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St. Michael the Archangel Parish

We are disciples who act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God.

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WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES: 7am Monday through Saturday at St. Michael the Archangel

WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES: 5pm Mon Tues Thurs Fri (English) & 6pm Wed (Spanish) at Immaculate Conception

Adoration: Wednesday 7:30am—4:45pm / **Confessions:** Saturday 9am at St. Michael's Church

WEEKEND MASSES: Sat 4pm, Sun 7am, 9am, 1:30pm, 4pm / **SPANISH MASS:** Sun 11:30am

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Website: saintmichaelparishkona.org **March 17, 2024 | 17 de marzo 2024**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading I - **Jeremiah 31:31-34** | Psalm - **51:3,4,12-13,14-15** | Reading II - **Hebrews 5:7-9** | Gospel - **John 12:20-33**
Primera Lectura - **Jeremías 31:31-34** | Salmo - **50:3,4,12-13,14-15** | Segunda Lectura - **Hebreos 5:7-9** | Evangelio - **Juan 12:20-33**

THE NEW COVENANT

When the prophet Jeremiah coined the term “new covenant” he was actually doing something quite radical. For the Jewish people, there was only one covenant, the one made between the Lord God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. For Jeremiah to suggest that God would somehow supersede the covenant with a new one would have sounded audacious to Jewish ears. But in this way he is a predecessor of Jesus who, in the Gospel of John, is continually portrayed as superseding the past, establishing the reign of God in a new way. And in today’s Gospel passage, Jesus the “new covenant” speaks the language of his “new commandment” of love when he tells of the dying grain of wheat, and of our own need to die to self in order to be raised with Christ. As Lent ends and we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the dying grain of wheat serves as an excellent symbol of the kind of dying and self-sacrifice to which disciples are called, a symbol of that new covenant written deep within our hearts. © Copyright, J.S. Paluch Co.



“THE HOUR HAS COME FOR THE SON OF MAN TO BE GLORIFIED.” - JN 12:23

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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“...[U]nless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” - (John 12:24)

Prepare for Next Week’s Scripture Readings

1st Reading/Primera Lectura: **Isaiah (Isaías) 31:31-34**

Psalm/Salmo: **22(21):8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24**

2nd Reading/Segunda Lectura: **Philippians (Filipenses) 2:6-11**

Gospel/Evangelio: **Mark (Marcos) 14:1-15:47**

Aloha! Welcome to Our Parish - We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. We encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the kiosk, or can be completed online at saintmichaelparishkona.org. To our visitors, we pray that you enjoy your stay in Kona and are blessed with safe travels home.

March 17, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34 | Heb 5:7-9 | Jn 12:20-33

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

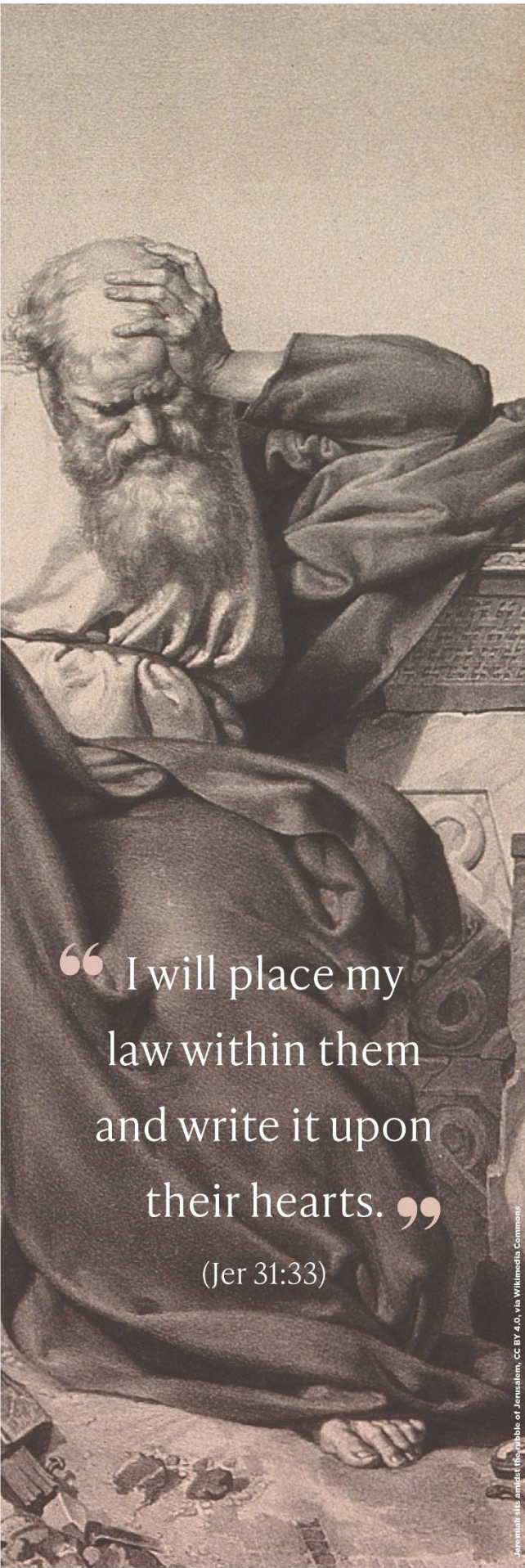
As we quickly approach Easter, we're reminded of the reason why we are celebrating. God's chosen people stumbled quite a bit throughout the Old Testament, so God intervened time, and time, and time again to set them back on the straight and narrow. Whereas we would likely give up on someone over time, God has remained steadfast in his grace, and always will. He created a new covenant with Israel that wrote his law upon the hearts of Jews and Gentiles alike. This new covenant was realized through Jesus Christ, who was born into our flesh and crucified on the cross. He suffered death in perfect obedience to God the Father. By being born into flesh, Jesus united humanity and divinity; through his crucifixion and resurrection, Christ "became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." He is the law of love that lives within us, and through him "all, from least to greatest, shall know [the Father.]"

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus didn't suffer the cross for his sake or for his own glory. No, our Savior came to preach the kingdom of heaven to us before sacrificing himself for our sins. Notice how in today's Gospel he even admitted he was troubled! It can be terrifying to do God's will for our lives, and Christ himself was troubled by what he was called to do. Yet, in love and trust in the Father, Jesus was obedient, saying "but it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." All Christians are called to a life of self-sacrifice, each to the degree it serves God's purpose. We are all called to give up our lives for the sake of love to glorify God. Without Christ's sacrifice, we would not have been saved; without our willingness to pursue God's call upon our life, the kingdom of God cannot be realized on this earth.

REFLECT The Lord placed his law upon your heart the moment you were conceived, but how do you allow him to shine through your life? How do you serve and glorify the Lord? Take a moment today to reflect on your words and actions and consider how you show the world that God is Lord over your life for all time, not only during Lent.



“ I will place my
law within them
and write it upon
their hearts. ”

(Jer 31:33)

Jeremiah sits amidst the rubble of Jerusalem, CC BY 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons

Life of Stewardship

As we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, our readings today remind us of the goodness that our God has to offer us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus announces that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." All that He came to do on this earth was soon to be fulfilled. When we reflect on what Jesus says in this passage, He tells us a great deal about how we should be living as disciples of Christ. He clearly states, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

We are called to detach from our own desires and entrust our lives to all that God has in store for us. Without self-denial, we might miss occasions God has given us to produce good fruit. We have been practicing this throughout our Lenten season through fasting. One way to continue this effort after Lent is by taking advantage of the countless opportunities God presents to us to sacrifice our desires for something much greater - whether waking earlier to spend time in prayer, fasting from a favorite comfort on a weekly basis or taking the time to check in on a friend or family member instead of turning on the TV, just to name a few. It is important that we continue to make room for God and the good things He wants to produce in us all year long.

As our Lenten journey soon concludes, may we consider the ways in which we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship

Parish News

Reconciliation Service

Our Lenten Reconciliation Service is at 6pm on Tuesday, March 19.

Chrism Mass

Bishop Larry, joined by the Priests of the entire island will celebrate our Chrism Mass on Thursday, March 21st at St. Joseph's Church in Hilo at 5:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

During the Mass, all present are called to renew their Baptismal promises; Priests and Deacons (the ordained) are further called to reaffirm their ministry by renewing the promises made at their ordination.

The Mass takes its name from the most eminent of the three Holy oils which the Bishop commissions for his local church's use over the following year. While the Oil of the Sick, used for those who seek the anointing, and the Oil of the Catechumens, which is imposed on those preparing for Baptism, are simply "blessed," the Sacred Chrism is "consecrated," and all the priests present participate in the latter moment by extending their hands toward the vessel containing it as the Bishop says the prayer of consecration.

During the part of the Chrism Mass called the Rite of Reception of the Oils, representatives from every Parish receive the three oils. Whenever the Holy Oils are used, the ministry of the Bishop who blessed and consecrated them is symbolically present.

St. Michael's 14th Annual Golf Tournament

St. Michael's 14th Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held on **Saturday March 23rd** at **Kona Country Club**. It will be a 2-person Scramble Format, \$150.00 per player. Call Don David 808-756-6912 to sign up.

Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage Talk

An informative talk/slideshow about the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage walk will be given on **Wednesday, March 20 from 6:30-7:30pm in the Grace Parish Center** by parishioner Bob Borns who walked the Camino Francais with his wife Sue in 2022 and is preparing to walk the Camino Portuguese in 2024. Pilgrims have been walking the way of St. James for over eleven centuries. Find out about this spiritual journey whether you may someday plan to walk one of the routes or if you are curious about this incredible spiritual experience. Be sure to bring any questions you may have.

Immigration Ministry Seminar

Please join us on **Sunday, March 24th at 12:30pm** in the Grace Parish Center for an informational one-hour seminar on immigration by attorney Evita, who will discuss federal immigration laws. If you, or someone you know from any country in the world, are here in the USA without legal status and are not sure where to begin the process to become legal, this is a must attend. All immigration questions will be answered.

40 Cans for Lent

The Knights of Columbus continue with their annual "40 Cans for Lent" campaign. Donations can be left in the carts near the front entrance.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper - March 28th

Morning Prayer: 7am

Holy Mass: 6pm

All are welcome to stay for Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday - March 29th

Morning Prayer: 7am

Stations of the Cross: 12noon (English), 2pm (Español)

Good Friday Service with Veneration of the Cross: 6pm

Our St. Michael tradition is to bring a "lei of love" to place on the cross.

Good Friday Collection will be collected before the Service.

Please note "Holy Land" on your check.

Holy Saturday - March 30th

Morning Prayer: 7am

Blessing of the Easter Baskets: 10am

Easter Vigil of the Holy Night: 6pm

Easter Sunday - March 31st

Mass: 7am - English/'Ōlelo Hawai'i

9am - English

11:30am - Español

1:30pm - English

4pm - English

Faith Formation

Grades K-5

Grades K-5 will not meet on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Classes will resume on April 7.

Stewardship of Treasure

Mar 4th - 10th, 2024

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| ONLINE GIVING | \$ 2,880.00 |
| SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS | \$ 11,691.00 |
| GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN | \$ 17,361.00 |

Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$4,918,150.68** for the Parish Center Campaign, which includes pledge payments.

Mahalo for your continued generosity.

Offerings can be mailed directly to the parish office; or click on our website's "Online Giving" to share your blessings.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024

MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: **\$10,831.00**

MONTHLY 'OHANA IN CHRIST ASSESSMENT: **\$1,724.18**

The above amounts fund Diocesan ministries, as listed in *'Ohana in Christ* to help support our parishes, pastors, schools, service agencies, and communities within the Diocese of Honolulu.

Online Giving

St. Michael's Church provides **Online Giving** - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy - visit saintmichaelparishkona.org and click our **ONLINE GIVING tab**. Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

Faith Formation/Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Our next session is on Sunday, March 17th. Our practice for Confirmation and Holy Communion is on Thursday, April 11 at 6 pm.

Lenten Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent, the **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed **at 5pm at St. Michael's in English** and **at 6pm at Immaculate Conception in Spanish**.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Our OCIA class will meet on March **18th** from 5:45 to 7:15pm in the Grace Parish Center.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "Father, glorify your name!" John then writes: Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or

was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

- Father John Muir, ©LPI

Treasures From Our Tradition

As we approach Holy Week, the creative juices of the ancient church of Jerusalem begin to shape our journey. In old Jerusalem at this season of the year, the attempt was made to recall the events leading up to Christ's passion. Those attempts were based not only on time, with celebrations of events as close to the day and hour as possible, but also on people's best guesses as to the actual place of these events. Vast numbers of pilgrims flooded the city during the forty days of Lent, many of them catechumens in their last stages of preparation for initiation. The fourth-century Spanish nun Egeria wrote a delightfully detailed diary of her experience of this lively and aerobic liturgy, which involved hearty singing, strong preaching, and nimble processions across vast and arduous terrain.

Much of this energy was lost over the centuries, with the procession of palms a noteworthy exception. Northern climates had to reinterpret this Jerusalem liturgy, using forsythia, willow, or olive branches, but to this day the entry into Holy Week by a community on the move accompanied by joyful song hearkens back to a venerable tradition. Egeria's letters were rediscovered a little more than a hundred years ago, but they reveal a pattern of prayer: full, conscious, active participation, to which we have a right and a duty.

- Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Everyday Stewardship - Draw Closer to God

During the Lenten season we observe certain practices of sacrifice and self-denial as an offering to God and as good spiritual training for this race we are engaged in called life. These things are good for us but they should not remain only in Lent. In fact, we should always be about working towards a complete surrender of ourselves to the will of God.

Jesus taught that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it cannot bear fruit. It will remain the same always and will not lead to any type of growth. We are the grains of wheat that need to die to ourselves in order to be born again. However, many of us are the same today as last Lent and the many Lenten before that. We have not moved forward to a more mature faith that makes it possible for us to be transformed.

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Surrender is not easy. But we need to see our observ-ance of Lent as a way to move forward. No athlete lifts the same weight forever. No dieter finds satisfaction in losing the same 5 pounds year after year. We must work to always be moving toward holiness. This is the commit-ment of an everyday steward. We are called to pray more today than yesterday. We are called to give more today than yesterday. We are called to love more today than yesterday. Standing still is not an option. Our God is calling us to grow in our discipleship and stewardship for the benefit of our souls and the health of the Body of Christ. May this Lent be a time of moving forward and may we all draw ever closer to our God who calls us to leave it all behind and follow Him.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments *Lost in the Crowd*

I write my phone number on my kids' arms when we go into large crowds at summer festivals, in case we get separated. If you think this makes me sound like a neurotic person with an overactive imagination who watches too many true crime documentaries, you would be correct. I am all of those things.

However, I am also practical, and I've endured moments of panic after looking up and briefly not being able to locate a child who has wandered off or lagged behind. The phone number, scrawled across their sun-screen-streaked skin, is a safeguard, however insignificant. It's something they can hold up to show an adult, something they can point to and say, "This is where I need to be. Help me get here."

When I reflect on my own life, it occurs to me that I was born lost. We all were. It was only in Eden that a human being ever knew what it was to be at home. In Eden, I would imagine, the feeling of safety was so natural that it was only noticed after it was gone. But original sin came like a noisy crowd to bear us away from the place we needed to be, and since that time, our human lives have played out against a backdrop of insecurity and unfamiliarity. We are cold and alone and confused. And God, our heartbroken parent, never stops seeking us, never stops calling our names.

Baptism, the etching of God's law onto our heart and soul, is not a phone number written on our arms. It's something far better - it's a homing signal, planted deep within. And it will lead us back to where we need to be.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, ©LPI

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

- 4pm - Marcia Nishida, Rest in Peace

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7am - Richardson Smith, Sr. 5th Anniversary of Death, Rest in Peace
- 9am - Barbara Laskowski, Anniversary of her Death, Rest in Peace
- 1:30pm - JP Urgino, May she rest in peace
- 4pm - Kathy Sutherland, Rest in Peace

MONDAY, MARCH 18TH

- 7am - For the Poor Souls of Purgatory
- 5pm - Hilina'i Morimoto, Birthday Blessings

TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH

- 7am - For the Poor Souls of Purgatory
- 5pm - Wayne Cummings, Rest in Peace

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH

- 7am - MISSA PRO POPULO

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST

- 7am - JP Urgino, deceased, Birthday Remembrance
- 5pm - Legal Protection for Unborn Babies

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND

- 7am - Barbara Mescall, deceased, Birthday Remembrance
- 5pm - Legal Protection for Unborn Babies

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD

- 7am - Legal Protection for Unborn Babies

Requesting a Mass Intention

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **326-7771**. If you'd like to request a specific day and Mass time, ***please call well in advance of the date to secure it.***

Mass cards are available.

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat..."

—Matthew 25:35

The Food Pantry Ministry

The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from **9 - 9:45am at Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot.**

Farmers Can Understand

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Jeremiah 31:31-34 - The new covenant
- ▶ Hebrews 5:7-9 - Jesus, compassionate high priest
- ▶ John 12:20-33 - A grain of wheat must die

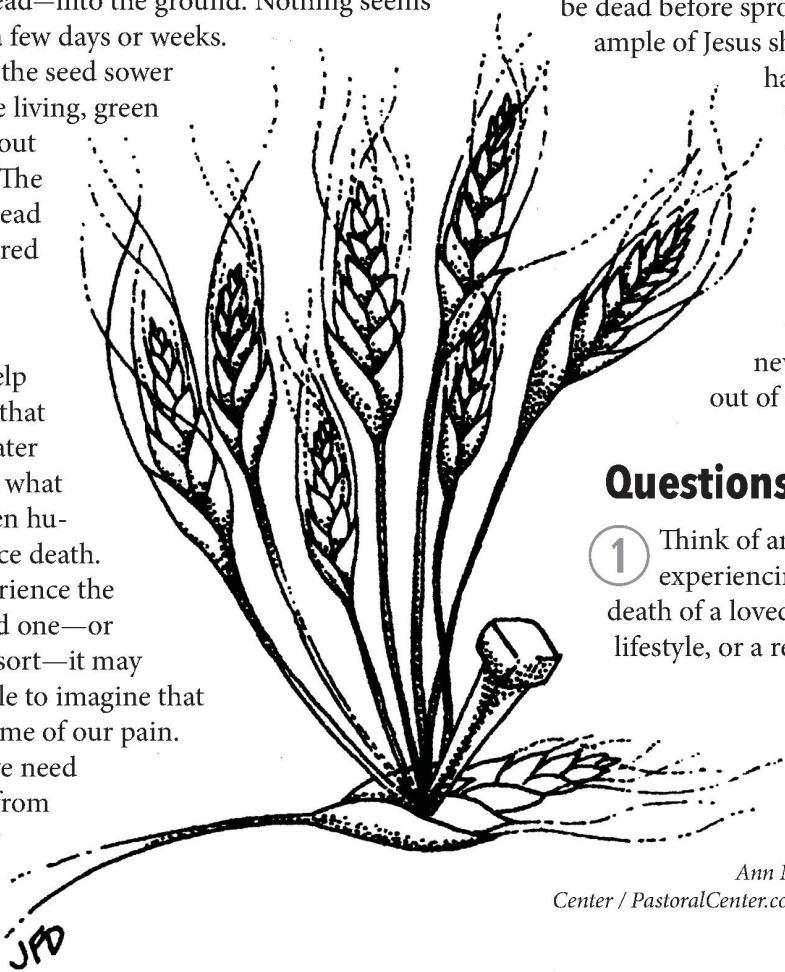



In Jesus' day and time, almost everyone who heard him would have had farming experience, or at least been exposed to the farming life. It meant that Jesus could use examples and images from agriculture that would be easy for most people to understand. He does this in today's gospel reading when he reminds his listeners that "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit" (Jn 12:24).

For those of us in today's world who haven't had the experience of planting seeds, we have missed out on this amazing miracle. A person plants seeds—which appear to be dead—into the ground. Nothing seems to happen for a few days or weeks.

Then, one day, the seed sower wakes up to see living, green shoots poking out of the ground. The seeds weren't dead like they appeared to be.

Jesus uses this metaphor to help us understand that something greater is at work than what we can see when humans experience death. When we experience the death of a loved one—or a death of any sort—it may seem impossible to imagine that new life can come of our pain. That is when we need this reminder from Jesus. Not only do we know that seeds appear to

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Sheepish Question:
What must I do to conform my heart to Jesus' heart?

be dead before sprouting again, we have the example of Jesus showing us that death does *not* have the final say. We may not want to let someone or something in our life go, but we can do so in an act of faith. We can choose to act in faith and to act despite our feelings of pain and hopelessness, trusting that God can bring new life in some unforeseen way out of death.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Think of an example from your life of experiencing new life after a death (the death of a loved one or the death of a dream, a lifestyle, or a relationship). What happened?
- 2 In what area(s) of your life are you still awaiting new life after a death?

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Always Near

Loving Father,
you who answer when I call,
who continue to love me,
even when I fall,
you are ever present and merciful.
May I be a mirror of your promises.
Never let me stray too far
from your gaze.
May your hand never be far
from mine.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 17, 2024
Covenant of Love



Today's readings: Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 14–15, (12a); Hebrews 5:7–9; John 12:20–33. On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, the readings begin by recalling the covenant God made with the chosen people. The Lord tells the prophet Jeremiah, “I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” In the covenant that God keeps with us today, he offers us eternal life. Jesus refers to that life in the Gospel reading, saying, “Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.”

The first reading explains that all shall know God, for he “will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no

more.” In the second covenant, Jesus lays down his life for us on the cross, erasing our sins and reconciling us with God. The Letter to the Hebrews explains that Christ “became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.”

To obey God, to have a place for him in our hearts, we seek a pure heart, praying from Psalm 51, “Create a clean heart in me, O God.” In this psalm, we ask not only that our souls be cleansed of sin but for a steadfast and willing spirit. How will you carry this psalm with you through this week so that you can be true to the love God offers? How can this psalm turn you to God’s presence so that you might be a walking testimony of his love?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 18 Traps for Kindness

Even though Jesus was without sin, he did not condemn. How much more should we, with our failings and shortcomings, follow his example and offer a kind word instead of judgment. As we live these final days of Lent, let us practice kindness by complimenting others and refraining from critical words. *Today's readings: Daniel 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62; Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6; John 8:1–11.*

Tuesday, March 19 Feast of St. Joseph

“It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants that he would inherit the world, but through the righteousness that comes from faith,” we hear in today’s reading from Romans. The phrase “righteousness from faith” personifies St. Joseph, who was inclined to quietly divorce the pregnant Mary but followed the angel’s instruction and took her into his home. Have you considered looking to St. Joseph as a model of faith? *Today's readings: 2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27 and 29; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Luke 2:41–51a.*

Wednesday, March 20 Becoming Better

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells his listeners that to be his disciples, they are to remain in his Word. Only by remaining in his Word will they know the truth and be set free from sin. Reading and meditating on Scripture is a regular practice of many to come closer to God during Lent. During your prayer time, ponder how you act out your discipleship. Are the people that you encounter aware that you are a Christian by the way you live? *Today's readings: Daniel 3:14–20, 91–92, 95; Psalm: Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31–42.*

Thursday, March 21 Beyond Imagination

Abraham surely never imagined that God would come to him to make a covenant. It is beyond imagination that God would come to make “an everlasting pact.” Yet God promised the childless Abraham that he would be “the father of a host of nations.” God has a plan for each of us too. In the Gospel, we hear, “Whoever keeps my word will never see death.” To keep God’s Word is the work of each disciple. For that work, the reward is eternal life. *Today's readings: Genesis 17:3–9; Psalm 105:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 8:51–59.*

Friday, March 22 Do You Believe?

In the first reading, we hear the prophet Jeremiah say, “All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine.” Jesus, too, knew that people who practiced their religion looked for reasons to arrest or stone him. Reminding them of the Father’s good works he had performed, he asked, “For which of these are you trying to stone me?” In the world today, who is being punished for their good works? How do you recognize the work and action of Jesus around you? *Today's readings: Jeremiah 20:10–13; Psalm 18:2–3a, 3bc–4, 5–6, 7; John 10:31–42.*

Saturday, March 23 All Praise to God

As we stand at the precipice of Holy Week, reflect on a time when you turned away from God. Perhaps you felt persecuted or ashamed of your relationship with God. Many young people face this problem; they hide their faith because it is unpopular, yet our faith in God is not about popularity. How can we be examples of hope to the younger generation? How can you turn a tense moment into an opportunity to share God’s love and mercy? *Today's readings: Ezekiel 37:21–28; Psalm: Jeremiah 31:10, 11–12abcd, 13; John 11:45–56.*



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Catholic Composer - Singer-Songwriter - Speaker

SAVE THE DATE

April 2 - St. Michael the Archangel, Kailua-Kona
April 3 - Immaculate Heart of Mary, Papaikou



February 14th to March 24th
Join this international event to end abortion through 40 days of peaceful prayer vigil, fasting and community outreach.

PARISH EVENTS

(may change without advance notice)

MONDAY

- Friendly Place Lunches 10:30am-12pm
- OCIA (Mar 18) 5:45-7:15pm
- Knights of Columbus 5:45pm
(2nd Monday of the month)
- Church Cleaning 6:00pm

TUESDAY

- Coffee, Sweets & Tweets with Fr. Lio 7:30-9:00am
- Life in the Spirit Seminar/ Charismatic Prayer Group 6:30-8:00pm

WEDNESDAY

- Adoration 7:30-5:00pm
- Kupuna Ministry 8:30-10:30am
- Benediction/Evening Prayer 5:00pm
- Men of Faith 5:00-6:30pm

THURSDAY

- Spiritual Book Club 4:00-5:30pm
(2nd & 4th Thursday of each month)

FRIDAY - NO EVENTS

SATURDAY

- Church Cleaning 7:30am
- Grounds Maintenance 7:30am
- Confession 9-10am

SUNDAY

- Children's Rosary Group After 9am Mass
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Consecration to God the Father After 1:30 Mass
(1st Sunday of each month)
- Faith Formation (K-5) 10:20-11:20am
- Faith Formation (6-12) 5:15-7:15pm
(See the Faith Formation section of bulletin for class dates)

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