

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Deacon Romeo Ganibe

Palm Sunday, with its palms, processions and readings, is one of the special days that can call to mind strong emotional connections in our spiritual history, for those of us who have been in the church most of our lives. For those who are newer to Catholicism and Christianity, I suspect it still makes an impact because of its uniqueness.

We heard the story proclaimed today, a story of unbearable sadness and disappointment. A story of betrayal, fear and denial. A story of pain, suffering and abandonment. And our God is right in the midst of all of it - embracing it in its totality - carrying the weight and brokenness and sin of the world upon himself. And all Jesus does through it all is love, no matter what is going on around him or being done to him. And we do believe, sincerely. It is also about accepting, embracing and venturing out on a journey, a sacred journey which invites each of us to ask ourselves a critical question, one that has real implications for our lives.

How far are we willing to go?

We all know that living a life of faith can be tremendously hard and difficult.

This Holy Week is an opportunity for us to unite our own journeys, unite our own lives—the good and the bad—with that of our Lord Jesus. But it takes faith. It takes courage. It takes trust and hope.

And that's because we know where it leads....

.....but that is not where it ends.

And that makes all the difference.

Have a blessed Holy Week everyone!!!!

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.***

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Parish Rectory Hours

Monday: 12:00 PM-4:30 PM
Tues. - Fri.: 9:00 AM-4:30 PM
Saturday/Sunday: Closed

Outreach Office Hours

Tuesday: 9 AM to 12 PM
Friday: 9 AM to 11 AM

FOOD PANTRY Hours

Tues.—Fri.: 9 AM to 11 AM

Religious Ed Office Hours

Monday: Closed
Tues.—Fri.: 12 pm - 6:30 pm
Saturday: Closed
Sun: 7:00 am - 1:00pm

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Pastor's Corner

Celebration of the Easter Holy Triduum

Holy Week begins this Sunday on Palm Sunday and leads into the Easter Holy Triduum, which should be seen as ONE continuous commemoration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ. The three holy days begin on evening of Holy Thursday and continue till the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically ONE DAY unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord on the Easter Vigil.

The liturgical celebrations that take place during the Holy Triduum are the following:

- ❖ **HOLY THURSDAY: Celebration of the Lord's Supper, April 18 at 7:00pm**
 - ✓ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 12 midnight
- ❖ **GOOD FRIDAY: Celebration of the Lord's Passion, April 19 at 3:30pm**
 - ✓ Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm
- ❖ **Solemn Easter Vigil Celebration, Saturday, April 20 at 7:00pm**
- ❖ **Easter Sunday, April 21: We celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, with Masses at: 7am, 9am and 11am. NO 6:00pm Mass.**

Once again, these Easter Holy Triduum days are unique and considered as one continuous celebration. The entire Paschal Mystery makes more sense when one participates in all three celebrations. Please remember that our parish campus parking space is limited and besides, for the last time we will have a tent to accommodate the overflow of parishioners. So come early. Give parking priority to people with disability and families with small children.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. A blessed Easter Triduum!

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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 "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 21, 2019

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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 forever. 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 "They have taken the Lord away from the tomb." 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 now give witness to Jesus from their own personal experience (cf. Lk 24:13-35, the Gospel for Easter Evening Mass on the Emmaus story).

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog
(text): www.sundayhomily.com

Podcast (audio):
<https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 15, 2019

(8 am) †Violeta D. Solis

Mason Grace

(Birthday Blessing)

Shirley Leong (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

(8 am) †Rene Catalan

Msgr. Gary Secor

(Birthday Blessing)

†Josefina E. Ordillas

(Death Anniversary)

Ira E. Ordillas (Healing)

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

(8 am) †Dan Alan Sordilla

†Alfredo & Felicitas Cordial

†Conrado Recibe

(Death Anniversary)

†Asuncion Cortel

(Special Intention/
Death Anniversary)

Thursday, April 18, 2019

(8 am) Morning Prayers

Friday, April 19, 2019

(8 am) Morning Prayers

Saturday, April 20, 2019

(8 am) Morning Prayers

Sunday, April 21, 2019

(7 am) †Mildred & Tadashi

Furuta

9 am For the People

11 am Jonah Fonacier

(Birthday Blessing)

†Rest in Peace†

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Darryln & Ron Bunda, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Jack & Ellen Cleghorn, Ernesta Tolentino, Lester Wilson, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Jim Vangrinsven, Suzanne Foster, Linda Eguchi, Mario Pichon, Leora Hernandez, Alan Cadiux, Rose McNorton, Rosalie Tadda, Bienvenido Roter, Randy Arrojo-Manuwa & Family, Rachel Sullivan, Duane Gonzales, Keahi Paaluhi, Marcelino Esdicul, Sr., Lillian Chalmers, Alfred & Carmen Fajota & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Trixie Kato, Claro P. Bumanglag, Jodie J. Mendes, Vergelio C. Topinio, Clara Diane White, Lydia S. Agbayani, Fredrico Soliven, Annette Mitchell, Erwin A. Azada, Winston Kekina, Howard L. Beck, Delphine Brothers, Richard L. Unciano, Agnes DeJesus, William K.M. Ahuna, George Makio, Violeta D. Solis, Byron Schubert, Benjamin Cockett, Jr. & Lucia L. Bautista.

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

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms (Ceremony date)

April (No Baptism), May 12 & 19, June 9 & 16.

Baptism Preparation Classes: May 5 & June 2.

Blessings (home, auto, religious items, etc...)

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)



Thank you to all SJAE volunteers (of which there are many in all the ministries!) for their caring and giving as volunteers during National Volunteer Month.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE:

You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by careful estate planning that includes your church in your will. During your lifetime you will have the joy of knowing that whatever you do not use in this life will continue in ministry through your church after your death.

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

4/6-4/7

Sunday Collection	\$ 15,993. 00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,268. 35
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1, 400. 00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 4,921. 00
Donation— Catholic Relief Services	\$ 267.50
Donation— Children's Collection	\$ 2. 00
Donation— Social Ministry	\$58. 00
Donation— Charity	\$ 23. 00
Donation—	\$ 50. 00
Donation— Frugal Meal	\$ 70. 00
Donation— Youth & Young Adults	\$ 60. 00
Donation— Flowers	\$ 65. 00
Candle Sales	\$ 500. 10
Mass Intentions	\$ 70. 00

Weekend Total: \$ 27,747. 95

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

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

Violeta D. Solis (RIP)

Thursday, April 18, 2019 ~ Mililani Memorial Park~ Mauka Chapel

Visitation: 9:00 am ~ Prayer Service: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Lucia L. Bautista (RIP)

Sunday, April 28, 2019 ~ Mililani Memorial Park~ Mauka Chapel

Visitation: 5:30 pm ~ Prayer Service: 6:30 pm

St. John's A&E, Mililani

Visitation: 9:15 am ~ Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Benjamin Cockett, Jr. (RIP)

Monday, April 29, 2019 ~ Mililani Memorial Park~ Makai Chapel

Visitation: 9:00 am ~ Prayer Service: 10:00 am

Burial: 11:00 am ~ Mililani Memorial Park

We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) to help the clergy with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ with care and reverence at the 5pm, 9am, 11am and 6pm Masses. Please contact the parish office for more information at 623-3332.



St John Catholic Preschool is looking for an enthusiastic young adult to assist the Preschool Ministry with graphic arts. This volunteer position will work with the Development committee in creating fliers and announcements to be used around the parish and social media. If you are interested in using your talent to further the mission of the Preschool while building your resume, please call Mike Browning at (808) 295-3180.



Attention Men of St John the Apostle and Evangelist:

The Men's ACTS retreat is currently planned for August 22—25, 2019, at the St Anthony Retreat Center in the beautiful Kalihi Valley. This retreat has enriched the lives of many people in at least 27 states in the U.S. & several countries throughout the world. This retreat will help your personal, spiritual growth! If you are seeking answers about your spiritual journey and/or wish to deepen your faith, please consider attending this wonderful retreat. Contact Armando Lopez at (808-799-4740) for additional information or to sign up today.





PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, April 19 "Good Friday."

Remembering a loved one at Easter... 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."

Holy Thursday is on April 18. There will be morning prayers at 8 am in lieu of Mass. Our parish will be participating in the **Operation Rice Bowl Collection on Holy Thursday**. All donations collected during offertory will directly support this collection. You may also donate online by visiting our parish website, selecting "Online Giving." **Please be generous. Don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowls today!**

Good Friday is on April 19. Morning prayers will be at 8 am. **Stations of the Cross** will be at 3 pm, followed by **Passion of the Lord** at 3:30 pm. 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. All donations collected during offertory will directly support this collection. You may also donate online by visiting our parish website, clicking the "online giving." **Please be generous.**

Holy Saturday is on April 20, in lieu of 8 am Mass, morning prayers will be at 8 am. **There will be NO confession.** **Easter Vigil** is at 7 pm.

Easter Sunday is on April 21 and Masses are at 7am, 9am, & 11am. **There will be NO evening Mass.**

Rosary Making Ministry: The next gathering is on **Saturday, April 27th** at 10 am on the church lanai. Everyone is welcome.

Divine Mercy Sunday- Join the St. John Rosary Group & The Knights of Columbus on Sunday, April 28 at 2pm 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 (April 19) thru Easter Saturday (April 27). For more info, call Pearl at (808) 623-3332 ext. 203.



Encounter our Neighbors:

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivates us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Diocese of Honolulu 2019 Lenten Regulations:

In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both days Ash Wednesday (March 6th) and Good Friday (April 19th).

FASTING: 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.

THIS WEEK: **April 15 -21**

Monday- 7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm- Charismatic (CH)
7 pm- Family Prayer Group (Rm 4)
7 pm- Troop 144 (Rm 5)

Tuesday- 7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am- Women's Bible Study (CH)
9 am- Church Cleaning- Environmental
3 pm- Cenacle Prayer (CH)
6:30 pm- PPBC (Rm 2)
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 (Rm 2)
6 pm- Holy Thursday foot washing rehearsal (CH)
7 pm- Combined Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm- RCIA Easter Vigil Rehearsal (CH)
7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday- 7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- *Morning Prayers*
8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am- Church Cleaning (Group 2)
7 pm- Mass of the Lord's Supper (CH)
8 pm- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight (CH)

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- Stations of the Cross (CH)
3:30 pm- Passion of the Lord (CH)

Saturday- 7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- *Morning Prayers*
8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group
9 am- Catholic Women's Bible Study (Rm 1)
9:15 am- Liturgical Movement Ministry (Rm 4)
3:30 pm - **NO Confession**

7 pm- Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday- Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & NO 6 pm

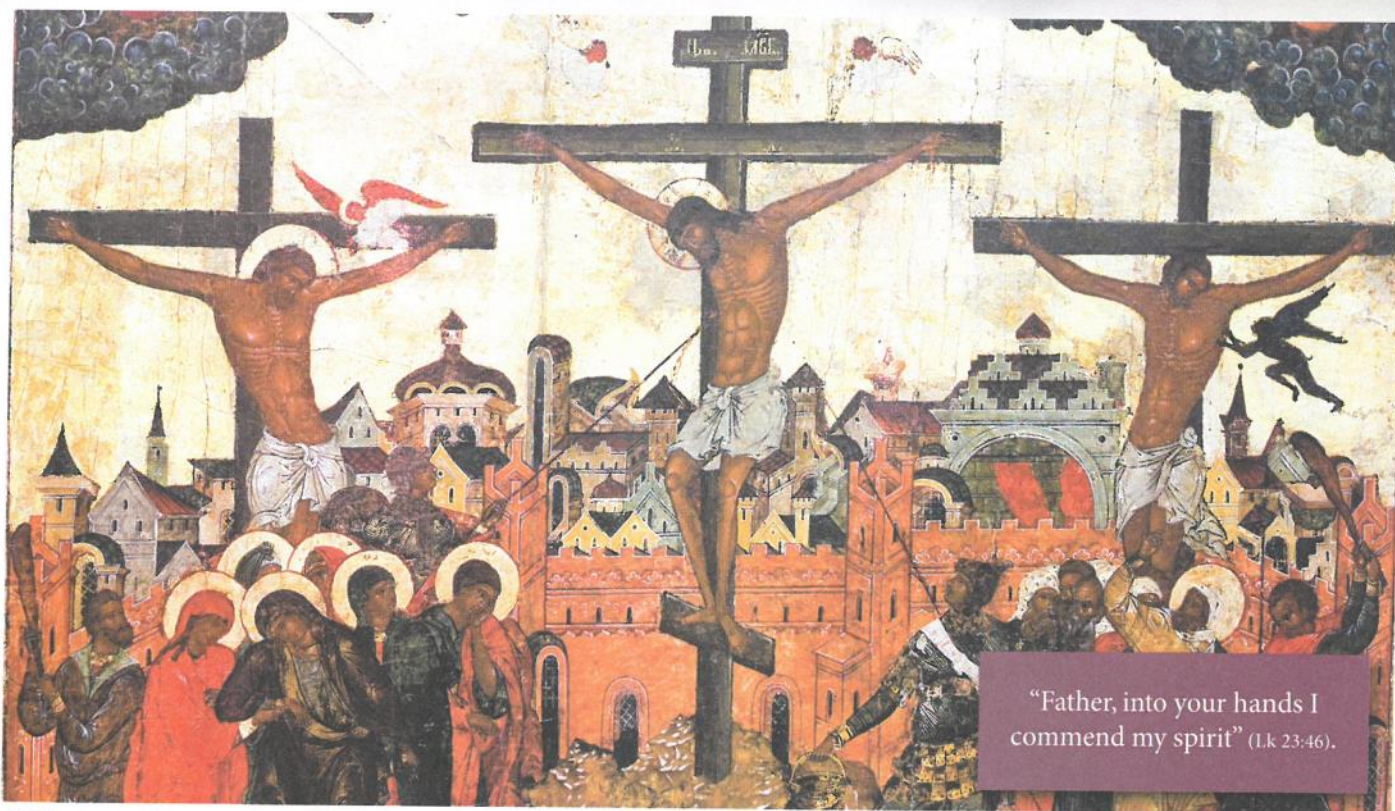
4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)

Conversion of Heart

Lenten Reflections on Mercy and Forgiveness

Week 6

READINGS: *Isaiah 50:4–7; Philippians 2:6–11; Luke 22:14–23:56*



Christ's sacrifice allows us to find meaning in suffering

The Passion of Christ is the pinnacle of all human suffering gathered together in one man, Jesus of Nazareth. He believed you were worth it. He believed everyone, even those who seem farthest away from him, to be worth dying for.

It is through the Cross that we all come to understand God's mercy. In the Crucifixion, the greatest sacrifice the world has ever known takes place. On that tree, God's only Son shows us that the path toward salvation requires his saving power, his unending gift of forgiveness.

God desires mercy so much that he was willing to die to prove to us its worth. In dying he destroyed death, and in rising again he restored us to life. Without this act of ultimate sacrifice, our own sufferings would have no purpose. But because of his pain, we are able to find meaning in our sufferings.

We partake in the mystery of suffering by uniting our trials and tears to Jesus. He suffers alongside us in times of need and never ceases to call us through difficult times to a closer communion with him. In his mercy, we are given hope that one day our darkness will become light

and our sorrows will become eternal joy. We need only to accept our crosses and follow him (see Mt 16:24).

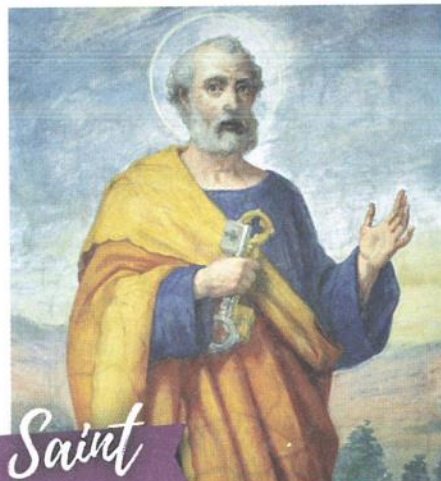
For Reflection

- › What crosses are you given to bear during this time in your life?
- › How can these crosses help you become holier?
- › What does the passion and death of Jesus teach you about the importance of your suffering?

Catechism Chat



"By embracing in his human heart the Father's love for men, Jesus 'loved them to the end,' for 'greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.' In suffering and death his humanity became the free and perfect instrument of his divine love which desires the salvation of men" (609).



Saint

The great denial was forgiven

Peter was one of Jesus' closest followers. He was one of the first called by Jesus and stood by Jesus at almost every moment of his public ministry. However, when it came time for Jesus' passion and death, Peter denied his master and was too ashamed, or afraid, to see his Lord die at the Crucifixion. After Jesus rose from the dead, one of his first tasks was to assure Peter that his sins were forgiven and that he would lead the rest of the apostles after Jesus' ascension into heaven.

St. Peter committed one of the worst sins a person can commit when he denied the man who he knew to be the Son of God. However, his repentance was pure and his sorrow was genuine. When he was forgiven by Jesus, his sadness and anguish were like coals turned into diamonds of an unshakable faith and an unquenchable thirst for souls.

God's mercy has a way of changing the very fabric of who we are. May he fashion our souls into the great saints we were meant to be.

“Mount Calvary is the academy of love.”

— ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Faith Lesson



Our suffering can purify our souls

One of the great deposits of spiritual power in our world comes through what is known as redemptive suffering. We believe as Catholics that our pain and sorrow can be used as a means of spiritual nourishment. When we take on the hardships of life, either voluntarily or involuntarily, we are able to offer them up for the betterment of ourselves and others. In doing so, we do as St. Paul tells us: "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am fill-

ing up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church" (Col 1:24).

This begs the question, Was there something lacking in Jesus' perfect sacrifice on the cross? Of course not! But the effects of sin still remain in our world, much like a house in need of a good cleaning. Redemptive suffering, then, provides us with the ability to "clean up the mess" by purifying our souls and aiding in the sufferings of others. We thus work together with God and unite our pain to the cross, where it is nailed, put to death, and poured out into the world in the form of healing, understanding, and hopefulness.



Prayer

O my Jesus, who suffered and died for my sins, I pray that you might grant me the gift of your forgiveness. Allow me to share in your suffering so that I may die to my sins and share fully in your risen life with you and all the saints. I am yours. Amen.