

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This week, I would like to cover the Mass of the Lord's Supper and the unique symbols used in the Mass that starts the Paschal Triduum and I hope that you might find and reflect on these symbols this year as we commemorate the life, death, and Resurrection of Christ.

Holy Oils

The Holy Oils that are used by the church throughout the year (Oil of the Sick, Oil of the Catechumens, and Holy Chrism) may be presented during the entrance procession of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. These oils are blessed by Bishop during the Chrism Mass—which can happen on Holy Thursday or another time during Holy Week – with the priests of the diocese gathered at the local cathedral. During this celebration, all the priests present to renew their priestly vows.

Ring of the Bells

During the "Gloria" which is sung on Holy Thursday, we hear the altar bells ringing! We are celebrating the Mass for the last time until Easter Vigil, and the church is in mourning so the bells will remain silent until we sing the "Gloria" again.

Washing of the feet

As Jesus did at the Last Supper (John 14:1-17), the church is called to wash the feet of the members of the Body of the Christ during the celebration of the Institution of the Eucharist. This symbol of humility is a wonderful connection with the service of Christ.

Ubi Caritas

It is rare that the church prescribes a specific hymn to be sung other than those prescribed for the Proper of the Mass, yet on Holy Thursday the Roman Missal says that we should sing the ancient song "Ubi Caritas" during the offertory. A very simple song and the lyrics are very meaningful, especially for the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Translated, they mean "Where charity is, God is there."

Eucharistic Procession and Reposition

The church tabernacle, while normally filled with the Blessed Sacrament and reserved hosts is emptied and brought to the Altar of Repose where the faithful are invited to join in Adoration. This procession is meant to be of great importance for the community and reminds us of the walk that Christ is about to take the following day on the Via Dolorosa, but instead of being nailed to a cross, we place our King in a place of honor.

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MISSION / VISION STATEMENT: WE ARE A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY—called to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: *Word, Sacrament, Renewal Programs, Ministry/Service* and other ***Spirit-led*** activities. We dedicate our time, talent, and treasure to install, in our parish community the basic building blocks of Christian living, ***to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to all through our words, deeds, and lives.***

PASTOR Fr. Anthony Rapozo

In Residence Fr. John Gabriel

DEACON Dcn. Romeo Ganibe

*FULL Parish Clergy & Staff Directory available
on our website.*

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 8AM Mondays: Communion
Service; Tuesday – Saturday:
Mass

Sunday: 5PM (Saturday Vigil), 7AM, 9AM,
11AM & 6PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30PM

PARISH RECTORY HOURS

Monday 12:00PM – 4:00PM

Tuesday - Friday 8:30AM - 4:00PM

Saturday - Sunday Closed

Please call the office for all other inquiries:
Anointing, Baptisms, Blessings, Food Pantry,
Funeral, Homebound Communion &
Marriage.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE MAR 25/26

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,445.96
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,057.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 243.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 365.00
Marriage	\$ 1,020.00
Stewardship	\$ 5.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 768.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 470.00
St Joseph Statue	\$ 50.00
Candles	\$ 449.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 565.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 89.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 121.00
St Michael School Fund	\$ 3,531.24

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 22,179.20



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE: Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6 - *The institution of the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Savior's Body & Blood.*

8:00AM Morning Prayers (No Daily Mass) 7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight in the One Community Center.

Friendly reminder, please turn in **CRS RICE BOWLS** by Holy Thursday, April 6th. A collection box will be located at the main church entrance.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7—*We remember the Passion and Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.*

8:00AM Morning Prayers (No Daily Mass), 3:00PM and 6:00PM – The Passion of the Lord, 5:30PM - Stations of the Cross.

- ◆ **ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT:** Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Good Friday. To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of abstinence should be kept in mind.

The parish office will be closed on Friday, April 7th in observance of Good Friday.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8 – 8:00AM Morning Prayers (No Daily Mass). No Confessions.

No 5:00PM Mass Easter Vigil – 7:00PM.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9 –HE HAS RISEN! ALLELUIA! Masses:7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM.

No 6:00 PM Mass.

Remember a loved one at Easter. **EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES** are available at the back of the church, or you may also donate through online giving by visiting our parish website.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 16 – (Regular Sunday Schedule)

Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3:00PM

Respect Life: “Despite our best efforts, it can sometimes be difficult to recognize the profound value of human life when we see its full weakness and fragility. Yet, the faithful care of human life until its natural end is entrusted to every person.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”





After being asked by God to sacrifice his only son, Abraham's faith is tested as he journeys to the mountain of Moriah to make an unthinkable sacrifice. Get your tickets today.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023, 7 PM - ONE COMMUNITY CENTER

Light refreshments provided by Knights of Columbus

Please visit our parish website, stjohnmililani.org to purchase tickets.

Job Opening:

Maintenance & Groundskeeper (Part-Time)

Description: Responsible for the maintenance, cleanliness, and repair of parish facilities. Performs a variety of facility and equipment maintenance and preventative maintenance duties. Oversees any maintenance activities provided by contractors as assigned by the Pastor. To apply: <https://www.hrsymphony.com/hrs/route/position/5971/G5QE>

This week on FORMED:

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.

Holy Week by Dr. Brant Pitre

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author, and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.

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SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 26:14 – 27:66)

BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

This Palm Sunday, the gospel is proclaimed by someone besides a priest and deacon – every individual in our church takes part.

It's a great privilege. And it – literally — gives us a role in Christ's passion.

But what do we say? What lines are we given?

"He deserves to die!"

"Barabbas!"

"Let him be crucified!"

"Crucify him!"

"Take him away, crucify him!"

We are the mob. And we cruelly assist in condemning Christ to death.

And the great irony, of course, is that we do it while clutching the palms.

They are a reminder - and an indictment. While we were standing here, crying out "Crucify him!" we were clutching the branches that we used to sing out "Hosanna." The palms reveal our very human duplicity. How easily we turn. How quickly we pivot from faithful, to faithless ... from belief to doubt ... from being disciples to being betrayers.

We start out acting like angels, singing "Hosanna." And we end up just being the mob.

And in our own brokenness and sinfulness, we ask that he remember us. We pray that we may be better than we are and receive better than we deserve. We pray that we, who often deserve to be forgotten, may be remembered.

And so, this Palm Sunday, **we** remember. We remember Christ's journey to the cross, which began with his journey into Jerusalem. We remember our role in his passion – our own sinfulness.

As we journey forward this Holy Week, let us look at the palms and look at what we are called to do...and who we are called to be.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Year A

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 Responsorial Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9



- *"True reverence for the Lord's passion means fixing the eyes of our heart on Jesus crucified and recognizing in him our own humanity."*

– POPE ST. LEO THE GREAT

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday April 3, 2023**

8AM Mark Burnett (RIP)
Buena Harding (RIP)
Cheryl Solomon-Hume (Healing)

Tuesday April 4, 2023

8AM Teodoro Melegrito (RIP)
Luther G. Fernández (RIP)
Josiah Borrromeo Jr
(Birthday Blessing)
Fr. Steve Macedo
(Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday April 5, 2023

8AM Maricel Mauleon
(Birthday Memorial)
Laureana Melegrito (RIP)
Maria Aguirre & Students
(Blessing)
Mark Burnett (RIP)

Thursday April 6, 2023

8AM *Holy Thursday, Morning Prayers*
No daily Mass

Friday April 7, 2023

8AM *Good Friday, Morning Prayers*
No daily Mass

Saturday April 8, 2023

8AM *Holy Saturday, Morning Prayers*
No daily Mass
7PM *Easter Vigil*

Sunday April 9, 2023

7AM Guerrero Family
(Blessing/Thanksgiving)
For the People
9 AM
11 AM Raquel DeJesus (Birthday Blessing)
6 PM *No 6 PM Mass*

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUENA A. HARDING (RIP) – Friday, April 14, 2023, Mililani Memorial Park – Makai Chapel -
Visitation: 5:00 pm, Wake Service: 5:45 pm, Burial: 11:00 am ~ Mililani Memorial Park.

FELIX B. FERNANDEZ (RIP) – Friday, April 21, 2023, Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery – Graveside
Service: 1:00 pm.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, Christy Esposito, Dorothy Isaac, John Bates, Zelda Sacro, Catherine Delos Reyes, Gavina Tamonte, John Gonzales, Nathan & Diane Kotch, Edward Naong, Teresa Montoya, Letty Baguinon, Winnie Lee, Cheryl Solomon-Hume, Mario Visaya, Carmelo Pacpaco, Lita Guerrero & Genelyn Daszek.

DECEASED

James E. Smith, Maile Judd, Pilar Perona, John Loggins, Jose Najar Sr., Nelson Visitacion, Kenny Ringor, Shauna Awong, Buena A. Harding, Grace Trent, Maria G. Mercado, Rand T. Ushijima, Charles Kauai, Gino Daguio, Mark Burnett, & Patrick Mayock.

