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# St. Michael the Archangel Parish

*We are disciples who act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God.*

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WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES: 5pm Mon Tues Thurs Fri (English) & 6pm Wed (Spanish) at Immaculate Conception

Adoration: Wednesday 7:30am—4:45pm / Confessions: **Saturday 9am at St. Michael's Church**

WEEKEND MASSES: Sat 4pm, Sun 7am, 9am, 1:30pm, 4pm / SPANISH MASS: Sun 11:30am

Gift Shop Hours: Mon - Wed - Fri 9:30am - 1:30pm & Sun 6:30am - 2:30pm

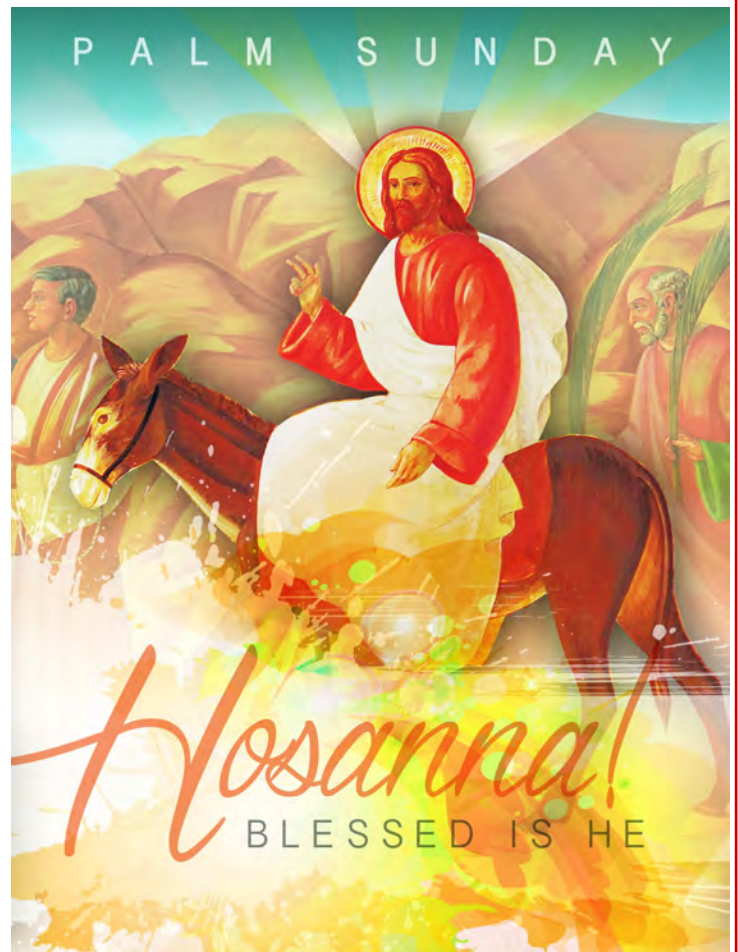
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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Reading I - Isaiah 31:31-34 | Psalm - 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24 | Reading II - Philippians 2:6-11 | Gospel - Mark 14:1-15:47  
Primera Lectura - Isaías 31:31-34 | Salmo - 21:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24 | Segunda Lectura - Filipenses 2:6-11 | Evangelio - Marcos 14:1-15:47

### PROPHETIC ANOINTING

The solemnity of today's readings invites us into silent contemplation of the mystery of our redemption. There are so many levels on which to understand the events of the Passion. The woman who anoints Jesus acts prophetically in a way that the other disciples do not yet grasp. Anointing is for priests, prophets, and kings, and also for the preparation of the dead. It is for healing and for holiness. Her action acknowledges the imminent events of the passion and death of the Lord, and points toward his resurrection and triumph over evil and death. He is priest and victim, prophet and God, King and Lord. All these things are acknowledged in her prophetic anointing. © Copyright, J.S. Paluch Co.



### Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading: **Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43**

Primera Lectura: **Hechos de los Apostoles 10:34,37-43**

Psalm/Salmo: **118(117):1-2,16-17,22-23**

2nd Reading/Segunda Lectura: **Colossians (Colosenses) 3:1-4**

Gospel/Evangelio: **John (Juan) 20:1-9**



**Aloha! Welcome to Our Parish** - We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. We encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the kiosk, or can be completed online at [saintmichaelparishkona.org](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org). To our visitors, we pray that you enjoy your stay in Kona and are blessed with safe travels home.



March 24, 2024

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Mk 14:1-15:47

## GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

“The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.” This sentence from our first reading is taken from one of the four “Songs of the Suffering Servant” in Isaiah. The New Testament identifies this Servant as Jesus, and we know that Jesus accepted the suffering that was foretold in the verses that follow this one: “I gave my back to those who beat me ... my face I did not hide from insults and spitting.” As aspiring servants of God on this Palm Sunday, the most holy of days when we hear Mark’s account of Jesus’ passion, how does this sentence speak to us? What does it mean to have a well-trained tongue? To me it is a call to speak to the Lord in prayer as well as to speak the Good News of the Gospel whenever and wherever we can.

## GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How can we gain the confidence to believe that our tongue is “well-trained”? We know we are all given the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and we must trust in that promise and invoke his presence often. Who knows? A kind word or gesture from us may just “speak” to a weary person who is struggling. Paul writes that in his passion, Jesus “emptied himself” in the hours before his death and “[became] obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” Paul’s next words give us the answer to our question above: “Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend ... and *every tongue confess* [emphasis added] that Jesus Christ is Lord.” The fullness of the kingdom will be realized only when Jesus comes again. But in the meantime, we have the Eucharist that Jesus instituted at the Last Supper to sustain us and give us strength for our task to confess Jesus Christ as Lord and spread the kingdom of God one day at a time.

**PRAY** “Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will.” These words from today’s passion narrative demonstrate Jesus’ complete, obedient surrender of his will to his Father’s divine will. As flawed human beings, we will never be able to perfectly emulate our Savior’s actions, but what better way to begin Holy Week than to try? Through prayer, strive to surrender yourself to God this week by trusting him completely, and striving to do his will with humility and Christ-like obedience.



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## Life of Stewardship

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. As we read about the climax of Christ's mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. The suffering servant, in many ways, foreshadows what Jesus endured during His passion. Even though He didn't deserve such tortures, He humbly submitted to them. His mission as a steward was to fulfill His Father's mission. We, too, play a unique role in our Father's mission by bringing souls to Christ. It simply begins with the witness of our lives.

Today's Gospel shares the account of Jesus' last days on earth, and how He lives them says a great deal about how we should be living ours as faithful stewards. Jesus does many things in these last days, and they all revolve around prayer and service - two trademark actions of a good and faithful Catholic. He hosts a Passover meal in which He gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. He intensely prays to His Father. Lastly, He submits to humiliation, torture and death for our sake, calling out to God the Father in His weakest moments. We might not be called to the same type of prayer and service, but we are all called to commit time in daily prayer with our Lord, and to serve our families, churches and neighbors.

As we embark on this Holy week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.

*- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship*



### Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper - March 28th

Morning Prayer: 7am

Holy Mass: 6pm

All are welcome to stay for Adoration until midnight.

### Good Friday - March 29th

Morning Prayer: 7am

Stations of the Cross: 12noon (English), 2pm (Español)

Good Friday Service with Veneration of the Cross: 6pm

Our **St. Michael tradition** is to bring a "**lei of love**" to place on the cross.

Good Friday Collection will be collected before the Service.

Please note "Holy Land" on your check.

### Holy Saturday - March 30<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer: 7am

Confession: 9am

Blessing of the Easter Baskets: 10am

Easter Vigil of the Holy Night: 6pm

### Easter Sunday - March 31<sup>st</sup>

Mass: 7am - English/'Ōlelo Hawai'i

9am - English

11:30am - Español

1:30pm - English

4pm - English

## Parish News

### Special Collection for St. Joseph's School

Next weekend we will take up a special collection for **St. Joseph's School**, the only Catholic School on the Big Island located in Hilo. Catholic schools exist for the formation and education in the Catholic faith, gospel values, traditions, and the love and knowledge of the person of Jesus Christ. The development of the whole person: spiritually, intellectually, personally, socially, and physically, is the focus of Catholic education. Please prayerfully consider supporting Catholic education on the Big Island. Envelopes are provided in today's bulletin.

### Monthly Food Pantry & Diaper Ministry Drive

The monthly parish food & diaper drive will be held on **Monday, March 25th from 9-10am at Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot**. Items needed are Peanut Butter, Spam, Canned Fruits, and Canned Vegetables. Diaper sizes needed are sizes 3 & 4. You are also welcome to leave food & diaper donations in the baskets at the back of the Church when you come to Mass.

### An Evening with Francesca LaRosa - April 2nd

Francesca LaRosa will perform on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7pm. We will have a potluck dinner in Grace Parish Center beginning at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Francesca LaRosa, is a Catholic composer and singer-songwriter from Indianapolis. It is Francesca's mission to help others grow in their faith by memorizing the sacred Word of God, as well as prayers and hymns, through music. Together with her husband David, she continues to compose USCCB and ICEL approved Psalms in multiple styles and languages every week, as well as create the best resources possible for music directors and cantors.

### Restored Order Mass of Confirmation & First Holy Communion - April 13th

*"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you." - Ezekiel 36:26*

**Bishop Larry Silva** will preside at the Restored Order Mass of Confirmation & First Holy Communion at **10am on Saturday, April 13** at St. Michael's. We have 84 candidates from St. Michael the Archangel, St. Benedict, Annunciation, and Our Lady of Lourdes.

### Knights of Columbus Dinner & Dance

Join us for a wonderful evening of music and dancing at the second Knights of Columbus "Spring Love" dinner and dance on April 20th in the Grace Parish Center at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$40 per person and will be available after all masses starting on March 23rd.

## Faith Formation

### Grades K-5

No class on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Classes will resume on April 7.

### Faith Formation/Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Our practice for Confirmation and Holy Communion is on Thursday, April 11 at 6 pm.

### Men of Faith

The St. Michael's Men of Faith ministry wish to extend

# Stewardship of Treasure

Mar 11th - 17th, 2024

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 3,190.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 10,902.00
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN	\$ 13,402.20

## Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$4,931,552.88** for the Parish Center Campaign, which includes pledge payments.

*Mahalo* for your continued generosity.

**Offerings can be mailed directly to the parish office; or click on our website's "Online Giving" to share your blessings.**

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024

MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: **\$10,831.00**

MONTHLY 'OHANA IN CHRIST ASSESSMENT: **\$1,724.18**

The above amounts fund Diocesan ministries, as listed in 'Ohana in Christ to help support our parishes, pastors, schools, service agencies, and communities within the Diocese of Honolulu.

## Online Giving

St. Michael's Church provides **Online Giving** - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy - visit [saintmichaelparishkona.org](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org) and click our **ONLINE GIVING** tab. Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

their blessings to each of our catechumens entering fully into communion with the Church. We invite men of all ages to join us weekly on Wednesdays on the south lanai from 5:30 - 6:30 PM following Evening Prayer and Benediction at 5pm. Together, we seek to grow nearer to Christ and His Church as **Purpose** to encourage men to become daily followers of Christ. *Biblical basis:* Luke 9:23 - Then he said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. Our **Mission** is to help men renew their minds and transform their hearts and lives for Christ. *Biblical basis:* Romans 12:2 - "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." Our weekly gatherings is a re-reading and reflecting upon the prior Sunday's readings and discussion of how they help us draw nearer to Christ and to live in the Faith. For more information, contact Dcn Craig Camello ([ccamello@rchawaii.org](mailto:ccamello@rchawaii.org)) or John Czajkowski ([jbczajkowski@hotmail.com](mailto:jbczajkowski@hotmail.com)).

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

A few months before they married, my twenty-three year old sister and her fiancé planned a cross country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus "looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11) for

the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without oversexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

**Lenten challenge:** This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us. - *Father John Muir, ©LPI*

## Treasures From Our Tradition

Is today "Palm Sunday" or "Passion Sunday"? Though now known officially as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, confusion is understandable, since before the 1969 reform of the calendar two separate Sundays bore these titles. Passion Sunday was a week before Palm Sunday. To add to the confusion, the Gospel accounts of the Passion of the Lord were not read on Passion Sunday, but on Palm Sunday! On Passion Sunday, the cross and statues were veiled in full purple drapes. The organ had fallen silent at the beginning of Lent, and now the sanctuary bells were replaced by wooden clappers. The introit (opening chant) for the old Mass of Passion Sunday hints at a reason for reform: "Do me justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people" (Psalm 42). This liturgy was laden with references to the "infidelity" of the Jews, a theme that gave rise to inflammatory preaching and, in some places, attacks against the persons and property of the Jewish people. This does not stand as a "treasure" of any sort in our tradition. Our authentic tradition, rather, is the ability to reflect and repent and to seek reconciliation with the Jews, our brothers and sisters in the love and service of God.

- *Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

## Everyday Stewardship - Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the jour-

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ney. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember - we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments *The Whole Story*

The Bible is a strange book. It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing - it's just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient. - Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, ©LPI

## Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD

- 4pm - Ellen Currens, Rest in Peace

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

- 7am - Sue Skinder, Special Intention
- 9am - Jenny Peralta, Rest in Peace
- 1:30pm - Richard E. Piwowarski, May he rest in peace
- 4pm - Rufino Vasquez, 27th Anniversary of Death

MONDAY, MARCH 25TH

- 7am - Steve Age, Br. Boniface (Greg) Bateman, Carl Ester, Robert Brown, Janet Ester, Roy Peloquin, Surang Bunrasi, Necitas Rivera, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Eduardo Hewe and Ofelia M. Resinto, Rest In Peace

TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH

- 7am - Pepe Bouchard, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Sean, Lorraine and David Wilkinson, Rest in Peace

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH

- 7am - TJ Moses, Special Intention

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- 7am - Morning Prayer - No Mass Intention
- 6pm - MISSA PRO POPULO

FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

- 7am - Morning Prayer - No Mass Intention
- 6pm - MISSA PRO POPULO

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH

HOLY SATURDAY

- 7am - Morning Prayer - No Mass Intention

### Requesting a Mass Intention

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **326-7771**. If you'd like to request a specific day and Mass time, **please call well in advance of the date to secure it.**

**Mass cards are available.**

**"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat..."**

—Matthew 25:35

### The Food Pantry Ministry

The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from **9 - 9:45am** at **Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot.**

# Not Wearing a Costume

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Mark 11:1-10 - Welcomed with palms
- ▶ Isaiah 50:4-7 - The suffering servant
- ▶ Philippians 2:6-11 - Jesus, compassionate high priest
- ▶ Mark 14:1-15:47 - The passion of Jesus

Each Gospel writer tells the story of Jesus' passion and death slightly differently, emphasizing particular aspects of Jesus that each especially wants future generations to remember. Mark's gospel makes it very clear that Jesus suffered intensely, and that he experienced deep human emotions. Mark does not want us to think that Jesus was God just dressed up in a human costume who didn't really suffer when the nails were hammered into his hands and feet. No, Jesus was just like one of us in his experience of pain and despair, even to the point of wondering why God had abandoned him.

Looking back on Jesus' death, Christians don't believe that God abandoned Jesus. We can see now how God brought him through death into new life. Yet Jesus *felt* abandoned just before he died. This point can remind us that our



DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE EASTER EGG HUNT, LOUISE? I'M GOING TO A DIFFERENT EASTER CELEBRATION. ARE YOU GONNA HUNT FOR EGGS? NOPE. AT THE EGG HUNT, THE PRIZE IS A CHOCOLATE BUNNY. WHAT'S THE PRIZE AT YOUR CELEBRATION? EVERLASTING LIFE. SUDDENLY, CHOCOLATE SEEMS... SO... FLEETING?

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"The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced."

**Sheepish Question:**  
What am I searching for as I approach Holy Week?

feelings do not make up all of reality. If we feel despairing or hopeless or that all is lost, we can remember that Jesus felt the same. If we are terrified of death, or we can't feel any sense of God's presence with us in our suffering, we can be assured that God has not abandoned us, just as God did not abandon Jesus. Sometimes all that can be done is to stay the course, remembering that God found a way to bring life out of death, even when Jesus and the others around him could not see it in the moment.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Have you ever felt abandoned by God? Looking back on that time now, do you have a sense of how God was still present and active then? How?
- 2 Think of people in your life now who are suffering or despairing for any reason. How might you make yourself available to them so that they will know they are not alone?

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# PALM SUNDAY



## Promise of Life

Lord God,  
you entered Jerusalem in triumph,  
and we shouted, “Hosanna!”  
As the Lenten journey closes,  
may I continue to remember  
your sacrifice and love.

Give me the strength  
to follow your cross.  
May my heart find serenity  
and joy in your promise.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

**Never Alone**



*Today's readings: Gospel at the procession Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Mark 14:1–15:47.* Today's readings leave us much to ponder. During the Gospel at the procession, a crowd welcomes Jesus to Jerusalem, singing, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” At the end of the Gospel from Mark, Jesus was not hailed but reviled as passersby taunted, “You who would destroy the temple in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross.”

In the last verses from Mark's Gospel, we witness the faith of the steadfast disciples, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of younger James and Joses, and Salome. These women had followed Jesus in Galilee, stood by until his

death, and watched where he was laid in a tomb. Apparent, too, is the faith of Joseph of Arimathea, who wrapped Jesus in linen and laid him in the tomb.

Also obvious in the Gospel is the wavering faith of those who had followed Jesus for three years. Not only did Judas betray Jesus, but Peter could not stay awake with him as he prayed in the garden, and later Peter denied him three times. The Gospel proclaimed today does not record the apostles' presence at the crucifixion.

During Holy Week, Christians have the opportunity to be with Christ as his last days are recalled. Take to heart Jesus' words to the apostles in Gethsemane: “Remain here and keep watch.”



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, March 25 A Precious Offering

In today's Gospel we see how Mary, Lazarus' sister, takes what may have been her most precious possession and used it to anoint Jesus' feet. We are also given opportunities to give the very best of ourselves. Today, examine whether you have gifts within you that you hold back. Who would benefit from those gifts? *Today's readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11.*

### Tuesday, March 26 Judas Is Humanity

Imagine how Jesus would have felt knowing that Judas was about to betray him. He surely was troubled but also hurt. Let us also imagine what may have been in the mind and heart of Judas. In Judas we can see all of humanity reflected: the emptiness of greed and envy, the alienation and loneliness of sin. However much we strive to be like Jesus, we will always meet our flaws and shortcomings. In Christ, however, we are strengthened to do good in the world despite our failings. As we approach the celebration of the resurrection and prepare for the renewal of our baptismal promises, resolve to let the new life that Christ gives to well up within you. *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 7:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38.*

### Wednesday, March 27 Second Chances

Much can be learned from Judas' betrayal. Perhaps by examining Judas' actions, we can right our failings. Consider how you can explore and acknowledge what keeps you from God. This week reflect on the times you preferred a path other than God's. How did following another way disturb your relationship with God and others? Trust in God's promise of forgiveness for all who truly repent. *Today's readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10; 21-22, 31, 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25.*

### Thursday, March 28 Serving Others

Tonight, with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Sacred Paschal Triduum begins. Humbling himself, Jesus washed and dried the feet of the disciples. Just as he washed their feet, by his resurrection, he washed away our sins. Perhaps you have an elderly parent, neighbor, or relative with impaired movement. How can you humble yourself and be of service to another? *Mass of the Lord's Supper: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.*

### Friday, March 29 Symbol of Love

During the Adoration of the Holy Cross in today's liturgy, the faithful are invited to process to the cross and offer a sign of reverence. Even when you are unable to attend this service, spend time in quiet contemplating Jesus' surrender of himself on the cross. How are you asked to surrender yourself to the crosses in your life? *Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42.*

### Saturday, March 30 Beacon of Light in the Darkness

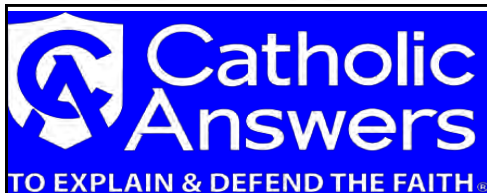
Jesus has died and descended into hell but the darkness surrounding us is only temporary. The light of the world will shine brightly once more, and soon enough it will defeat the darkness. *Today's readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezra 36:16-17a, 18-28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mark 16:1-7.*





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## PARISH EVENTS

(may change without advance notice)

### MONDAY

- Friendly Place Lunches 10:30am-12pm
- OCIA (Mar 18) 5:45-7:15pm
- Knights of Columbus 5:45pm (2nd Monday of the month)
- Church Cleaning 6:00pm

### TUESDAY

- Coffee, Sweets & Tweets with Fr. Lio 7:30-9:00am
- Life in the Spirit Seminar/ Charismatic Prayer Group 6:30-8:00pm

### WEDNESDAY

- Adoration 7:30-5:00pm
- Kupuna Ministry 8:30-10:30am
- Benediction/Evening Prayer 5:00pm
- Men of Faith 5:00-6:30pm

### THURSDAY

- Spiritual Book Club 4:00-5:30pm (2nd & 4th Thursday of each month)

### FRIDAY - NO EVENTS

### SATURDAY

- Church Cleaning 7:30am
- Grounds Maintenance 7:30am
- Confession 9-10am

### SUNDAY

- Children's Rosary Group After 9am Mass (Last Sunday of each month)
- Consecration to God the Father After 1:30 Mass (1st Sunday of each month)
- Faith Formation (K-5) 10:20-11:20am
- Faith Formation (6-12) 5:15-7:15pm (See the Faith Formation section of bulletin for class dates)



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