

Church Dedicated on February 23, 1919

Priests:

Rev. Apolinario Ty, SSS Rev. Ferdinand Tomo, SSS

Deacons:

Dcn. Charley Mapa Dcn. David Watson



Mass Schedule

6 am & 12:15 pm Monday—Friday 7 am Saturday Morning

Saturdays at 3:00 p

5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass 7 am, 9 am, 11:45 am and 6 pm Sunday

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MARCH 30 AT 10:30 FOR OUR SPECIAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND PRAYERS DURING THE VISIT OF THE JUBILEE CROSS.

2nd Sunday of Lent – 2025

"Went up the mountain..."

Lent is a time of spiritual repentance, renewal and transformation. And this Sunday's Gospel of Our Lord's Transfiguration at Mt. Tabor profoundly leads us to this path.

Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain, where He is transfigured before them. While praying, His face changed and His clothing became dazzling white. This is not just a display of divine glory, but also a revelation of what awaits those who faithfully follow the Lord. We, too, are invited by the Lord to join Him at Mt. Tabor.

And from the clouds came a voice, "This is my chosen son; listen to Him." We, likewise, are invited to listen attentively to the Lord. To do so, we need a quiet space to hear His voice. Hopefully, our Lenten journey will provide us with such an ambiance. But we also need a heart that will listen and take the words of the Lord seriously. Only then do we pave the way for a true transformation to happen in our lives and be able to break away from our former pattern of life that keeps us in bondage and start a new life in Christ.

Jesus did not allow Peter to remain on the mountain. Instead, He leads them back down into the world, where suffering, challenges and ultimately His Passion await. Similarly, our faith journey is not just about spiritual highs but about strengthening us to face the struggles of life with renewed hope. And every Eucharist is an invitation for us to ascend with the Lord to the mountains of God's love and be strengthened to live it in our daily life.

Office hours are from 9-1 M-F

16	17	18	19	20	21	22
7:00 Mass-FP	6:00 Mass-FP	6:00 Mass-FF 10:00 E.H. Vi-	6:00 Mass-FF	6:00 Mass FP	6:00 Mass-FP	7:00 Mass-FP
9:00 Mass-FP		cariate meeting			12:15 Mass-FF	10:00 Confession
	12:15 Mass-FF		12:15 Mass-FP	12:15 Mass-FF		
11:45 Mass-FF 1:15 Baptism-FP 6:00 Mass-FP		12:15 Mass-FP			3:00p Stations 6:00p Stations	5:00 Mass-FF
			6:00 Mass with Fellowship to follow-FF			

Daily Readings

Sunday, Mar 16 Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14. Phil 3:17—4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

Tuesday, Mar 18 Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12

Thursday, Mar 20 Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31

Saturday, Mar 22 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday, Mar 17 Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38

Wednesday, Mar 19 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday, Mar 21 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

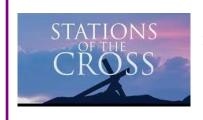
Sunday, Mar 23 Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42

Pope Francis

Fasting Tips

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- · Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate on simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.





Stations of the Cross is being offered at 3 pm and 6 pm on Friday during Lent.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

When do I...? Fast and Abstain: Ash Wednesday & Good Friday

Abstain: All Fridays during Lent

What is...?

Fasting: eating one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Abstinence: refraining from eating meat.

Who has to ...? Fast: For members of the Latin Rite, fasting is obligatory from age 18 through 59.

Abstain: Persons age 14 onwards.

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

Mar 4-10, 2	YTD Actual		
Collections	13,733.50	421,032.13	
Other Regular Income	182.93	39,166.04	
Unusual Income:			
Choirs	0.00	275.00	
Convent Lease	0.00	51,000.00	
R&M Collection	1,880.00	14,000.00	
Security Project	5.00	1,870.00	
Feed the Hungry	100.00	8,855.00	
Other Unusual Income	0.00	6,055.26	
Total Income	15,901.43	542,253.43	
Designated Funds		530,319.44	
Restricted Parish Hall Funds		461,076.81	



IN ANTICIPATION OF ITS ARRIVAL AT OUR PARISH ON MARCH 26 HERE ARE SUGGESTED PRAYERS TO BE SAID BEFORE THE JUBILEE CROSS

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Heavenly Father, thank you for the incredible mercy you continuously pour out upon me. Thank you for your unfailing love towards me each day. With a heart full of gratitude, I come before you, acknowledging your sovereignty and grace in my life.

Lord, I am thankful for the new direction and fresh hope you have granted me. Your guidance and provision have been my guiding light, leading me toward a path of purpose and fulfillment. I am grateful for the strength and courage you have instilled in me as I navigate the challenges of life.

As I reflect on your unconditional love and forgiveness, I feel humbled by the realization of the sinner that I am. Yet, you have chosen me for a greater purpose, using me as a vessel for your glory. I am in awe of your mercy and grace, which sustain me daily.

Lord God, I lift up those who are in pain and hurting, praying that your healing and comfort may envelop their lives. May your light shine brightly in their darkness, bringing hope and restoration to their souls. I ask for your divine intervention, bringing forth healing, deliverance, and abundant peace in their lives.

Creator of heaven and earth, please continue to shower your love upon all your people. May those who are lost and broken find solace in your presence, experiencing the unconditional love that only you can provide.



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole Cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and pages of our Pedesmer

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.





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This coming **Tuesday, March 18** is the monthly **Knights of Columbus meeting,** here at St Joseph downstairs meeting room, beginning 6:00pm. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternity of Catholic Men who do projects to help their parish and community. The Knights of Columbus also provides a bundle of benefits such as life insurance, retirement planning and more. Our council covers all parishes on the East side of Hawaii Island. If you are not a Knight, come and check us out and enjoy the fellowship of other Catholic men.

All Catholic men are welcome.



