retreat (day of recollection) at Hoa 'Aina 'O Makaha (Makaha farm) for ALL families and parishioners. You're invited to come, pray, and fellowship with us. It will be a good time during Lent to do this as we observe and follow the reflections of the CRS rice bowl...There will be other parishes, Diocesan personnel, and community members joining us this day. As part of the spiritual exercises on this day, our youth in the Hula ministry will be participating. Hope you all can make it, please sign up & get more information from Rosa so we get a head count on who will come. Any questions call/text Rosa 861-3747 or email lefua77@yahoo.com Happy Lent & God bless!

HUNGERING TO GIVE BACK: This week, CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family—and feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

WORD OF LIFE: "Our son Charlie was bor with Down syndrome in 2007. . . Labels could not describe how [his] smile lit up a room, or how the sweetness of his soul had captured our hearts so completely." —"A Perfect Gift" www.goo.gl/Ub6GVf
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

WEEKLY READINGS

Feb 21 Sun: First Sunday of Lent

Gen:15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phi:3:17-4:1; Lk: 9:28b-36

Feb 22 Mon: Feast of the Chair of Peter, apostle

1 Pet: 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt: 16:13-19

Feb 23 Tue: Lenten Weekday

Isa: 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mt:23:1-12

Feb 24 Wed: Lenten Weekday

Jer:18:18-20; Ps 31: 5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt:20:17-28

Feb 25 Lenten Weekday

Jer:17, 5-10; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk: 16:19-31

Feb 26 Fri: Lenten Weekday

Gen:37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps:105: 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt:

21:33-43, 45-46

Feb 27 Sat: Lenten Weekday

Micah:7:14-15, 18-20; Ps:103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading we learn that one of Saint Paul's principles of Christian living is to watch and imitate other followers of Christ. There is a pattern for Christian living that Saint Paul wants others to discover and then imitate. This pattern includes a life of prayer, selflessness, sacrifice, and caring for others, including our family of faith. Good stewards choose their friends wisely. They cultivate friendships with other Christian stewards, spend time with them, observe how they live, ask questions about their faith and learn from them. Who are your friends? Are they good stewards of their faith? Are they those who can help you on your own journey of faith? (**International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin**)

TRANSFIGURATION

Have you had an experience that caused you to see someone in a completely new light? Perhaps you saw your daughter in cap and gown at her graduation. Perhaps your brother held his newborn baby in his arms. Perhaps your father performed an unexpected act of compassion, or your mother revealed courage that had previously been hidden from you. You may have been tongue-tied, not knowing how to relate to the person who had been transfigured before your very eyes. In the Gospel today the disciples of Jesus see him in a completely new light. His face is "changed in appearance" and they don't know what to say or do. Before the disciples can respond appropriately to Jesus they must learn to believe their eyes and ears—that Jesus is the "chosen Son" of God.

REAL PRESENCE

We also need to learn to believe our eyes and ears if we are to respond appropriately to Christ. In the second reading today Paul urges us to imitate him. Paul, who once saw Jesus in a wholly negative light, experienced the real presence of the risen Lord on the road to Damascus. Gradually he learned to believe that Jesus is the Lord, the Son of God, and it changed his whole life. Paul began to imitate the Christ he preached. In this way Christ was transfiguring Paul "to conform with his glorified body."

The season of Lent invites us to believe more deeply in the Real Presence of the risen Lord in the Eucharist. When experienced through the eyes and ears of faith, an ordinary community, mere words, simple bread and wine are transfigured before our eyes—and so are we. Little by little we learn how to respond to the chosen Son of God in whom we believe. The more we believe, the more Christ will do in us what he did in Paul and Peter, John and James. He will transfigure us into the real presence of Christ for the world.

