

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

“THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM”

The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to cooperate with the grace of God with the assistance of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives, by renewing them during Lent and to radiate the grace of the transfigured Lord around us by our Spirit-filled lives.

The first reading explains how his trusting faith in his God's mercy and power and his blind obedience to his God's order to sacrifice his only son of his old age, transformed the life of Abraham, making him the supreme model of Faith in God's promises and obedience to His Holy Will.

That is why Paul recalls, in the second reading, that God the Father did not spare the life of His Own Son Jesus when he volunteered to die for our salvation, while He saved the life of Abraham's son Isaac. Why? Because God loves us with an everlasting love.

Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 116) speaks of God's distress at the death of anyone. "Too costly in the eyes of the LORD is the death of His faithful."

In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed in His Heavenly glory, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow him to consult his Heavenly Father and ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. God's secondary aim was to make Jesus' chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. On the mountain, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the transfiguration narrative is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of Who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their

trusting Faith in Him. Jesus' transfiguration also strengthens us in the face of our afflictions.

(1) The "transfiguration" in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength: In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar are changed into the crucified and risen, living body and blood of Jesus by transubstantiation. Just as Jesus' transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. In addition, our Holy Communion with the living Jesus should be the source of our daily "transfiguration," transforming our minds and hearts so that we may do more good by humble and selfless service to others.

(2) A message of encouragement and hope: In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, the thought of our future transformation in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words: "This is my beloved son." Let us offer our Lenten sacrifices to our Lord so that, through these practices of Lent and through the acceptance of our daily crosses, we may grow closer to him in his suffering, may share in the carrying of his cross and finally may share the glory of his second "transfiguration," namely, his Resurrection.



**PARISH LENTEN
RETREAT**

BY

**Father Alfred
Guerrero**

**MONDAY &
TUESDAY**

February 26 & 27

6 pm in Church

"Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"How to Build a Culture of Life," www.usccb.org/culture-of-life

We invite you to join our Respect-Life Ministry by contacting any of our Leaders: Ku'ulei Cagasan, Chair (808)281-4469 or Carole Chai, Co-Chair (808)877-0950. We welcome you to join us at our meeting.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

**Facility Maintenance Fund
Food Pantry**

Chrism Mass



The Chrism Mass is the annual liturgy where oils for use in administering the sacraments are blessed. Representatives from island parishes, and military and ethnic Catholic communities, bring their oils to the designated parish for that island in baskets and sleek glass containers. All are encouraged to join in one of the following celebrations presided by Bishop Larry Silva:

- **Maui: Thu, March 15th at 7 p.m., St. Anthony of Padua, Wailuku**

USED COMMODOE CHAIR

CALL THE OFFICE IF INTERESTED

Worship Meeting on Tuesday, March 6th at 6:30 p.m. in Saint Marianne's Conference Room. All Heads of Worship Ministry and all Choir Leaders are required to attend

Our Monthly Sweet Bread Sale on Saturday, March 10, 2018. Pick Up Times. 9am to 12 noon. Please call Harriet Sardinha at (808) 877-5643 or Irene Cambra (808) 877-0173. No orders will be accepted after 12 noon on December 8.

May the Lord's healing and life-giving touch be upon those whose cross is too heavy to bear? Amen.



David Arcia, Clarita Agcaoil, Vitaliano Agsalog, JoJo Apo, Eleanor Aquinde, Maria Aranaydo, Felisa Asuncion, Silvestre Baggao, Barbara Bagio, Glenn Barcoma, Michael Barroga, Lokahi Bissen, Inez Bulger, Criselda Cabanilla, Richard Caldito, Jr., Carla Camara, Hilda Camara, Caniaveral Family, Quintin Casio, Ko Chan, George Cordeiro, Teresita Corpuz, Brenda Dalit, John & Patricia Fernandez, Burt & Matilda Freeland, Penney Galam, Ka'eo Gesch, Kenneth Ktaska, Uluwehi Guerrero, Lana Hasiugiulpiy, Jasmine Higa, Germaine Lopes-Nicola, Carol Martin, Lauren Carol Martin, Paul Mortel, Georgette Pacubas, Bernard Paet, Cayetana Paet, Jimmy Gabriel Paet, Robyn Pellazar, Desiree Phillips, Charles Pico, Juanito Ramelb, Eddie Reyes, Dominga Sagaysay, Christopher Salvador, Arnold Sanchez, Vilma Sanchez, Cru Silva, Christine Souza, Rudy Sumabat, Tom Tadakuma, Frank Takase, Felicidad Tan, Laurie Tirona, Paul Vargas Sr, Chris Verdi, Timothy Wood, Lioda Yanos Please call the office for any changes.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE:

Joshua Aquinde, Kimberly Arcilla, Drevan Kalani Barfield, Jay Blanca, Jerome Blanca, Reese Blando, Raena Camara Bulusan, Zhyre Cardines, Kapiolani Davis, Nolan Felipe, Ryan Gaoiran, Robert Garo, Reinalyn Golino, Jonathan Gutierrez, Reychele Lapuebla, Bruce Luis, Joshua Luis, Kent Wycliffe A Matillano, Arturo Pedro, Jared Purdy, Ka-sandra Ragasa, Patrick Wayne Ramos, Michele Saiki, Samantha Santiago, Lutoviko Taai, Xavier Tongson and Sage Valdez.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Lenten Graces

Let us ensure that the Cross marks the stages of our Lenten journey in order to understand ever better the seriousness of sin and the value of the sacrifice by which the Saviour has saved us all.

Read Mark 8:31-33



2nd Collection: March 10-11, 2018

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, Feb 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am MASS • 6pm Parish Lenten Retreat: Day 1 • 6pm RCIA attend retreat • 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday, Feb 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Mass • 6pm Parish Lenten Mission: Day 2 • 7pm Parish Penance Service
Wednesday, Feb 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Mass • 6:30pm Religious Education Grades 1-6
Thursday, Mar 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Mass • 5pm Hispanic Couples Retreat in Parish Hall • 6pm Service Commission Mtg • 6:30pm Confirmation Classes I/II and RE Grades 7&8 • 6:30pm RCYA • 6pm Choir Practice
Friday, Mar 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Mass • 12 Noon Adoration of Blessed Sacrament • 5pm Hispanic Couples Retreat/Parish Hall • 5:30pm Anointing of the Sick • 6pm Benediction • 6pm stations of Cross • 7pm Hispanic Stations of the Cross
Saturday, Mar 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am-8pm Hispanic couples Retreat/Parish Hall • 3:30pm Confessions • 5pm Mass • 2nd Collection: Facility Maintenance
Sunday, Mar 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6am, 8am, 10am & 6pm Mass • 12 Noon Hispanic Mass • 8am to 3pm Hispanic Couples Retreat/Parish Hall • 2nd Collection: Facility Maintenance

STEWARDSHIP

2018	Weekend of: Feb 17-18
Sunday Collection	
Occasional Offerings	
Spanish Mass	
School Support Debt Fund	
Facility Maintenance	
Candles	
Donations	
Mass Intentions	
Food Pantry	
Sweet Bread	
TOTAL	

MAHALO FOR YOUR SUPPORT

**Living Catholic in the 808:
Encountering The Suffering Christ**

*Reflections by Pope Francis
Reprinted from the CRS Rice Bowl
Community Reflections*

“We are always capable of going out of ourselves towards the other. Unless we do this, other creatures will not be recognized for their true worth; we are unconcerned about caring for things for the sake of others; we fail to set limits on ourselves in order to avoid the suffering of others or the deterioration of our surroundings.

Disinterested concern for others, and the rejection of every form of self-centeredness and self-absorption, are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment. These attitudes also attune us to the moral imperative of assessing the impact of our every action and personal decision on the world around us.

If we can overcome individualism, we will truly be able to develop a different lifestyle and bring about significant changes in society.” *Laudato Si’, 208*

Question: *Human beings are called to be in community, but we sometimes forget that we succeed and fail together. How can you welcome those who suffer into your community more intentionally? How might you be responsible for the suffering of others in your community—and in our global human family?*

Prayer: God of all people, may we never forget that we are one human family.