



MARCH 28 / 29, 2015

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

ST. JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Daily Mass (M-SAT): 8:00 AM • **Sunday Masses:** (SAT Vigil) 5:00 PM, (SUN) 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM

Reconciliation: (SAT) 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM (or by appointment)

Parish Office Hours: Monday 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM • Tuesday thru Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

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PARISH MINISTRIES

We welcome you to visit our

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www.stjohnmililani.org for a

listing and more information on

all our ministries.

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Celebrating the Sacred Triduum

The Holy Week we begin with Palm Sunday leads into the heart of the liturgical year. We invite you to make this week a special time of prayer and preparation for what we are about to celebrate in the beautiful liturgies of each day. Look at the readings of each day before coming to Church so that you will be better nourished by the liturgy. Our parish church seating capacity is limited during these celebrations. Come early. Invite your friends especially those who do not come to regular Sunday Mass as well as those of Christian churches or of no church at all. At the Easter Vigil Celebration, there will be a gift for each household, but the gift can only be given at the end of Mass as you exit at all doors.

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper (April 2, 2015): we commemorate Jesus' command to celebrate the Eucharist and to wash one another's feet.

No Mass at 8:00 am

Morning Prayer at 8:00 am

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in silence till 12:00 midnight

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (April 3, 2015): we commemorate the death of Jesus and venerate the Cross of Salvation. We observe a fast in honor of the Passion and Death of Our Lord.

No Mass at 8:00am

Morning Prayer at 8:00 am

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:30 pm

Holy Saturday (April 4, 2015): we keep vigil; we celebrate the Resurrection and we initiate new members into our community through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

No Mass at 8:00 am

Morning Prayer at 8:00 am

Solemn Easter Vigil Celebration at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday (April 5, 2015): we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.

Solemn Mass at dawn at 7:00 am

Solemn Mass at 9:00 am

Solemn Mass at 11:00 am

Please note: there will be NO 6:00 pm Mass

The ancient Easter greeting during this season is "Christ is risen!", and the response is "He is risen indeed!" May we all be filled with the joy of this season. In the gospel of Easter Vigil, we hear the following words of the angel: "He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him." (Mk 16:6)

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

Msgr. John S. Mbinda, Pastor

MISSION 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.*

JESUS GENEROUSLY GIVES UP HIS LIFE FOR US ALL

There are many facets and themes that can be drawn from Mark's passion account. It is filled with denials: Peter's, the Apostles', Pilate's and Jesus' accusers. Jesus, who came to his people riding a lowly animal, was welcomed with great admiration and feted in Jerusalem, after a few days crowned with thorns, not with gold, and beaten rather than worshipped. He who would judge heaven and earth is judged and condemned by the very people He created.

Mark paints a vivid picture of the sufferings of Jesus. At the same time, his passion account – even his whole gospel – rose to a crescendo in the centurion's amazing proclamation of the faith, as he stood facing the crucified, dead Jesus. "Truly, this man was the son of God!" The one, both hailed and derided as King of the Jews and crucified, is finally revealed in His deepest identity as the "Son of God." His mission is accomplished in the shedding of his blood. He gives his blood

as the new fruit of the vine in which we all share each time we commemorate his saving mission.

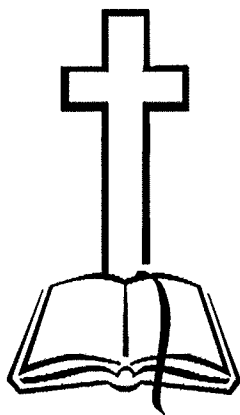
During the last hours, Jesus was abandoned with only a few of the faithful people who stood by him. Perhaps there were only four who remained close to his cross; Mary, his mother, John the Apostle, Mary Magdalene and the Roman Centurion. As Jesus carries His cross past us, he gives us a choice of the role each one wants to play. As we hear this passion proclaimed, where do we stand or what is our reaction to it?

Jesus went through all the humiliations and pain of the cross so that we could be reconciled with God and restore our dignity. He, who is life itself, embraced suffering and death so that we could receive life eternally. Despite rejection and insults from the leaders and crowds of people at time of His trial, He continued to love and forgive as He hung on the cross. Jesus never forgot His mission to

save us all. By his wounds, we were healed!

As we hear this passion account proclaimed, our call is to embrace, more fully, our baptismal commitment and to stand with Jesus to become one with Him so that our denials of Him, through weakness, become fewer, running from Him becomes less quick, and our faithfulness to follow and continue His mission becomes stronger. Rather than denying Jesus, we are called to steadfastly stand with Him. How are we called, especially during Lent, to empty ourselves like Jesus for the good of others? How have our reflections on global solidarity affected how we view poor and vulnerable people in our own communities? God reveals Himself through Jesus and in Him, He shows us His love. We are invited to reflect and meditate on the example of Jesus Christ, as we celebrate His greatest act of humiliation, namely death.

FR. BONIFACE WAEMA
PAROCHIAL VICAR



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

This passage from the Acts of the Apostles is one of several discourses of Peter to Jewish crowds. Peter's address to the household of Cornelius, the Roman centurion in Caesarea, may seem to be a strange passage to be read, but the thrust of Peter's message is the central theme of Easter. It shows how the apostles fulfilled the command to preach the Gospel. The address is a summary of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, with the conclusion that salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Psalm 118 is a hymn of thanksgiving to God as Savior of his people, and it looks toward the enthronement of the Messiah as Lord for ever. The response fits in with the joy of Easter: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

This passage focuses on the new life that is God's gift in the resurrection. The reading concentrates on the promise of future fulfillment in eternity. Paul's words open to us another dimension of Easter. For Paul, Easter is not only a celebration of Jesus' resurrection, but also of our being raised with Christ to a new life.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Throughout his Gospel, John calls attention to growth in faith through a step by step encounter with Christ. In this account of the resurrection, Mary of Magdala plays an important role in reporting to Peter and the disciple Jesus loved that Jesus' body has been removed. The two Apostles rush to investigate the mystery of the empty tomb. In seeing the circumstances, they begin to believe. It is important to note that all three are witnesses. We also note that the disciple Jesus loved is the first to penetrate the mystery of the empty tomb. "He saw and believed." This faith has yet to be confirmed and deepened by a return to the Scriptures to see them in the new light of the Spirit, and completed in personal encounter with the risen Lord. The appearances of the Risen Lord would therefore play a crucial role in deepening the faith of the Apostles. They in turn may give witness to Jesus from their own personal experience (cf. Lk 24:13-35, the Gospel for Easter Evening Mass on the Emmaus story.)

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Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 30, 2015

8AM: Luz Abanes (RIP)

Ann Majewski (RIP)

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

8AM: Luz Abanes (RIP)

Conchita Uson (Blessings)

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

8AM: Luz Abanes (RIP)

Bernardo P. Benigno

(Death Anniversary)

Thursday, April 2, 2015

HOLY THURSDAY

Friday, April 3, 2015

GOOD FRIDAY

Saturday, April 4, 2015

7PM: Kazuko Tanaka (RIP)

Sunday, April 5, 2015

7AM: Justin Fishel (Healing/Blessing)

9AM: Evaristo & Ignacia Racoma (RIP)

11AM: Thomas Cirimo (RIP)



Please pray for our
Members & Friends

HEALING/BLESSINGS: Jane & Ray Beauchemin, Richard Butz, Ashley Nawahine, Kamakoa Almasin, Ellen Cleghorn, Helen Uyehara, Linda Watson, Maya Higgins, BJ Sagocio, Teresita Milanio, Samuel Aguirre, Mike Culkin, Maydell Britt-Mason, Bryan & Alexandria Hollon Family, Ramon Ramos, Jeff Grundon, Mamerto Perez, Alicia Newson, Lance Yoshimura, Marcy Sagon, Gregory Castillo, Ramon Aguirre, Christina Gomez, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Emilia S. Taclan, Santos "Sandy" Padilla, Lillian M. Ramos, Carmen O. Austria, Ernesta L. Salvador, Christina Falke, Oscar Carias, Nancy S. H. Kealoha, Joy Ann K. Baker, Rogelio Ordinario, Lolita Camlin, Bernadette Yockman and Fidel Reyes.

CHANGE IN COLLECTION DATE! The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out on the weekend of April 11/12. Please kokua.



Senior Bingo! Hui O Laulima will sponsor a senior bingo this Sunday, March 29, 2015 from 1:00-3:00 pm on the church lanai. There will be games, great prizes, refreshments & many friends to laugh and enjoy with. You must be 60 years old or older to participate. Come & join the fun!

The St. John's Women's Guild invites everyone to join them for a 1 day retreat, "Rising with Jesus", on Saturday, April 11, from 8:45 am - 2:00 pm, in the church; potluck lunch, please bring a dish to share. If Holy Week is the time we die with the Lord, Easter is a time that we rise with the Lord. Resurrection is different from what we may think, it is not resuscitation. Retreat Master: Fr. David Lupo, Chaplain of the St. Anthony Retreat Center, Spiritual Director for Missionary Basic Christian Communities & Cursillo Hawaii. For more information call Trudy Holder at 721-7858.



Hungering for Seeds of Home - We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as he enters into Jerusalem, a community he knew well. CRS Rice Bowl asks us, too, to prayerfully enter into our own communities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives? **Please turn in your cardboard Rice Bowl Box by Good Friday, April 3.** You may donate online by visiting our parish website, www.stjohnmililani.org, clicking the "Online Giving" icon. Please give generously.

Holy Land Collection - Once a year on Good Friday, our parish is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. A pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on **Good Friday, April 3**, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. You may drop your donation during offertory or you may donate online by visiting our parish website, www.stjohnmililani.org, clicking the "Online Giving" icon.

Easter Flower Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the church or you may make a donation online by visiting our parish website, www.stjohnmililani.org, and click the "Online Giving" icon.

St. John A & E Rectory Easter Office Hours

April 3, 2015 - Good Friday

8:30 am - 12:00 Noon

April 6, 2015 - Easter Monday

CLOSED

St. John Prison Ministry Easter Drive - Outreach office will be collecting items for the Prison Ministry's Easter Collection. Donations will be given to the Central Office of Prisons and will be distributed to our brothers & sisters in penitentiary. Please refer to the poster on the bulletin board for the list of donation items. All items must be new. Collection days start from now through **Wednesday, April 1st**, and may be dropped off at the Outreach Office during regular office hours. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

The next 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, May 1, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass and ending at 7:30 am on Saturday, May 2. This beautiful devotion allows us to spend time in quiet adoration of our Lord and feel the infinite love present in His heart. Jesus waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and adore Him.



Collection for March 21/22, 2015

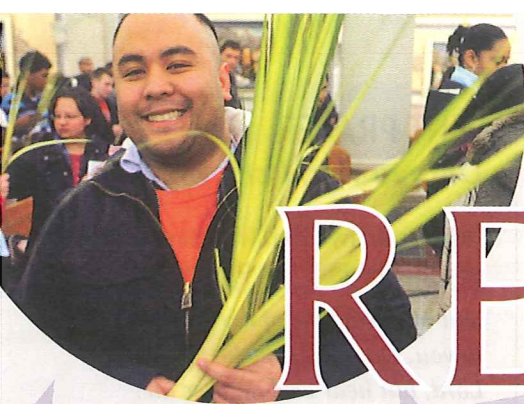
Sunday Collection

- 5:00 PM	\$2,712.51
- 7:00 AM	\$2,682.00
- 9:00 AM	\$2,355.86
- 11:00 AM	\$2,325.17
- 6:00 PM	\$1,761.00
- Front Office	\$452.00
- Online Donation	\$2,117.55

Candle Sales	\$434.00
Offerings - Baptisms	\$215.00
Offerings - Funerals	\$300.00
Frugal Meal (Op. Rice Bowl)	\$110.50
Donation - Outreach	\$144.00
Easter Flowers	\$112.00
Mass Intentions	\$270.00
Stewardship Development	\$26.00
BEMO	\$1,855.25
Hui O Laulima	\$48.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$393.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$10.00

Weekend Total: \$18,323.84

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce." Proverbs 3:9



The Sixth Week of Lent: Palm Sunday

REPENT

Meditations for the
Season of Lent

AND BELIEVE

The King of the Jews

Mark 14:1–15:47

The final week of Jesus' life was filled with activity, from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Sunday until his death on Friday. We remember his actions, his prayers, his trial, his sufferings, and finally his death. As Lent draws to a close, we have the opportunity to join our sorrows more deeply with him so that we, too, can rise again with him on Easter.



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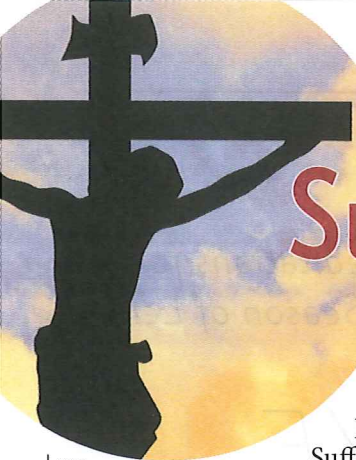
Today we are given the entire story of the Passion that will play out this week. One way to enter more fully into these events is to imagine that you are present at Christ's passion. Take in the details and think about what you would have been thinking or feeling if you were present when Jesus entered into Jerusalem to be greeted by palms and "Hosannas." How would you have reacted when the woman poured precious oil on his feet? What would have been going through your mind at the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, or the way of the Cross? By allowing yourself to enter more fully into the experience of the Passion, Easter Sunday will become even more meaningful.

POINTS TO PONDER

- What part of the Passion narrative touches you the most deeply?
- Can I set aside time this week to simply be in the presence of the Lord?
- As I prepare for Easter, am I spending as much time on spiritual preparations as I am on Easter baskets and a special meal?

“And though every day a man lives may rightly be a day of repentance, yet is it in these days more becoming, more appropriate, to confess our sins, to fast, and to give alms to the poor; since in these days you may wash clean the sins of the whole year.”

— St. John Chrysostom



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CATHOLIC INSIGHTS

Suffering Servant

The Old Testament, especially the Book of Isaiah, foretold that the Messiah would have to suffer and die. During this Holy Week, look up the following Scripture passages and see how they can be applied to Jesus, the Suffering Servant of God.

Isaiah 49

The words of God's servant about himself.

Isaiah 50

How salvation will come through the suffering of God's servant.

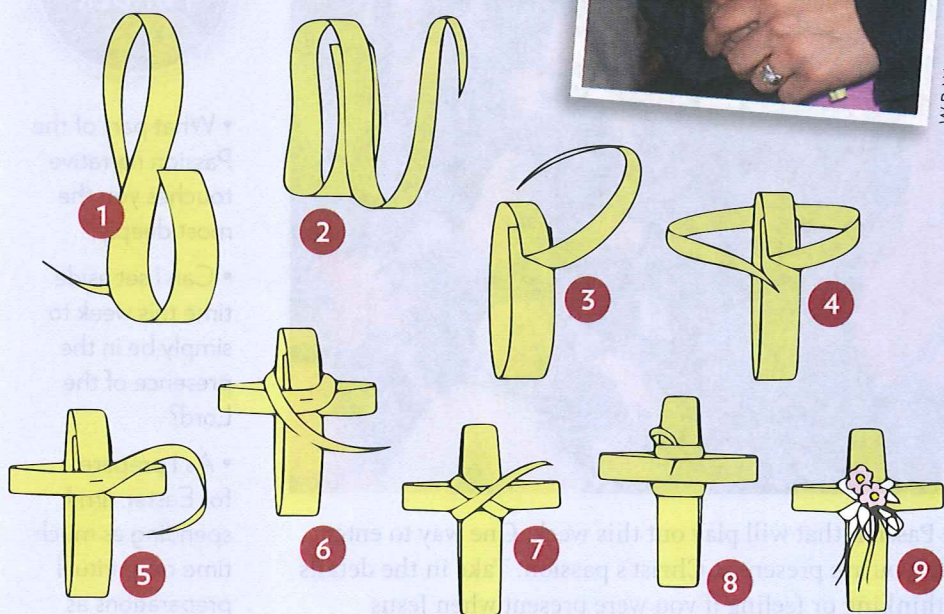
Isaiah 52

The suffering of God's servant will be the salvation of many nations and peoples.

FamilyActivity

Palm Crosses

A traditional way of preserving palms from one year to the next is to make palm crosses.



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LENT PRAYER

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" — Psalm 22:2

Out of the depths of my sorrow, I call to you. Do not let me be forgotten, Lord, but hear and answer me.



HOLY THURSDAY liturgy recalls the Last Supper and the First Eucharist, where Jesus models for us how to serve when he washes the disciples' feet. It also commemorates the establishment of the priesthood.

GOOD FRIDAY is the only day of the year on which Mass is not celebrated. The Good Friday liturgy, in its solemnity, invites us to enter deeply into the passion of Our Lord. This is a day of fasting and abstinence.

HOLY SATURDAY is the final day of preparation for Easter. During the Easter Vigil, new members are brought into the Church, and we celebrate the great mystery of our redemption. The Pascal candle that is lit at the Vigil remains throughout the year.

CatechismCONNECTION

"Jesus' entry into Jerusalem manifested the coming of the kingdom that the King-Messiah was going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection. It is with the celebration of that entry on Palm Sunday that the Church's liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week."

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 560

Karen Callaway

