

Mass Times:

Daily Mass: 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM (except Thursdays)

Saturday: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Sunday: 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

4th Wednesday Masses are at 9:00AM at Hale Makua Nursing Home (Wailuku).

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every 1st Friday: 6:00 AM

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:30 PM

After every weekday mass or by appointment.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism, Confession, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals please call the office to make an appointment $(808)\ 244-3284$ or $(808)\ 385-3021$ (please leave a message).

You can also reach us via email at stannwaihee@gmail.com.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT **MARCH 14, 2021**

Gospel

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,

so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him might not perish

but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved

through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,

but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,

because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict,

that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.



For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as

Readings for the week:

4th Sunday of Lent 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Eph 2:4-10 John 3:14-21 (or other readings)

Monday Isa 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b John 4:43-54

Tuesday Ezek 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 John 5:1-16

Wednesday Isa 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 John 5:17-30

Thursday Exod 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 John 5:31-47

Friday St. Joseph 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

done in God.

Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

5th Sunday of Lent Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 Heb 5:7-9

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20

11-12

John 7:40-53

Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10,

John 12:20-33 (or other readings)





Opening Prayer

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Today we hear one of the best-loved verses in the whole Bible, a verse that proclaims God "so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." These words are spoken in the context of the night visit of Nicodemus to Jesus. Nicodemus, a Pharisee and Jewish leader and teacher, avoids the daylight that might reveal him as associating with a man who is unpopular with his own religious institution. To be unafraid or unashamed of professing our friendship with Jesus by the way we live every day always brings hard demands. The German theologian Eugen Drewermann gives us a memorable image of ourselves when, in the words of the gospel, we "prefer darkness to light," to that light which is Jesus, given for the salvation of the world that God loves so much: "It can happen that we become like bats, like night-flying creatures who are so accustomed to the dark that our whole biorhythm is attuned to these shadowy periods, as if our eyes would be hurt and our whole lives would be turned inside out if we were dragged out of our caves and the hidden and fearful forms of our existence were exposed to the quiet regions of light and the brightness of day" (Dying We Live: Meditations for Lent and Easter).

But we often prefer the false safety of darkness to the light of Christ that exposes, for example, our selfish, racist, sexist, or violent selves. We all have our own caves that we need to name. Lent is designed to drag us out of their darkness into the Easter light of Christ through prayer, fasting, and the "almsgiving" of the gift of ourselves as well as the offer of material assistance to our sisters and brothers in many kinds of need.

Closing Prayer

God, you gave us your only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. As you were lifted up, so too you raise us up, we who believe, to eternal life. May our lives, in turn, show gratitude. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

 In today's gospel, Jesus tells Nicodemus, "[T]he light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." Where do you perceive light encountering darkness in your community at this moment?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

- 1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
- 2. One person read aloud the gospel.
- 3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
- 4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
- 5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Announcements

03/13/21 - 03/14/21

Financials: Last Week 03/02/21-03/8/21

| Weekly Collection Goal \$2400 | Total \$1594.00 Short 806.00 |
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| In Church | \$1443.00 |
| OnLine Giving | \$ 151.00 |
| Mail In | \$ 0.00 |
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Today's Second Collection is for Catholic Relief Services. Mahalo for your generosity.

Parish Council Meeting, Sunday March 14th, 10 a.m. in Hall.

Tuesday, March 16th is Bread Day. We start as early as 12:30 a.m. Should you be available anytime to lend a helping hand please come by. This monthly endeavor helps us with our operational expenses. Immediately after Sunday mass, help is needed to configure the hall for this day.

Palm Sunday, March 28th – you are requested to bring your own palms from home for this celebration.

Have a Blessed Week!