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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 MORNING MASSES: 7am Monday through Saturday at St. Michael the Archangel

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, 4pm / **SPANISH MASS:** Sun 12 noon

Gift Shop Hours: Sun 7:30am - 11:00am

Website: saintmichaelparishkona.org **April 13, 2025 | 13 de abril de 2025**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Reading I - **Isaiah 50:4-7** | Psalm - 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24 | Reading II - **Philippians 2:6-11** | Gospel - **Luke 22:14-23,56**
Primera Lectura - **Isaías 50:4-7** | Salmo - 21:8-9,17-18a,19-20,23-24 | Segunda Lectura - **Filipenses 2:6-11** | Evangelio - **Lucas 22:14-23,56**

THE STORY OF OUR REDEMPTION

We begin the final week of Lent with these familiar readings. This year, we hear the Passion from the Gospel of Luke. These readings for Palm Sunday and the Passion used to be read on successive Sundays. Now they are combined into a single feast, so that we may see the whole sweep of the glory and the suffering played out. Jesus accepts the adulation of the crowd, the foreshadowing of his glory in the Resurrection. He bids farewell to his disciples in his last Passover, and forgives his tormentors as he dies on the cross. Later this week, we enter the Holy Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when the whole story of our redemption will play out once again.

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PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do you, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord."
- Lk 19:38

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Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

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

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

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

2nd Reading: **Colossians 3:1-4**

Segunda Lectura: **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. To our visitors, we pray that you enjoy your stay in Kona and are blessed with safe travels home.

April 13, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Lk 22:14—23:56

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

More than any other time of year, we are able to follow the actual events of Jesus' life this week according to the sequence in which they occurred. Today's procession with palms honors his entry into Jerusalem, where he would prepare to celebrate the Passover with his disciples. We can imagine Jesus spending the subsequent days preaching in the Temple and the nights conversing with his Father in prayer. Then, on Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will inaugurate the Triduum, the time which commemorates Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. The Church places these events before our eyes each year as an invitation to enter as fully as possible into Jesus' mind and heart during Holy Week. Even if we regret not being more faithful to the goals we established at the beginning of Lent, we can still seize the opportunity of this week to accompany Jesus as he prepares to die for love of us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The crowds of followers who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem triumphantly today will be silent by Friday. Among his closest disciples, all will fall asleep during his prayer of agony on the Mount of Olives. Peter himself, who says on Holy Thursday, "I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you," will deny three times that he knew Jesus. The chief priests and scribes (who, one would think, should have recognized the Messiah) will deliver him to Pilate to be crucified. In each of these examples, love for Jesus (or, in the case of the priests and scribes, fidelity to God) is tested and found wanting during Holy Week. Of course, we know that Jesus still proceeded to die so that salvation would be available to *all* of these people. He likewise made it possible for every future generation - including our own - to return to him in moments when we find our own love wanting. We do this by turning away from sin and seeking his forgiveness, especially in the sacrament of confession. Therefore, let us, who have acclaimed Jesus as king today, keep him as king of our hearts - not only this week, but every day of our lives.

WORSHIP

Rich in solemnity and symbolism, the Triduum liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday allow us to accompany Jesus during these difficult days and express to him our love. Try to attend as many of these liturgies as your schedule allows and enter fully into Jesus' experience of Holy Week this year.



Life of Stewardship

Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family was among the first of the early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.

In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account, we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefitted personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him as Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

- *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship*

Parish News

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday, April 18th, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 12 noon at St. Michael's Church in English and at 2 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in Spanish.

40 Days for Life

Please join the Respect Life Ministry to finish strong as they conclude their 40daysForLife prayer vigil and sign waving on Sunday, April 13 in front of St. Michael's Church. 40daysForLife is a peaceful prayer vigil to end abortion nationwide.

40 Cans for Lent

The Knights of Columbus ask for your help to make a strong finish with their "40 Cans for Lent" campaign. **Please consider donating one can for each day of our Lenten season.** Donations can be left in the carts near the front entrance.

Spiritual Book Club

Please note that our Spiritual Book Club will not meet in April. Our next meeting will be at 4pm on Thursday, May 15 in the Grace Parish Center.

Hawaii Island Charity Walk

The Hawaii Island Charity Walk returns to the Waikoloa Beach Resort Queen's Marketplace on Saturday, **May 10th**. We are recruiting everyone to **join Team Catholic Charities** to fundraise and participate in the event. Fr. Lio has issued his

annual challenge to his fellow priests in the West Hawaii Vicariate (and Fr. Steve Macedo) to raise the most funds. There will also be prizes for the top three fundraisers for the Catholic Charities team. **See the Charity Walk table before or after the weekend Masses on April 19/20, 26/27, and May 3/4 to join the team or to make a donation.** You may also place a donation in the collection basket by writing a check payable to St. Michael's and note for Charity Walk.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 27

Join us for Music and Prayer with special guests from Italy - Mather Marilú Greco and her brother, Father Domenico Greco.

- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy & Hula at 3pm
- Sunday Mass at 4pm
- Refreshments in the Grace Parish Center at 5pm

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes Grades K-5

Classes are held from 10:15 - 11:50am on Sundays, April 13 & 27.

- *Margaret Essex, Cathecist*

Youth Ministry Classes Grades 6-12.

April Youth Ministry classes on April 13 & 27.

- *Edwina Fujimoto, Youth Minister*

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the LORD

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven! (Matthew 21:9). Prepared or not, we have arrived at Holy Week, also called Holy Week. We commemorate the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Have you thought about how we will accompany Jesus during the week? What are your plans for your family and parish community? Many families take advantage of this time to go on vacation, which is very good. However, that is no reason to leave Jesus alone. Wherever we are, we can have moments of prayer and reflection on the Mystery of the Lord's Passion.

Blessed palms are waved in our hands and the cheers of the people are heard. And in less than a week, we will begin the Easter Triduum. Judas will betray him in exchange for a few coins; his disciples will abandon him, and Peter will end up denying him. All had promised him fidelity. However, they failed at the time of his arrest. Jesus is the love that refuses to be defeated, and he demonstrates this even in his tribulations. He heals the soldier who approaches to arrest him, forgives those who crucify him, and gives hope to the repentant thief who dies with him. What can we learn from all this? What does Jesus invite us to do in this very specific time? The answer is personal, but let us realize that, at the end of the Way of the Cross, what wins is love. - ©LPI

Treasures From Our Tradition

The Chrism Mass is celebrated in every cathedral in the world in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Only a Bishop can consecrate chrism, pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance, so this liturgy is a sign of the unity of the local Church and the Bishop's ministry to all who will be bap-

Stewardship of Treasure

March 31st - April 5th, 2025

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| ONLINE GIVING | \$ 2,016.00 |
| SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS | \$ 12,324.00 |
| GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN | \$ 33,719.00 |

Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$5,814,861.99** 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 MARCH 2025

MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: **\$11,525.00**

MONTHLY 'OHANA IN CHRIST ASSESSMENT: **\$2,446.33**

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 and click our **ONLINE GIVING** tab. Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

tized and confirmed in our parishes in the coming year. Chrism is also used in the ordination of priests and bishops and the consecration of new altars. Two other sacramental oils, the unscented olive oil for catechumens and for the sick, will be blessed in the same liturgy and transported carefully to every parish by the beginning of the Triduum.

Remember when Noah's dove returned with the sign of the world's rebirth? The dove carried an olive branch, a pledge that God was breathing the world to life again. Yet olives require human nurture. Olives are inedible unless they are cured by human labor. Olive trees grow on sun-nny slopes, away from the shade of city walls, so they can only be properly tended, cured, and laboriously pressed in peace time. The Chrism Mass with its olive oils expresses God's deepest desires for us, and our resolve to place our lives in service to God's saving, healing, loving plan.

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Everyday Stewardship - Reverance of the Cross

Jesus warns us in the Gospel, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." It is an invitation to a way of life, and a plan that leads to holiness. But make no mistake, it is a warning as well. The cross is a sign of victory, but only in light of the Resurrection. Alone, it is a symbol of ultimate sacrifice: the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for a fallen world, and the sacrifice we are called to make to truly follow him.

The power of this symbol has been diminished in popular culture. It is often used in fashion and simple wall art and on bumper stickers and T-shirts, sometimes with Christian clichés and sometimes not. But the cross is something so

much more. It is a reminder of the pain, suffering, and death of one who loved us so much that he would give his very life for us. It is our God on that cross. It is God who cries out in despair, feeling the ultimate depth of human emotion. And there lies the key for us in trying to live this life of carrying our crosses.

For those who suffer the death of a loved one, the Father lost his Son. For those who suffer the ravages of disease, his body was broken, beaten, and pierced. For those who feel they have no way out - whether due to prisons that are physical or prisons that are of the mind - he hung on a cross and cried out, "Why?" For those who feel alone and abandoned, he hung on a tree where no one could comfort him, not even his own mother. He has walked in all our shoes, and now we are called to walk in his. In the cross, we find solidarity with the human condition. In an empty tomb, we find our hope. © LPI

A God Who Knows How It Feels

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today's Mass? "My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?"

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely not abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments-

The Bible is a strange book. It's one of the only books most people never read in its entirety, even those who consider it one of their favorite books. It's also one of the only books we feel comfortable slicing and dicing. There's actually nothing wrong with that, until people start making sweeping judgments about divine revelation based on a tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines of Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just as you

YOU ARE INVITED

(schedule may change without advance notice)

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Coffee with the Priests 7:30-9:00am
- Charismatic Prayer Group 6:30-8:00pm

WEDNESDAY

- Adoration 7:30-5:00pm
- Kupuna Ministry 8:30-10:30am
- Benediction/Evening Prayer 5:00pm
- Soup Supper (after Benediction) 5:30pm
- Hula Ministry Practice 5:30-6:30pm
- Men of Faith 5:30-6:30pm

THURSDAY

- Spiritual Book Club 4:00-5:30pm
(3rd Thursday of each month)
- Young Adults Group 6:00-7:00pm

FRIDAY

- Stations of the Cross - English 5:00pm
(St. Michael the Archangel)
- Stations of the Cross - Spanish 6:00pm
(Immaculate Conception)
- Lenten Fish Fry 5:45-7:15pm

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)
- Immigration Seminar 1:00-2:00pm
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Consecration to God the Father 3:00pm
(1st Sunday of each month)
- Faith Formation (K-5) 10:15-11:50am
- Faith Formation (6-12) 5:15-7:15pm
(Please refer to the Faith Formation section for class dates)
- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults After 9am Mass

Baptism

Baptism Classes are held monthly as needed. Parents and Godparents must attend class.

To register, please email baptism.stmichaellkona@rcchawaii.org

Marriage

Please notify the office and allow six months before the date of marriage for preparation.

can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You must accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it will mean anything.

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

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. No matter how beautiful the individual stitches, you won't appreciate the message unless you step back and look at the whole product. If we didn't have the whole story, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing: it's just a man 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 seemingly for no reason. Some of us get so frustrated that we give up and despair. We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient. - Colleen Jurkiwicz Dorman, ©LPI



Holy Thursday of the LORD'S Supper - April 17th

Morning Prayer: 7am

Holy Mass: 6pm

All are welcome to stay for Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday of the LORD'S Passion - April 18th

Morning Prayer: 7am

Stations of the Cross: 12pm (SM) English | 2pm (IC) Español

Good Friday Liturgy 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 at the Easter Vigil - April 19th

Morning Prayer: 7am

Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets: 10am

Easter Vigil of the Holy Night: 6pm

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord - April 20th

Mass: 7am - English/'Ōlelo Hawai'i

9am - English

12:00pm - Español

4pm - English



As Catholics, let us witness the beautiful gift of life with civility and love, and with our peaceful prayers and our compassionate service to all those in need.

- USCCB 5/10/22



SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

4pm - JP Urgino, Rest in Peace

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

- 7am - MISSA PRO POPULO
- 9am - MISSA PRO POPULO
- 4pm - MISSA PROP POPULO

MONDAY, APRIL 14TH

- 7am - Emma Martinez, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Helen Gorski, Rest in Peace

TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH

- 7am - Doris Ashman, deceased, Birthday Remembrance
- 5pm - James R. Brehm, 2nd Anniversary of Death, Rest in Peace

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH

- 7am - MISSA PRO POPULO

THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- 6pm - MISSA PRO POPULO

FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

- 6pm - MISSA PRO POPULO

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

HOLY SATURDAY AT THE EASTER VIGIL

- 6pm - MISSA PRO POPULO

Requesting a Mass Intention

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **808-326-7771**.

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.**



Use this QR Code for our Amazon Wishlist. Items purchased can be mailed directly to the Parish Office. Mahalo for your support!

Escaping By Sleeping

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Luke 19:28-40 - Welcomed with palms
- ▶ Isaiah 50:4-7 - Salvation only through the Lord's servant
- ▶ Philippians 2:6-11 - Jesus, compassionate high priest
- ▶ Luke 22:14-23;56 - The passion of Jesus

We have likely all had times when we have in some way escaped—or attempted to escape—the pain and suffering of ourselves or loved ones. Who wants to feel pain when you can become absorbed in technology, take drugs, or self-medicate with food or alcohol? Who wants to watch another suffer when you can leave the side of the hospital bed or avoid visiting in the first place? The disciples couldn't stay awake for their closest friend whom they knew was filled with fear and sadness after their last meal together. Like them, we may have failed loved ones in their time of need too because it was just too painful to be with them in their pain.

Jesus still suffers when people suffer today. He said, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me." So when humans torture other humans, we are torturing Christ. When others are dying of old age, alone in a nursing home, Jesus is dying alone. We may run away from the pain and suffering of others, just as the disciples slept through Jesus' agony. However, we will always have more chances to stay awake and be present to Jesus by making ourselves present and available to others who suffer.



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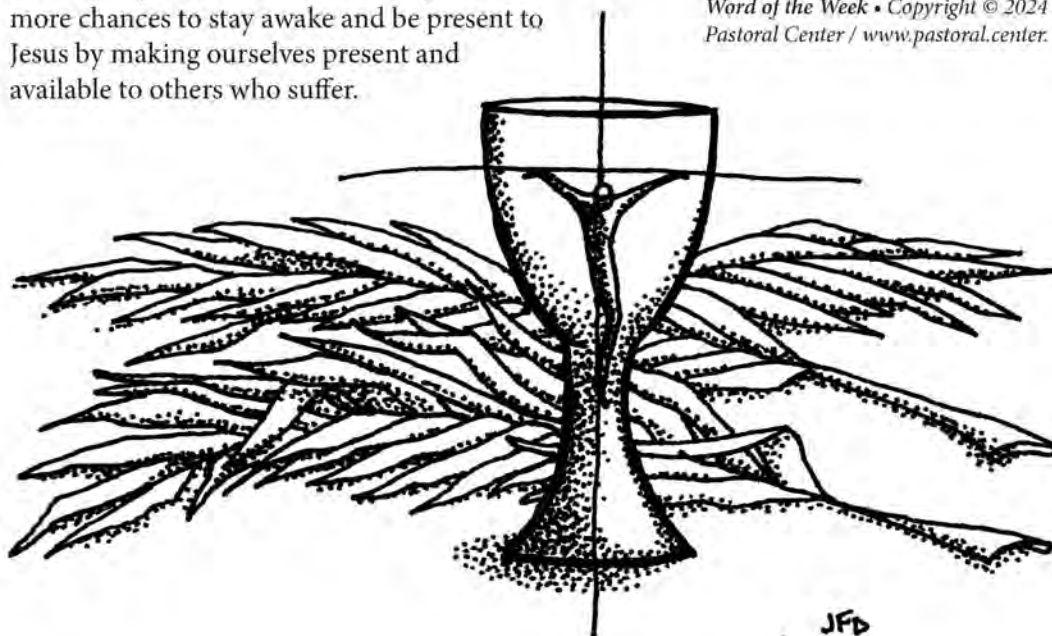
"His disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen."

Sheepish Questions:
Do I sometimes forget to praise Jesus?
What helps me remember?

Questions of the Week

- 1 When have you "fallen asleep" instead of staying awake to someone's pain?
- 2 Think of someone in your life now who is suffering. How might you make yourself available so that person will know he or she is not alone?

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Journey with the Lord

Merciful Lord,
humbling yourself,
you came to us.
You endured humiliation, suffering,
and pain
as your followers turned away.
Today, we prepare to journey with you.
Open our ears
so that we may hear your voice.
Guide us in radically
accompanying you.
Wash away our sin
and lead us to paradise.
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, April 13, 2025
Radical Accompaniment



Today's readings: Luke 19:28–40; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Luke 22:14–23:56 or 23:1–49. Today we enter Holy Week as we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. At Mass, the procession will be different than other Sundays. The assembly will receive palms and gather at the church's doors. As the first Gospel is proclaimed, the assembled will hear of Jesus entering Jerusalem, greeted by a joyful crowd waving palms. At the end of the reading, all will wave palms and sing as the priest processes to the sanctuary. These actions commemorate Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During the proclamation of the passion, the horrifying story of Jesus' suffering and death is told. Not only do we hear of the crucifixion but also of Peter's denial of Jesus and of the

soldiers jeering at our Lord. Amid the betrayal and the mockery, though, women wept for him, a man carried Jesus' cross, a criminal asked to be remembered, and a righteous man wrapped the Lord's body and brought it to a tomb, where women prepared oils and perfume.

As a community, we contemplate the last moments of Jesus' life. Aware that Jesus is with us in our moments of desolation, we take seriously our journey with him through his passion. Entering Holy Week, consider how you might walk with Jesus—be it praying with Scripture daily, inviting a friend or family member into your prayer, or serving at a local shelter. Offer a prayer in gratitude for Jesus' relentless accompaniment.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 14 Fear Is Not of God

The psalmist proclaims that, with the Lord as our light and salvation, we have nothing to fear. Fear can keep us from bringing authentic selves to our communities and to God. As we approach the Sacred Paschal Triduum, consider what might be keeping you from facing your fears and bringing yourself to the Lord. What fears do you need to release to journey with the Lord? Write down your thoughts and consider sharing them with a close friend or loved one. *Today's readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11.*

Tuesday, April 15 Betraying, Denying

Jesus knew that Judas was going to betray him and that Simon would deny him in front of a large crowd. We, too, have betrayed or denied a close friend, a loved one, or someone in our community (likely more than once). This evening, pray for those you have hurt. Ask God to be with them and with you, as you repent. How can you move to reconciliation? *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71: 1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38.*

Wednesday, April 16 Easter Triduum

The Sacred Paschal Triduum begins tomorrow evening with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. It continues through Friday (Good Friday of the Lord's Passion) and Saturday (the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord) and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Though technically multiple days, the Triduum is celebrated as one liturgy. The slow unfolding of the days and movement of the liturgy helps us enter into the paschal mystery. If you have not already, find out when the Triduum is being celebrated at your parish. Make plans to participate. *Today's readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25.*

Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday

In today's evening Mass, the Gospel tells of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. This radical and loving act of service is a model for us to follow. After washing the disciples' feet, Jesus tells them that they "ought to wash one another's feet." Participate in this humbling ritual by washing someone's feet today. Consider inviting your family, roommates, or friends to do this with you. *Today's readings: Chrism Mass: Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Psalm 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Revelation 1:5-8; Luke 4:16-21. Evening 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, April 18 Good Friday

We spend the day sitting with the discomfort that the detailed account of Jesus' agony and death brings. Consider community members who are persecuted. Christ suffers with them. Lift them up in your prayer. How can you accompany them? Ask God to enlighten you and inspire you to serve them. *Today's readings: 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, April 19 Holy Saturday

Today we celebrate the turning point of the Triduum: we move from despair and eagerly await the glorious return of the Lord. Jesus' passing from death to life is marked. New members celebrate the sacraments of initiation, and we welcome them into our Church. Pray with and for those new members and offer them a word of welcome after the Vigil. *Today's readings: Easter Vigil: Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Luke 24:1-12.*



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