

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Two Miracles Or One?

February 19, 2012

February 22nd is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving all to prepare us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

*Greetings
from the
Pastor*

Why we receive the ashes. Ashes are a symbol of penance and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. Following the example of the Ninevites in the Old Testament, who observed public penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on earth. We remember this when we are told, "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return."

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to all who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church invites us to seek that mercy during the Lenten season with reflection, prayer, penance and confession.

There are two main ways that Catholics use to focus on growing closer to God during the Lenten season: abstinence and fasting. Abstinence is the act of "doing without" or avoiding something. As canon law states, Catholics over the age of 14 are expected to abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays throughout the Lenten Season. Fasting is the act of doing with less. In the Catholic Church, those ages 18 - 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On such days, those fasting may eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength. However, together, the smaller meals should not equal a full meal. The time of Lent, through fasting and abstaining, may be an important reminder of what it means to suffer. This small suffering should not be met with misery but with great joy as we better understand the incredible sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for humanity.

Another important devotion during Lent is the Stations of the Cross, which we will have every Friday during Lent at 11:15a.m. The Stations are important devotions honoring the passion of Jesus. They are a source of hope and patience and they can also teach us to trust in God in all our trials and tribulations.

I also invite you to pick up a copy of Keeping Watch with Jesus by Mark Neilsen. This little booklet has a brief scriptural reading and a beautiful reflection for each day during Lent. This booklet will be available this weekend in the back of the church to help us journey together through the season of Lent to Easter.

Fr. Khanh



FIRST READING - *Isaiah 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25*

God is burdened by the sins of the people of Israel. God grows weary waiting for them to repent. But God never gives up of them. Isaiah serves a God whose love knows no limit. God will forgive and erase their offenses and give them another chance.

SECOND READING- *2 Corinthians 1:18-22*

The apostle Paul understands how frustrating inconsistency can be. But God is utterly consistent. God's "yes" is always "yes," and God's "no" is always "no." Jesus is God's great "yes" to the world, and in Christ is our hope for forgiveness and a new life.

GOSPEL - *Mark 2:1-12*

This man needed both his friends and Jesus in order to be healed. He was paralyzed, so four friends were needed to carry his pallet. They not only took him to Jesus, but opened a hole in the roof so they could lower him down to Jesus. The man was healed and his friends rejoiced with him.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

GENESIS 9:8-15

1 PETER 3:18-22

MARK 1:12-15

The following child was Baptized here at Sts. Peter & Paul Church on 2/5/12

ZYRAH TEHANI BABAUTA PETERSON

child of

Chadrick O'Brian Peterson & Ashley Nicole Babauta

PARDON MY LENTEN SMILE

The perfect book for your daily Lenten Reflection!

You've wanted it, asked for it, waited for it! Here It is! A while back I wrote a book entitled Pardon My Lenten Smile, which sold rather well. People say they still read it each Lent but also have asked, "Why don't you write a 'sequel'?"

See what the years have added to the flavor of my writing and to my insights on the Lenten Scriptures! I've written it with great love for Jesus and for all who would read it. I hope it blesses you and helps you love Jesus more. That would give me a big Lenten smile!

TWO WAYS TO ORDER: Pardon My Lenten Smile (\$15 incl s/h):

Go online at www.wordnet.tv/gift-shop.htm (PayPal)

*Call 1-888-496-7363 with a debit or credit card

God Bless you, and may Jesus' love for you always make you SMILE!

Fr. Mike Manning, SVD



MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FROM POPE BENEDICT XVI

"That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life."

THE PASSION OF CHRIST

Spirit-led Drama Club Presents:

Performances:

Friday, March 30th

Saturday, March 31st

Curtain at 8:00 p.m.

Free Admission

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church, 95-370 Kuahelani Ave, Mililani. For more information please call 623-3332.



Please pray for the sick of our parish, especially Ronald Costa, Violeta Luna-Hill, Lorraine & Walter Gonzalves, Dolores Suredam, Dorothy Suchar, Betty & Art Watkins, Virginia Gonsalves, John Costa, Herbert & Thelma Lee, Avon Czerwinski, Teddy Luke, Wini Chow, Winnie Young, Mapuana Kapana, Larry Wong, Sr., Christopher Johnson, Sylvia Nelson, Marilyn Sciortino, Alfred Souza, Judy Orlando, Charleen Sliger-Saucedo, Mary Teves, T.J. Pochinski, Chris Foster, Stanley Ho, Ellen Tomita, Juanita Inouye, Patricia Cornwall, Pauline Williams, Larry Cabrinha, Robert Agpalsa, Thomas Garcia, Helen Garcia, Thomas Mistysyn, Lori Jackson, Sadie Gouveia, Douglas Ferreira, Arnold Ludd, Emily Kuhn, Teresa Yu, Eleanor Wedge, Karenann Wedge-Lewis, Sirena Fujii, Roseann Poyzer, Anthony Alatan, Leona Oliveira, Jim & Norma Nash, Hank Tonini, Paul Nakanelua, Bob Mendoza, Sacha Von Riden, Stephen Kalili, April Ahlf, Hazel Hoke, Ronald Bumanglag, Tony Bacani, Jo Dowling, Violet Ayers, Vivian Zane, John A. Reznick, Clarence Wong, Eloise Lum, Tony & Lynn Pacheco, Dave Pacheco, Pam Quioco, Beverly Chang, Isaac Alatan, Toshiaki Nakamoto, Kyla Nicole Sandate, Pam & Doug Chang, Larry Lopez, Yvette LaRosa, Violet Young, Toshiko Inouye, John Syah, Rose Nied, Kelly Minette, Benjamin Lizares and your special intentions. Please call the Parish Office at 941-0675 by noon on Friday. A new list is made weekly.

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR FR. DAVE!

Join us as we celebrate Fr. Dave's retirement. Tickets are on sale after every weekend mass. **Last day to purchase is March 4th.**

COST: \$45 per person

DATE: March 17th

TIME: 6:00p.m. -10:00p.m.

PLACE: Pagoda Hotel-C'est Si Bon Ballroom

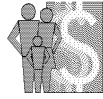
MENU: Kama'aina Nite Buffet, includes: Salad Bar, Prime Rib, Steamed Crab Legs, Corned Beef & Cabbage, Dynamite Crusted Island Fish, Vegetable Chow Mein Noodles, white rice, rolls, desserts, coffee, hot tea, Passion iced tea, fruit punch.

*No host bar

*Validated parking \$3.00 - Ross parking lot

Parking also available at the church

Do Not park at the ProPark building, as the lot will be closed after the 5pm mass.



STEWARDSHIP TIME - TALENT - TREASURE

TREASURE



We are grateful to all who so generously contribute to our Parish. The Collections for the week ending **February 12, 2012** were:

\$14,713.53

Church *	9,072.69
Outreach	347.00
Mass intentions, Baptisms, Blessings	
Weddings, Funerals	1,087.00
Candles	327.54
Building Fund	779.00
Latin America	5.00
Black/Indian Missions	10.00
Augustine Educational Foundation	3,074.30
Ash Wednesday	10.00
Religious Education	1.00

*Church contributions:

Identifiable (envelopes used)	41%
Unidentifiable (loose money)	59%

MAHALO TO CHURCH CLEANERS:

Chester & Pat Fuke, John & Rosalie Kalwicz, Susan Kim, Carina Yung, Rudy & Grace Devega, Grace Porras, Caesar Reyes, Thi Tai "Martha" Nguyen, Poly Lapasaran, Minda Colobong, Cecilio Manalo, and Mei Chan....for maintaining Sts. Peter & Paul Church and grounds immaculately. These people spend a portion of their Saturday morning weekly keeping our church beautiful. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish at 941-0675.

STEWARDSHIP

Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?

UNDER ATTACK: YOUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY A Special Letter from the Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write to you concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith. The federal government, which claims to be "of, by, and for the people," has just dealt a heavy blow to almost a quarter of those people – the Catholic population – and to the millions more who are served by the Catholic faithful.

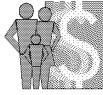
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced last week that almost all employers, *including Catholic employers*, will be *forced* to offer their employees' health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be *forced* to include those "services" in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be *forced* to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.

In so ruling, the Administration has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation's first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. And as a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences, or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The Administration's sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply.

People of faith cannot be made second class citizens. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same. Our children and grandchildren deserve nothing less.

And therefore, I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would also recommend visiting www.usccb.org/conscience, to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration's decision.

+ Larry Silva



STEWARDSHIP TIME - TALENT - TREASURE

Aloha,

According to all the commercial ads, “during the month of February, our thoughts turn to love”; so, in today’s article, I want to share with you a perfect example of “love of one’s neighbor” that we experienced in Outreach about a week ago. I received a phone call from someone who asked if Outreach would accept a donation of meat. The person explained that they were going to Sam’s Club and wanted to make sure we would take the meat and that we would be at church when it was delivered. Of course, I seldom (maybe, never) turn down a donation, so replied “yes”. I was thinking along the lines of cold cuts and bacon and later that day, was I ever surprised when this wonderful parishioner drove up to our garage and started to unload packages of different kinds of steaks, hamburger, chicken and pork. I don’t remember how many packages, but it was a lot. If I had filled out a receipt, it would have been for several hundred dollars. Even one of my volunteers, who helps package our food, said that in her 5 years of working for Outreach, she had never seen such a generous donation of meat. I hope I was able to express my gratitude adequately, but I must confess that I was quite overwhelmed by this person’s generosity and love for our clients. I kept thinking I can’t wait to see the faces of our people, especially our elderly, when they receive this extra special treat in their groceries. I know they will feel this parishioner’s love. The next day, as we passed out our groceries and asked our clients if they wanted beef, chicken or pork, such a smile came to our client’s faces when they saw this special addition. They were so delighted and so grateful. So again, dear donor, “Mahalo Nui Loa”.

As your Outreach director, I get to witness many acts of love and kindness every week. Every donation, large or small, is just that--an act of love for one’s fellow man. Each and every donation is treasured. Parishioners at Sts. Peter & Paul are awesome and above is just another story to prove it.

I also want to share that we delivered our 255 Valentine hearts with attached toiletries to Avalon Care Center, Island Nursing Home, Oahu Care Center and the Korean Care Home. We received a warm welcome and words of appreciation and thanks for our efforts. We were somewhat surprised to see last year’s hearts, minus the toiletries, decorating a wall in one of the care centers. It was nice that they had been kept and used to cheer up their patients.

Hope you all had a lovely Valentine’s Day and that this coming week will also be full of love and kindness. God Bless.

Geri O’Leary Outreach Director

RELIGIOUS ED. & YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Religious Education - Children in grades 3-8 are now having Sunday Religion classes in the 2nd floor classrooms of the Hawaii Credit Union/Pro-Park building. We are so grateful to the Pastoral Council and the Diocese for negotiating the rental of this space for our ever-expanding enrollment. You will notice that the first and second grade classes are no longer in the courtyard. They have moved to the 2nd floor of the church building. We are also very thankful for the generosity of our parishioners who donated funds and/or furniture and equipment to make it possible to furnish this space.

This past Sunday, February 12, the parents/guardians of children in the Religious Education program who are preparing to receive first Communion, met at 8:00 a.m. with Fr. Khanh, Ken McDonald and Ann Port to discuss the dates for the confessional tour, first Reconciliation, and first Communion. Each parent/guardian received a packet of handouts which identifies helpful information for assisting the catechists in preparing their children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. If you did not receive this packet, please see McDonald when you bring your child to class on Sunday.

If you have not submitted a copy of your child’s Baptism certificate or the date of Baptism for children who were baptized at Sts. Peter & Paul, it is important to do so as soon as possible. Your child **will not** be able to receive Holy Communion if we do not have a record of the child’s Baptism.

Youth Group - Teens in grades 9-12 continue to meet every Thursday after school. They enjoy fellowship and recite the rosary. At **6:00 p.m.** they study the Sunday Biblical Readings through the process of Lecto Divina. Interested parishioners are welcome to join these two sessions. At **7:15 p.m.**, the Youth split into two study groups. First Year Confirmation and Second Year Confirmation. There are special sessions over the course of the two years where sponsors join the teens in their study.

Ann Port
Pastoral Assistant for Education

FEBRUARY 2012
Weekly Schedule

Sunday **19**

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
COMMISSIONING OF EM/LECTORS AT ALL
MASSES

8:00 a.m Religious Education Classes
10:00 a.m. RCIA
12:00 p.m. BAPTISM

Monday **20**

HOLIDAY- OFFICE CLOSED
PRESIDENT'S DAY

JAS 3:13-18
MK 9:14-29 (341)

Tuesday **21**

St. Peter Damian
7:00 p.m. CENTERING PRAYER

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
JAS 4:1-10
MK 9:30-37(342)

Wednesday **22**

ASH WEDNESDAY-MASSES AT 7AM, NOON, & 6PM
DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

1:30 p.m. Legion of Mary - Queen of Peace
JL 2:12-18
COR 5:20-6L2
MT 6:1-6, 16-18, (219)

Thursday **23**

St. Polycarp
6:00 p.m. YOUTH COMMUNITY
6:00 p.m. YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:15 p.m. CONFIRMATION CLASS

DT 30:15-20
LK 9:22-25 (220)

Friday **24**

11:15 STATIONS OF THE CROSS
5:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross Prayer Group

IS 58:1-9A
MT 9:14-15 (221)

Saturday **25**

12:00 p.m. ANOINTING MASS
3:30 p.m. CONFESSIONS
7:30 p.m. AA MEETING
IS 58:9B-14
LK 5:27-32 (222)

MARCH 2012 BIRTHDAY
and/or
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRANTS!

Complete the form below, with your pertinent information, so that you will be remembered at Mass and with prayers on your special day in **MARCH**. Fill in and complete this form (**please print clearly!**) and put it in the collection basket or return it to the Office no later than **February 21, 2012**.

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Birthday: ____ (please check)

Date: _____

Wedding Anniversary: ____ (please check)

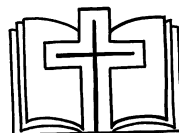
Date: _____

Number of Years Married: _____

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS!

Don't forget to come to mass on your Birthday or Anniversary if your name is printed in the bulletin! If your Birthday/Anniversary falls on a Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, mass will be said at 7:00 a.m.; if your Birthday/Anniversary falls on a Saturday, the Mass will be said at 12:00 Noon. Please call the office at 941-0675 to leave your Birthday/Anniversary information. Mahalo.

KEEPING WATCH WITH JESUS



Lent begins on **Wednesday, February 22nd**, with Ash Wednesday. To assist you with your Lenten Prayerful Meditation, the Parish has purchased booklets entitled, ***Keeping Watch With Jesus***. There is a limited supply; each family may pick up a copy at the entrances of the church. Hope that this will assist you with a Lent of Renewed prayer and devotion. Enjoy!

Pat Cabrinha
Secretary