

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: FATHER JOSEPH AYINPUUSA

Called to experience our humanity in depth.

Today on Palm Sunday, we remember the triumphant entry of Jesus in the city of Jerusalem accompanied by a rejoicing crowd. This ushers us into an eventful week where we begin to witness the unfolding of the greatest story ever told - the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

During these days we will find ourselves tossed between the extremes of humiliation and glory, ugliness and beauty, suffering and joy. It is the mystery of the cross that repels us and at the same time attracts us. These conflicting aspects of the cross overshadow the triumphant entry of Jesus in Jerusalem.

The King of Israel who comes in the name of the Lord foreshadows the man of passion with the crown of thorns, ridiculed as the king of the Jews; and rejected and deserted by his closest friends. The graceful face of Jesus, once radiant with the power of the Spirit, which was the source of consolation and joy to many distressed people, becomes an ugly sight to the onlookers.

The Palm Sunday awakens us to this hard reality of Jesus which is manifested in these two extreme experiences which shocks us, but at the same time transforms us and renews us from within. The key to this experience of renewal is to "see" the face of Jesus in a personal, intimate encounter with him. We can definitely see our own lives reflected on the human face of Jesus with all its deformities, weaknesses, sins and sufferings. At the same time, we can see the divine light reflected on his face. The vision of the face of Jesus is our motivation to follow him carrying our crosses.

This is because our Christian life is a life of faith, a "way" we walk with Jesus. Faith is a journey, a pilgrimage which progresses through different terrains and landscapes of life. Our deep human experiences of suffering and joy, frustration and hope, failure and success are not wasted, if we walk the way of faith with Jesus till the end. The Holy Week is the time to experience our humanity in depth. The paradox of human life which baffles us with its good and bad surprises and turning points can be understood and appreciated, if we have a total view of life. We hear these contrasting tunes in the death and resurrection of Jesus, in his humiliation and glorification. We participate in the same destiny of Jesus. May the Pascal mystery we celebrate in this Holy Week enable us to undergo a transformation and renewal of life with Jesus, experiencing the whole gamut of experiences, like a seed which falls into the earth to die, to sprout and to produce abundant fruits.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Mon - Sat): 8:00 AM

Sunday: (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM,
(Sun) 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
(or by appointment)

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.***

Parish Rectory Hours**Monday:** 12:00 PM-4:30 PM**Tues. - Fri.:** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed**Outreach Office Hours****Mon. - Wed.:** 9 AM to 2 PM**Thurs. - Friday:** 9 AM to 11 AM**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed**FOOD PANTRY Hours****Mon. - Wed.:** 9 AM to 12 PM**Thurs. - Friday:** 9 AM to 11 AM**Religious Ed Office Hours****Monday:** Closed**Tues. - Thurs.:** 12 pm - 8:00 pm**Fri.:** 10:00 am - 6:00 pm**Saturday:** 2:00—5:00 pm**Sun:** 7:00 am - 1:00pm**PARISH CLERGY & STAFF****Pastor** (ext. 111)*Msgr. John Mbinda**jmbinda@rcchawaii.org***Parochial Vicar** (x 104)*Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa**jayinpuusa@rcchawaii.org**Fr. Pat McCormick* (x 108)*(In Residence)***Deacon** Modesto Cordero*mcordero@rcchawaii.org***Deacon** Romeo Ganibe*rganibe@rcchawaii.org***Parish Office Administrator** (x 103)*Jolly Guerrero-Tano**jollygt@rcchawaii.org***Parish Secretary** (x 100)*Dominique Kekiwi**dkekiwi@rcchawaii.org***Director of Liturgy***Nicholas Calzada**ncalzada@rcchawaii.org***Outreach Department** (x 203)*Pearl Bates**pebates@rcchawaii.org***RCIA Coordinators***Dcn. Modesto Cordero**Dcn. Romeo Ganibe***Religious Ed. Director** (x 206)*Julie Quiroz-Zamora**jquiroz@rcchawaii.org***Religious Ed. Secretary** (x 204)*Dominique Kekiwi**dkekiwi@rcchawaii.org***Preschool Director** (744-9538)*Catherine Awong**cawong@rcchawaii.org*

PASTOR'S CORNER

Making Sense of the Holy Triduum

In the bulletin of last Sunday, we outlined the coming celebrations of the Holy Triduum also known as the Sacred Triduum. Basically, the Sacred Triduum is one continuous festival commemorating the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins.

It is called the "Paschal Mystery" because it is the ultimate fulfillment of the ancient Jewish Passover (or Pasch), which was a memorial of how God brought the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt. The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the **Passover meal** and consumed, and that night the destroying angel "**passed over**" the homes marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb, and the people in those houses marked with the Blood were saved. This was the Old Testament prefiguring of Jesus' work at the Last Supper—where he inserted himself as the Paschal Lamb—and Calvary, where he offered himself in sacrifice to save us from our slavery to sin.

The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the Passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says the following on the Sacred Triduum:

"Therefore, Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of feasts', the 'Solemnity of solemnities', just as the Eucharist is the 'Sacrament of sacraments'. St. Athanasius calls Easter 'the Great Sunday' and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week 'the Great Week'. The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him." (CCC #1168, 1169).

Once again, I appeal to all parishioners to participate in this unique event. The entire Paschal Mystery makes more sense when one participates in all three celebrations. Please remember that our parish church seating capacity is limited during these celebrations even with a tent outside. Come early. Invite your friends especially those who do not come to Sunday Mass regularly, as well as Christians and those of no church at all. Have a Blessed Holy Triduum!



Be generous and you will be prosperous; help others and you will be helped." (Good News Translation) - Prov 11:25

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

Easter Sunday "Resurrection of the Lord"

First Reading: Acts 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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Podcast (audio): <https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>
iTunes (audio): [Streaming Homilies](#)

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 26, 2018

(8 am) †Teresa Yamamoto

Antonet Tamento Recinas & Family

† Fe Guadalupe Villareal

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

(8 am) †Teresa Yamamoto

† Castora V. Soriano

Antonet Ramento Recinas & Family

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

(8 am) † Claudio & Tomie Malicay

† Exequiel & Magdalena Malicay

Tristan De Vega & Army Troops

(Safe Travels/ Safety)

Thursday, March 29, 2018

(8 am) Morning Prayers

7 pm † Francis Phillip

Friday, March 30, 2018

(8 am) Morning Prayers

Saturday, March 31, 2018

8 am Morning Prayers

7pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 1, 2018

7am † William Brilhante

9 am For the People

11 am Victor S. Peroff, Jr.

(Blessing/Healing)

6 pm No Mass

† Rest in Peace †

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Warren Chalmers, Carrie Becky, Deacon Modesto Cordero, Cheryl Solomon, Clyde Sauget, Felisa Rapisura, Linda Osdieck, David Hall, Evelyn Quinata, Shirley Del Rosario, Carol Towne, Darrlyn & Ron Bunda, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, David Torres, Jack & Ellen Cleghorn, Ernesta Tolentino, Lester Wilson, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Jim Vangrinsven, Dollie McGarry, Suzanne Foster, Linda Eguchi, Mario M. Pichon & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Larry Butcher, Teresita Aquino, Rosalina V. Bayona, Agreda Acebo, Maureen Hart, Francisco V. Soliven, Ernesto D. Dumlao, Teodora Caliboso, Praxedes Salmorin, Milagros Gueco, Bella Rillamas, Phillip D. Meek, Sr., William Brilhante, Barbara Silva, Theresa M. Robles, Alveria Maldonado, Teresa Yamamoto, Jose R. Burgos, Debra K. Badis, & George Dorado.

† **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** †**George S. Dorado (RIP)**

Monday, April 9, 2018 ~ Mililani Memorial Park- Makai

Visitation: 5:00 pm

Prayer Service: 6:30 pm

Barbara Silva (RIP)

Saturday, April 14, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:00 am

Mass: 10:30 am

Burial: 1:00 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Josefine E. Ordillas (RIP)

Monday, April 16, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 10:00 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held on *Friday, April 6*, immediately after the
8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on
Saturday, April 7.

**LIFE TEEN REMINDER:**

No Life Night– Sunday, March 25 “Palm Sunday”

Sunday, April 1 “Easter Sunday”

Life Night will resume on Sunday April 8, 7 pm in Rms 4-5.

SEE YOU THERE!

Please contact the parish office to set up an
appointment & coordination for the following :

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms (Upcoming ceremony dates)
April 15 & 22, May 13 & 27, June 17 & 24.

**Baptism Preparation Classes : April 8, May 6, and
June 3.**

Blessings (home, auto, religious items, etc...)**Funerals****Homebound Communion****Marriages** (at least 6 months before wedding date)

Job Opening:
General Maintenance Worker
(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 assigned
staff and any maintenance
activities provided by
contractors as assigned by the Pastor.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE****MAR 17/18**

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,830.56
Children's Collection	\$ 12.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,510.85
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,020.50
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 3,182.00
Candle Sales	\$ 629.00
Donation– Youth/ Young Adults	\$ 50.00
Donation– Baptism	\$ 30.00
Donation– Catholic Relief Services	\$ 330.00
Donation– Holy Thurs.– Oper. Rice Bowl	\$ 313.77
Donation– Frugal Meal– Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 94.00
Donation– Flowers– Easter	\$ 343.00
Donation– Social Ministry	\$ 20.00
Donation– Charity	\$ 60.00
Donation– Mass Intentions	\$ 240.00

Weekend Total: \$ 21,665.68

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce.”- Proverbs

Holy Triduum and Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 29
(No 8am Mass)

*Morning Prayers at 8am.

***Solemn Celebration of the
Lord's Supper** at 7pm.

*Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament in silence
til 12 midnight.

Good Friday, March 30
Parish Offices Closed
(No 8am Mass)

*Morning Prayer at 8am.

***Celebration of the Lord's
Passion** at 3pm.

*Stations of the Cross
at 7pm.

Holy Saturday, March 31
(No 8am Mass)

* Morning Prayers at 8am

* No 3:30pm Confession

* **Solemn Easter Vigil
Celebration** at 7pm

Easter Sunday, April 1
*Solemn Masses at 7am, 9am
& 11am.

** No 6 pm Mass **

Easter Monday, April 2

Parish Offices Closed

**Diocese of Honolulu
2018 Lenten Regulations****FASTING**

❖ In the dioceses in the United
States, Catholics aged 18
through 59 are bound to fast
on **Good Friday** (March
30th).

❖ To *fast* means to consume
one full meal a day at most,
although taking of other,
smaller quantities of food at
the other customary
mealtimes is permitted. Food
and drink between meals
(excepting water and
medicine) is not permitted on
fast days.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

❖ Catholics aged 14 and up are
to abstain from meat on Ash
Wednesday, all Fridays of
Lent, and 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 the
abstinence should be kept in
mind.



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Parish office will be closed on the following days:

Monday, March 26- Prince Kuhio Day

Friday, March 30- Good Friday

Monday, April 2- Easter Monday

Please turn in your Rice Bowl by **Thursday, March 29 to an Usher or at the Parish office.**

Easter Flower Envelopes are available at the back of the church or you may also donate online by visiting our parish website, clicking **"online giving."**

Stations of the Cross will be held on **Good Friday: March 30 at 7pm.**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace & join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **Please be generous!** You may donate online by visiting our parish website, clicking **"online giving."**

Easter Egg Hunt! Bring your Easter Egg Baskets & join us on **Sunday, April 1, 10 am at Kipapa Neighborhood Park** for our Parish Egg Hunt.

NO RE Classes on Sat., March 31 & Sun., April 1. RE Classes will resume on **Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, April 8 "B" Schedule.**

Divine Mercy Sunday- Join **the St. John Rosary Group & The Knights of Columbus on Sunday, April 8 at 3pm in the church** for the Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. Bring your Rosary! To prepare, remember to begin a Novena on **Good Friday (March 30) thru Easter Saturday (April 1st).** For more info, call Pearl at (808) 623-3332 ext. 203.

The next **Catholic Book Club** meeting will be on **Thursday, April 19, 7-9 pm in classroom 6.** The title of the discussion book is "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion" by Gregory Boyle. Open to All! For more information, Contact Erlyne at 808-783-9550.

Join us in honoring our Jubilarians on Saturday, April 21 at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, 712 N. School St. at 10:30 am. Refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome as we pay tribute to these men and women who have given decades of selfless service to the Church. **Congratulations to Msgr. John S. Mbinda on his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood. Bus Transportation will provided. Bus will leave St. John at 9 am and will leave Co- Cathedral at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$5 (non refundable) First come, first served.** Contact the Parish Office for sign up.

Join us in the Ordination to the Diaconate of Romple Emwalu on Friday, May 25 at 6 pm at St. John's. A reception will follow after Mass. Bishop Larry Silva will be the celebrant.

THIS WEEK: March 26- April 1

Monday - Parish Office Closed "Prince Kuhio Day."

7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- **Daily Mass**
8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
4 pm- Girl Scouts (Troop 611) (Rm 6)
6 pm - Cub Scouts (Rms 4-5)
7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)
7 pm- Boy Scouts (Rm 4)

Tuesday - 7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- **Daily Mass**
8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am- Church Cleaning-Environment (CH).
9 am- Women's Bible Study (Rm 6)
3 pm - Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)
4:30 pm- Children's Choir Practice (CCH)
7 pm- Combined Chorus Practice (CH)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday- 7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- **Daily Mass**
8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday - 7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- **Morning Prayers**
8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm- Stewardship Council (Conf Rm)
7 pm- Mass

Friday - Office Closed "Good Friday"
7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- **Morning Prayers**
8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am- Church Cleaning (Environment)
3 pm- Good Friday Service- CH
6 pm- Girl Scouts (Troop 104) (Rm 5)

Saturday- 7:30am- Rosary
8 am- **Morning Prayers**
8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
3 pm- NO RE Classes
3:30 pm - No Confession
7 pm- Easter Vigil-CH

Sunday - Masses: Easter Sunday
7 am, 9 am, & 11 am

NO RE CLASSES

10 am- Easter Egg Hunt- Kipapa Park
7 pm- NO Life Teen

**FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...
... AND SECURE YOUR VEHICLE!**

PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.



Car thieves love to window shop!

Planting Seeds for the Future: Proper estate planning can reduce administrative time, expense and inconvenience. Careful estate planning can also be one of the best gifts you give your family.

Please remember *St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church* in planning your will.

Meditations for the Sixth Week of Lent

WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

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.

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.

FOR REFLECTION

- › What part of the Passion narrative touches me the most deeply?
- › Can I set aside time this week to simply be in the presence of the Lord?
- › How might I more fully immerse myself in Holy Week this year?



FAMILY ACTIVITY

It is customary to color eggs for Easter in many cultures around the world. Eggs symbolize new life, and they are a wonderful reminder of the new life Christ attained for us. If you have a traditional way of coloring eggs, pass it down and keep alive the tradition. You may also find a white crayon and write the words, "Alleluia" or "He is Risen!" on the eggs before placing them in the dye. Display your finished eggs or give them as Easter gifts.

The 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 42 — God's servant will bring justice to the nations.
- 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.

Holy Week

Holy Thursday has a dual emphasis. During the liturgy, we recall the Last Supper and the First Eucharist. At the same time, we commemorate the establishment of the priesthood. As you attend Mass, be sure to pray for all the priests around the world, especially those in areas of persecution.

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

Holy Saturday is the final day of preparation for Easter. During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, new members are brought into the Church, and we celebrate the great mystery of our redemption. The Paschal candle that is lit at the Vigil is a sign of the Easter mystery.



Lenten 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.

Catechism CONNECTION

"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