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# Pope Francis' Lenten message: Sow seeds of goodness

In his message for Lent 2022, Pope Francis invites the faithful to sow seeds of goodness, so that we might reap a harvest of salvation for ourselves and others.

### **By Christopher Wells**

Pope Francis based his <u>Message for Lent 2022</u> on a passage from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians, "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (6:9-10).

#### God's co-workers

Beginning with the image of sowing and reaping, the Holy Father points out that "Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness."

God, he explains, is the first to sow, sowing "abundant seeds of goodness in our human family." During the period of Lent, "we are called to respond to God's gift" by listening to His Word, so that it might "bear fruit in our lives." In this way, we become "God's co-workers," which is a grace of sharing in God's own "bountiful goodness."

### Reaping the harvest

This, in turn, leads to a harvest. When we sow seeds of goodness and kindness, "no matter how small," in our own lives, we radiate light and carry "the fragrance of Christ to the world." Recalling the Gospel proverb, "one sows, while another reaps," Pope Francis reminds us that "we see only a small portion of the fruits we sow." The Pope explains that "sowing goodness for the benefit of others frees us from narrow self-interest, infuses us our actions with gratuitousness, and makes us part of the magnificent horizon of God's benevolent plan."

#### Prayer, fasting, and charitable giving

The Holy Father goes on to connect Paul's words to the Galatians to the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. "Let us not grow tired of praying," he says, realizing that we need God and others. "Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives," embracing fasting in order "to fortify our spirit for the battle against sin," especially through the sacrament of Confession and by fighting against concupiscence. "Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbor," giving joyfully and generously to others, especially those in most

need.

Pope Francis says that each year during Lent "we are reminded that 'goodness, together with love, justice, and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day."

#### Do not grow tired of doing good

He concludes his message by reminding us that "the soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer, and enriched by charity." He invites us, once again, not to grow tired of doing good, and calls us to "believe firmly that if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time,' and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised, for our salvation and the salvation of others."



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The Disciplines of Prayer and God's Word in Defeating Evil

The First Sunday of Lent reminds us how our Lord Jesus defeated the greatest of all evil with His holy discipline. Amidst life's endless struggle against the devil, Jesus showed us that the power of darkness could be overcome with self-mastery through the virtue of temperance. Exercising His self-restraint against the manmade idols of selfishness and pride, sin did not touch His humanity, but instead through His humanity, Jesus overcame Satan. Through fasting and prayers for 40 days and nights, Jesus transformed what the angels see as faulty. We are expected to face the same evil with the power of prayer, penance, God's Word, and our determination to be faithful to God during this Lenten season through the disciplines of holy Lent.

The triumph of Jesus against all temptations encourages us to reject any compromise with the devil, and as we practice the disciplines of Lent through fasting, self-denial (abstinence), and confession of our sins, we can also bravely face the source of all evil, trusting in the Lord's help that our humanity, made holy by Jesus, can also overcome evil. Our sacred mission on earth is not just to avoid sin, but to also confront it and be counted among those who have overcome it victoriously.



Mission Statement:

"Pascendi Dominici Gregis!" (To feed the Lord's flock!)

Vision:

In the spirit of our Patron

St. Pius-X, we, the catholic

community of St. Pius-X

Manoa aspire to live the happy and good witnessing of

the Gospel through our

Faith. Service, and Praise.

Fr. PJ Camiring Interim Administrator

### **CHURCH SCHEDULE**

# **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Closed all State & Federal Holidays

#### WEEKDAY MASS Monday to Saturday 7:30 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

#### Confessions

Weekdays (by appointment only)
Saturdays (1 hour before & after
4:00 p.m. Mass)
Sunday (1 hour before the 8:30
& 11:30 am masses)

# Adoration & Benediction

First Friday 8:00 a.m.

#### FOOD PANTRY

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

#### PADRE PIO DEVOTION

Third Saturday After 4:00 p.m. mass

# WEBSITE: St Pius X Church

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# **Upcoming Events** March 7—13

7—MONDAY 7:30 AM Mass—Church 10:00 AM Food Pantry - Hall

## **8—TUESDAY**

6:30 AM Outreach - Hall 7:30 AM Mass—Church

### 9—WEDNESDAY 7:00 Devotion to Our **Mother of Perpetual Help**

7:30 AM Mass—Church 10:00 AM Food Pantry - Hall

## 10—THURSDAY

6:30 AM Outreach - Hall 7:30 AM Mass—Church 6:30 PM—Memorial Mass for Father Thomas Joseph

# 11—FRIDAY

7:30 AM Mass—Church 10:00 AM Food Pantry -Hall 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Followed by Soup and bread-Hall

# 12—SATURDAY

7:30 AM Mass—Church 8:00 AM Church Cleaning 9:00 AM Religious Education Class-Conference Rm. Hall 9:00 AM Parish Council Mtg-Hall 10:00 AM Stewardship Mtg.—

Hall 3:00 PM Confession 4:00 PM MASS (Church) **Confession** (after Mass)

# 13—SUNDAY 8:30 AM MASS (Church) 11:30 AM PRAISE AND **WORSHIP MASS**

(Church) Live-Stream



# PRAY FOR PEACE AND PROTECTION IN UKRAINE

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH, MANOA

O God, merciful and strong, who crush wars and cast down the proud, be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our midst and to wipe away all tears, so that we may all truly deserve to be called your children. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.





This ancient Catholic practice stems from the former liturgical calendar in which the old Gospel reading for the 5th Sunday of Lent (i.e., the start of Passiontide) tells us on how Jesus hid Himself away from the Jews when they attempted to stone Him.

According to St. Augustine, at this moment when Jesus "hid Himself" from the lews. Christ in fact became invisible by virtue of His Divine ature. To help signify this mystery

crucifixes and images of Christ are veiled with purple cloth on the evening before the start of the Passiontide. The same goes with the images of the saints, as it is befitting that if the glory of the Master is hidden, then His servants should not Catholic Fortress



# A Lenten Prayer Lord, I know how much you love me It's hard for me to feel it sometimes but I know your love is always with me Help me to use your love as a way to persevere in my Lenten intentions I am weak, but I know with your help I can use these small sacrifices in my life to draw closer to you. Amen

# A memorial mass for **Father Thomas Joseph**

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022 **Time:** 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Pius X Church, Manoa Presider: Most Reverend Larry Silva

13, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 21, 2<mark>8</mark>,

Seven Inspirational Talks

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Life In The HOLY SPIRIT Seminars

March 26 & 27 Second Collection For Catholic Relief **Services** 

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Devotion to

Our Mother of

Perpetual Help

will begin every

Wednesday

Starting March 9 at



**Scripture** Readings for the Week

Sunday, March 6 First Sunday of Lent

**Deuteronomy 26:4-10** Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

Monday, March 7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 8 St. John of God, Religious Isaiah 55:10-11 **Matthew 6:7-15** 

Wednesday, March 9 St. Frances of Rome, Religious Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, March 10 Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 **Matthew 7:7-12** 

> Friday, March 11 **Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26**

Saturday, March 12 **Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Matthew 5:43-48** 

Sunday, March 13 Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36



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All Fridays of the Lenten Season - 6:00pm at St. Pius ) MARCH 4, 11, 18 & 25 • APRIL 1 & 8 7:00 a.m. Before the 7:30 a.m. Join us each week after Stations, for a Soup mass. Please come and join us. Supper prepared by Parish Ministries

**OFFERING February 26 & 27** 

Weekly Collection	2,039.50
Building Fund	82.00
Candles	49.00
Ash Wednesday	40.00
Gift Card	5.00
Initial Offering	10.00
Church Funeral	500.00
Total:	2,725.50

On line Giving: 2/21/2022—2/25/2022 \$ 96.00

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# **Mass Intentions:**

6:00 pm = 72 Adults / 7 Children

**Mass Attendance:** 

4:00 pm = 78 Adults / 6 Children

8:30 am = 61 Adults / 3 Children

11:30 am = 64 Adults / 4 Children

March 2—Ash Wednesday

7:30 am = 35 Adults

8:30 AM-Sunday, March 6 Mason Kieschnick+

11:30 AM—Sunday, March 6 Pro Populo Estelle Fukuda-T

7:30 AM—Monday, March 7 Nancy Nebel+ 7:30 AM—Tuesday, March 8

Fr. Tom+