

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Deacon Modesto Cordero

We are nearing the end of Lent. Next week will be Palm Sunday and together we will read the account of Jesus' passion and death. Throughout this time of Lenten fasting, our intention has been to loosen the hold material things have over us. By removing indulgences of food, drink, and possessions, we are able to focus on what gives our life direction and purpose, our relationship with Jesus. So as we come closer to the beginning of the Holy Week, instead of waning, our spiritual practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving should become even more intense.

This weekend we are celebrating the third scrutiny for our Elect and our readings are from the Year A. These readings speaks about three different meanings of death. For the prophet Ezekiel, death means to be in exile. Paul speaks about death as living in sin. The Gospel of John shares the story about the death of Lazarus, Jesus' beloved friend. Jesus asks the Father to return Lazarus back to the living. By doing this God's glory is manifested in earth and Jesus' followers will be transformed. They will believe in him. But Jesus' death is still ahead and it will be another transformational moment. Within the violence of the crucifixion, Jesus' infinite love will transform the violence into the ultimate reconciliation of humanity and divinity. In longing to be conformed to Jesus' death, we are asking for the grace to become the light that is stronger than darkness, the love that is stronger than hatred, the life that is stronger than death. Let us persevere in our Lenten practices confident that the God of life will bring us to Easter joy.

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

Significance of Palm Sunday

The Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, or "Passion Sunday", which unites the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem with the proclamation of his Passion. When Jesus Christ rode a donkey triumphantly into Jerusalem, he fulfilled a prophecy given by the prophet Zechariah hundreds of years earlier. (Zach 9:9-11)

Therefore, the occasion of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem was not accidental. Jesus being God, knew beforehand what would happen in Jerusalem. The procession with palms and other branches was no meaningless pageantry, but the actual advent of the King into His royal city, and His entry into the temple, the house of the King of kings. He came riding on an ass, in token of peace, acclaimed by the Hosanna shouts of the multitudes. The ass has been designated in literature as 'the ancient symbol of Jewish royalty, and one riding upon an ass as the type of someone who brings peace.

That is why the procession, commemorating Christ's messianic entry into Jerusalem, is joyous and popular in character. It fulfills the messianic prophecy. Like the Jewish people of that time, we carry palm or other greenery which have been blessed on Palm Sunday back home or work places.

We keep palms or other branches at the home as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ, the messianic king, and in his Paschal Victory. We reuse those palm branches and burn them into ashes which are blessed for Ash Wednesday. Please do not throw away your palm branches as they are a blessing in your home.

I wish you all a blessed preparation for the Holy Easter Triduum next week.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4—7

This brief passage from the third of four "Servant Songs" in Isaiah 40-55 expresses firm confidence in God in the face of great suffering. Here the Servant represents the whole nation of Israel, a sole individual representing the community. The Suffering Servant speaks of his ability to endure pain and insults in his mission because of his trust in God's help and protection. The early Church regarded this as a prophecy about the Messiah fulfilled in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the whole of humanity.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:8—9, 17—18, 19—20, 23—24

Psalm 22 is a prayer of an oppressed person who feels abandoned by everyone. Here the prayer anticipates the words of Jesus in his final moments before death. Once again the details of the psalm reflect the plight of the suffering servant in the first reading, and strikingly prefigure the climax of Jesus' passion. The second part of the psalm (vv 23-32) expresses confidence and praise that God hears those who call upon him. Response: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6—11

Paul quotes a hymn professing faith in the lordship of Jesus that was probably already familiar to his readers. He gives the passion of Jesus as the pattern for Christians to follow. Jesus emptied himself, but God the Father raised him up and enthroned him as Lord. In other words, we look at the sufferings of Christ in the light of the resurrection. Thus the reading gives a perspective to Passion Sunday and Good Friday whereby we do not only concentrate on death alone but also on the mystery of life that overcomes death. The passion makes sense only as a passage to new life.

Gospel of the Mass: Luke 22:14—23:56

The passion narrative in Luke is a series of discrete individual stories. However, together they weave a tapestry of colorful scenes. Luke starts with the institution of the Lord's Supper that consists of a meal followed by a discourse on future events of his: betrayal, passion, and death. The image of "covenant in my blood" points to the sacrificial character of the Passover meal. (22:14-20). Next, we have the farewell instructions (vv. 21-38). After that, we have the event on the Mount of Olives that include Jesus' betrayal by his own disciple (Judas Iscariot), rejection and agony. Later we have Peter's denial (vv. 39-65); Jesus' trial, flogging, and sentencing (22:66-23:35). The charges against are that he is a revolutionary; forbids taxes to Caesar; claims to be a king, the Christ and the Son of God. Jesus is then led off to carry his own cross -the way of the cross and crucifixion (23:26-43). Finally, we have Jesus' death and burial (24:44-56). The passion according to Luke has some unique aspects found only in Luke: the sweating of blood; the shuffling of Jesus between Pilate and Herod; the conversations of Jesus and the two criminals as they hang on the crosses.

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog

(text): www.sundayhomily.com

Podcast (audio):

<https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 8, 2019

(8 am) †Teodoro P. Melegrito

Rina Sailos (Healing/Blessing)

†Stanley Miranda

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

(8 am) †Teodoro P. Melegrito

Rina Sailos (Healing/Blessing)

†Stanley Miranda

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

(8 am) †Teodoro P. Melegrito

Rina Sailos (Healing/Blessing)

†Violeta Solis

Thursday, April 11, 2019

(8 am) †Eric Umetsu

†Charlotte & Phil Hodapp

(Death Anniversary)

†James & Mildred Mizoguchi

Friday, April 12, 2019

(8 am) †Floriano Castaneda

†Teodoro P. Melegrito

Stephen Tui Sy Chua

(Birthday Blessing)

Saturday, April 13, 2019

(8 am) †Teodoro P. Melegrito

(5 pm) †Lucia L. Bautista

Sunday, April 14, 2019

(7 am) †Abigail Puli

9 am For the People

11 am Everett Perlas & Ernesto

Perlas, Jr. (Birthday Blessing)

6 pm †Rosita D. Yasay

†Rest in Peace†

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Darrlyn & Ron Bunda, baby Mairenuí Tautaha-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.

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: Apr 7, May 5 & June 2.**
- Blessings** (home, auto, religious items, etc...)
- Funerals**
- Homebound Communion**
- Marriages** (at least 6 months before wedding date)



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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	3/30-3/31
Sunday Collection	\$ 13,772.65
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 1,223.60
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 634.65
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 8,330.64
Donation— Baptism	\$ 30.00
Donation— Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,537.00
Donation— Children's Collection	\$ 3.00
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 10.00
Donation— Charity	\$ 26.00
Donation— Frugal Meal	\$ 27.63
Candle Sales	\$ 547.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 30.00

Weekend Total: \$ 26,172.17

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

† **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT** †

Violeta D. Solis (RIP)

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

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

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park



Encounter Ona:

We encounter Ona in Gaza, where, despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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 295-3180.



2019 Lent and Easter Parish Events:

Palm Sunday, April 14

Regular Sunday Schedule

Holy Thursday, Celebration of the Lord's Supper
April 18, at 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 19 (No 8am Daily Mass)
Morning Prayers- 8am

Stations of the Cross, 3pm
Passion of the Lord, 3:30pm

Holy Saturday, April 20 (No 8am Daily Mass)
Morning Prayers- 8am ~ **No Confession**

Easter Vigil, 7pm

Easter Sunday, April 21

Masses at 7am, 9am, & 11am, No evening Mass

Diocese of Honolulu 2019 Lenten Regulations:

In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 99 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.



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

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."

The Catholic Relief Services Collection- Thank you for your generous support and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during offertory, or donate online through our "Online Giving" and help **Jesus in disguise**. Learn more: www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 pm during Lent, followed by a frugal meal on the lanai.

Next weekend, the Parish Health Ministry will be on the lanai after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday and all morning Masses on Sunday to provide free blood pressure screening.

Respect Life: The Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign of prayer, fasting and outreach to protect all innocent life extends from March 6 through April 14, 2019. Community outreach includes group prayers and physical prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood abortion facility, now relocated to 839 S Beretania St Honolulu, HI 96813. All are invited to participate. You may sign-up on-line at: www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu/ There will be a closing Rally on Saturday, April 13 at the facility from 9 am - noon. Parish ministries are encouraged to select one day and time for its members to participate together as a group. For more information, contact Mary Smart cell: 741-2358.

HEALTH TIP FROM OUR PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY:

AGE-RELATED CATARACT : SYMPTOMS AND PREVENTION



Cataract is a cloudy area in the lens of the eye. The lens of the eye is behind the colored part of the eye (iris). There are 3 types of cataracts. The most common type is an age-related cataract and can start around age 40. As we age, normal protein in the eye starts to break down. As protein

breaks down, progressive cloudiness occurs in the eye. Symptoms of cataract includes visual changes such as: Blurry vision, dim vision, sensitivity to light, seeing "halos" around lights, needing more light to read, difficulty with night vision, difficulty with night vision, can't find a prescription glass that fits your visual needs, and fading or yellowing when you look at colors.

Planting Seeds for the Future: Your gifts to your church are a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in your church. Both lifetime gifts and testamentary (those that are given through your will) express your feelings in a meaningful way.

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

THIS WEEK: April 8 -14

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 4)

7 pm- K of C (Rm 3)

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)

6:30 pm- Young Adult Faith Nite (Rm 4)

7 pm-Combined Choir Practice (CH)

7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday- 7:30 am- Rosary

8 am- Daily Mass

8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

9 am- Church Cleaning (Group 3)

6 pm- 11 am Choir Practice (CH)

7 pm- Catholicism 101 (Rm 1-2)

7 pm- Intro to Scriptures (Rm 3)

Friday- 7:30 am- Rosary

8 am- Daily Mass

8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

9 am- Church Cleaning (Environment)

4 pm- 2 Hearts (CH)

7 pm-Stations of the Cross (CH)

7:30 am- Frugal Meal (CH Lanai)

Saturday- 7:30 am- Rosary

8 am- Daily Mass

8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group

9 am- Catholic Women's Bible Study (Rm 1)

3:30 pm - Confession

5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday- Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

RE "B" Schedule

4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)

5 pm- Palm Sunday

