

March 2011

Dear Friends:

This month we will begin the season of Lent. In the “old days,” I have been told, Lent meant some heavy duty fasting. Except for Sundays, if you were 21 and not yet 60, you were allowed only 1 full meal a day and two other meatless meals sufficient to maintain strength (together they were not to equal a full meal. The hardest part was no eating between meals except liquids. Sundays were glorious. Some people would stay up late on Saturday night watching for the clock to strike midnight and then head for the refrigerator!

There were no festive events under parish auspices. You were also to avoid public entertainment (e.g. movies). There were no weddings. In special cases (e.g. those in the military who could only get leave at this time) could be given permission to marry only by the Bishop, but it was to be private, no Mass, no publicity, and no reception.

While some of the required Lenten disciplines have been relaxed (current Lenten regulations for Catholics will be printed in the Hawaii Catholic Herald), there is still something valuable about “keeping Lent.” Our Lenten disciplines remind us that our lives should be different because we live “in Christ.”

- **Prayer** – Lent should be a time of intense prayer. We ask the Lord to look at our lives and to show us where we need to grow in faith, hope, and love.
- **Fasting** – Is a way of praying with our bodies, and by controlling our appetites we learn to discipline our lives and to orient all our desires toward Christ.
- **Almsgiving** – Allows us to learn the virtue of generosity by giving to those in need. We turn the focus from our own needs to the needs of others.

Let us all “keep Lent” this year. Remembering the disciplines of the Church, you can tailor your Lent to help you grow closer to Christ. How will you incorporate prayer, fasting, and almsgiving into your life for 40 days of Lent? There are many Lenten activities and opportunities here at the Co-Cathedral to help you. Take some time to review the flier in this month’s bulletin.

We pray that the result of our Lent will be a renewed faith at Easter and a whole new experience of life as God intended it from the start!

A blessed Lent to all!

Fr. William

Community Life

Welcome to the Co-Cathedral!

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We are happy you have joined us! We pray that in our company you will experience the Lord's own welcome and discover anew God's loving purposes for your life. If we can be of help or support to you, please speak to any one of our staff or volunteers. If you are interested in joining our parish, visit our Cathedral Office after Mass to register and receive more information about our parish activities.

March@The Co-Cathedral

Mar. 8 Forever Young, 10:30 a.m.
Mar. 8 Pastoral Council, 6:30p.
Mar. 9 **Ash Wednesday, 6:30am, 8am, 6 p.m.**
Mar. 12 Rite of Election, 2:00p.
Mar. 19 1st Reconciliation Family Workshop, 9a
Mar. 20 C.A.F.E, 9:15am
Mar. 25 Youth Retreat
Mar. 24 **Communal Penance Service, 7 p.m.**
Mar. 26 1st Reconciliation for Children

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Our Co-Cathedral website is regularly updated with information, calendar of activities, and pictures and other useful information and spiritual resources (e.g. the Daily Readings, Minute Meditation, LIFETEEN link, etc.).

Lenten Fish Fry

Our annual Lenten Fish Fry will be Friday, April 8 from 12 Noon – 7 p.m. Take out or dine in! Tickets will be on sale soon.

AC UPDATE

After several delays, our AC Project is scheduled for completion this month. We are only awaiting HECO's inspection and hook up of a new line. Thank you for your patience!

Grotto Restoration

We are in the process of renovating our Grotto and in need of a new statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will also improve the landscaping around the grotto over the next few months. If you would like to make a donation toward a new statue, please contact Fr. William at 521-1700.



Our Rose of the Month!

Congratulations to **Annie Soriano-Root** our new Rose of the Month. Annie volunteers her time as our Bereavement Coordinator, a Lector, and as a member of our parish Pastoral Council. Annie is known for her sympathy and compassion to families who are grieving the death of a loved one. She follows the example of our patroness, St. Theresa, by her gentle kindness. Thank you Annie!

Liturgy & Prayer

Rite of Election

The Rite of Election for those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil will be celebrated with Bishop Silva on Sunday, March 13th at 2 p.m. here at the Co-Cathedral. Please remember our Elect in your prayers this Lent.

St. Damien Prayer Group

The first prayer meeting for the St. Damien Devotion Prayer Group is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace (by St. Damien's relic). Future gatherings will be held weekly every Saturday after the 12 N Mass. The group will offer a consistent and structured prayer calling for the intercession of St. Damien for healing as well as other intentions. As a way of learning more about St. Damien, the prayer group devotions will also include the Rosary and reflections on his published letters. The group has been formally approved by Bishop Silva, the Father Damien/Mother Marianne Commission and the Cathedral's Rector, Fr. John Berger. For more information, please call Jessica or Venny Villapando at 845-3381.

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is an ancient form of praying with the Scriptures. It involves four steps: Reading, Contemplation, Sharing, and Prayer. You are invited to join our Lectio Divina group on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in the School Library. For more information, contact Terry Sue Satta at 521-1700.

Roman Missal – Third Edition

As you know the revised Roman Missal will be used at Mass beginning the First Sunday of Advent 2011. For more information on the changes you can anticipate, visit the United States Catholic Bishops' website at www.usccb.org and click on the "Roman Missal" icon.

Faith Formation

First Reconciliation/First Communion

If your child is in Second Grade and has been enrolled in a Catholic school or religious education classes for two consecutive years, they may register for First Reconciliation and First Communion this spring at the Co-Cathedral. Registration forms are available at our Cathedral Office. Please note the following important dates:

Saturday, March 19, 9 a.m. – Family Workshop for First Reconciliation (Mandatory)
Saturday, March 26, 9 a.m. – FIRST RECONCILIATION
Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. – Family Workshop for First Communion (Mandatory)
Saturday/Sunday, May 14 & 15 – FIRST COMMUNION

"Can You Spare Some Change?"

This is the theme of our parish Lenten Mission this April 11-13, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker will be Father Philip Chircop, SJ. Make the Lenten Mission a part of your Lent this year.

Outreach & Care

March Focus: Global Poverty

Each Lent we remember the work of Catholic Relief Services. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official International humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Their work is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist the poor and suffering in more than 100 countries on the basis of need without regard to race, religion, or nationality. Their current projects include earthquake relief in Haiti, providing clean drinking water in Africa, farming assistance in Indonesia.

We invite all parish families to support **Operation Rice Bowl** which benefits CRS. Take a Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar to enhance your Lenten experience at home by praying together, fasting in solidarity with those who hunger, learning about the joys and challenges of our brothers and sisters around the world, and give sacrificial contributions to support those in need. Visit orb.crs.org to watch videos and learn more about the difference your prayers, fasting, and almsgiving make in the lives of our brothers and sisters.

Please return your Rice Bowls on Holy Thursday and all proceeds will be sent to Catholic Relief Services.

Stewardship

Sunday/Feast Day Collections in February:

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Second/Specials</u>
Feb. 6:	\$7736.46	
Feb. 13:	\$6522.04	\$2479.78 (Augustine Ed. Foundation)
Feb. 20:	\$6970.97	\$2563.57 (Maint/Repairs)

Thank you for your generosity!

Amazing!

After just one year, our parish has collect almost \$300,000 toward our Capital Campaign! We are right on track to reach our goal of \$1.5 Million over 5 years! To date, over \$70,000 has been returned directly to St. Theresa for our capital improvements. Once we reach \$440,000 our parish share will increase to 50%. Mahalo to all who continue to honor their campaign pledges! If you have questions about your pledges to the Capital Campaign, you may contact Gloria Romuar at the Diocesan Development and Stewardship Office at 203-6712.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for dedicated volunteers for the following ministries:

- Ushers
- Evening Receptionists

For more information, contact our Pastoral Associate, Allen Pacquing, at 521-1700. Mahalo.