



St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

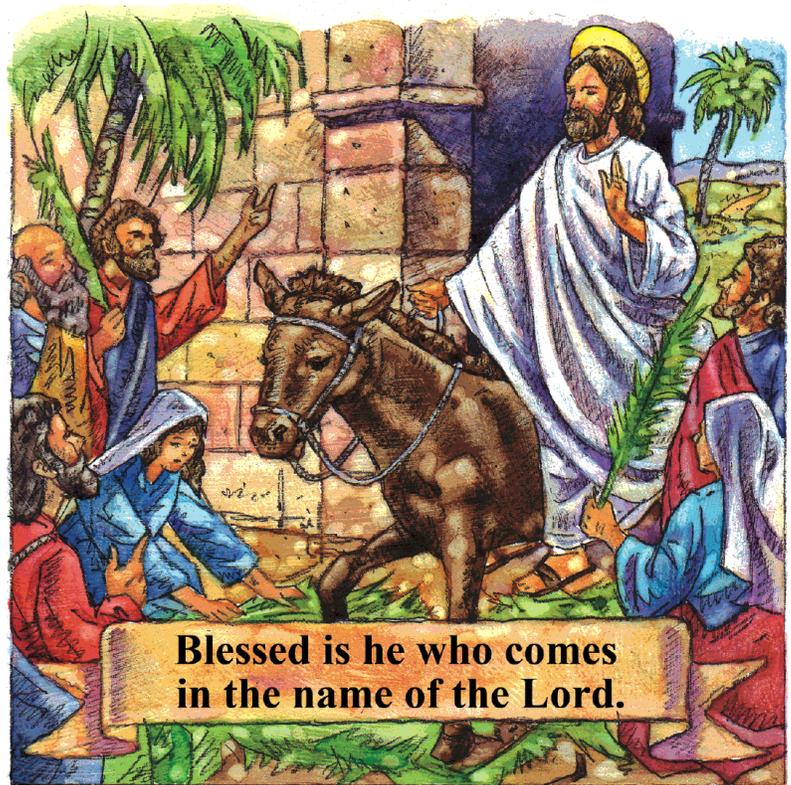
Processional Gospel – **Matthew 21:1-11** | Reading I – **Isaiah 50:4-7** | Psalm – **22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24**
Reading II – **Philippians 2:6-11** | Gospel of the Passion of the Lord – **Matthew 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54**

Hosanna!

“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (*Matthew 21:9*). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their “hosannas,” they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant “Pray, save us.”

The King to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in Him.

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Next Week's Readings

Reading I – **Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43** | Psalm – **118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**
Reading II – **Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8** | Gospel – **John 20:1-9**

Life of Stewardship

We begin this Holy Week with the reading of the Lord's Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that we Christian stewards focus our minds and hearts intensely this week on the steps of our Brother and Savior as He laid down His very life for us. Before we do so, let us first take a moment to examine the seemingly small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week.

One occurred when Jesus gave instructions to the disciples about the room where they would celebrate the Passover. Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, "the teacher says... "In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." We do not know this man's name but we do know that he agreed to this request — he shared the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality so that Jesus had a place to celebrate the Passover. Little did he know that because of his good stewardship, his own home would be the site of the institution of the Eucharist!

There was also Simon the Cyrenian who offered the gift of his physical strength, helping the Lord to carry His Cross. Privilege of privileges! Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea — he generously shared a material gift of the tomb that was his, and he gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the "two Marys" who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in a tender vigil after His death, they "remained sitting there, facing the tomb." Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talents and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God's service.

—Stewardship Reflections by The Catholic Steward and Catholic Stewardship Consultants



Masses for Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Liturgies at which Bishop Larry Silva will preside will be private, with only the liturgical ministers necessary, but will be live-streamed for all to see at www.hictv.com or <https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCatholicBasilica>. They are as follows:

* **Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:** April 5th at 9am

* **Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Thursday, April 9th at 7pm

* **Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion:** Friday, April 10th at 3pm

* **Easter Vigil of the Holy Night:** Saturday, April 11th at 7pm. [NOTE: This is a long but very beautiful liturgy, with many Scripture Readings and Mass, as a Vigil for the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord, Jesus.]

* **Easter Sunday Mass:** Sunday, April 12th at 9am

* **TENTATIVE, PENDING FURTHER NOTICE: Easter Sunday Mass:** Sunday, April 12th at 12noon. Broadcast on KHNL, a Hawaii News Now Station and local NBC affiliate; vir-

tual Channel 13; digital Channel 35; Spectrum TV: Channel 8 or 1008.

* **Mass for the Second Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy Sunday:** April 19th at 9am

* **Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter:** April 26th at 9am

All St. Michael's Masses are CANCELLED

All daily and weekend Masses are *cancelled* and the Church is CLOSED until authorities give the "All Clear" to return to work. (Note that the priests are celebrating Mass privately and honoring the Mass intentions of the day.) The Statewide shutdown is currently in place through to April 30th. Please visit our parish website for further updates at: stmichaelparishkona.org.

Contacting the Office Staff

The parish office is closed but staffed remotely while the State of Hawaii is shutdown. If you call the office number, your call will be forwarded to: **(808) 657-5077**. The office is open **Mon-Wed-Friday, 8:30am-12:30pm**.

What is Cancelled in the Parish?

This is a reminder of what has been cancelled for now:

- Saturday Confessions / Stations of the Cross / Lenten Penance Services / Adoration / and no Faith Formation classes will be held through to April 30th.
- Visits to the hospital, the homebound, and the Life Care Center are all suspended.
- Due to the shutdown of airline flights, funerals and weddings have been postponed or cancelled.

Our Food Pantry Remains Open

The Food Pantry will remain open to distribute canned and dry foods, plus produce from the Sharing Garden, on **the 2nd & 4th Wednesday each month from 9-9:45am**. It is located in the parking lot of Immaculate Conception Mission, directly across from Holualoa School. If you're in need of food, call the office for more information.

Also distributing food is **The Food Basket (Hawaii Island's Food Bank)**. They invite you to come if you need food (Drive-Through Only; Please Stay in Your Vehicle) on **the 3rd Friday of the month at 10am, at the Old Kona Airport Road**. If you need immediate assistance or do not have a vehicle, please call **322-1418**.

St. Michael's Food Pantry Report: The number of people who have been helped increased considerably in March, possibly because other food pantries have suspended service. The Food Pantry has adjusted its distribution protocol to a "drive-through" format to conform with virus recommendations. Starting in April, we will

reduce the number of volunteers at distributions in order to ensure we maintain appropriate social distancing.

The Friendly Place Lunches: The ministry has switched to “to go” meals, which are handed out to recipients at the entrance gate of The Friendly Place. Both recipients and The Friendly Place employees are grateful that St. Michael’s continues to prepare and serve these meals as stay-at-home practices have increased the food needs of the homeless.

Sharing Garden: The Sharing Garden donated 1,286 lbs of fruits and vegetables through the month of March. The coronavirus has severely impacted our distribution due to the closure of Ulu Wini and the Salvation Army food pantries. We are looking for organizations or individuals who have networks that provide food to those in need to share our produce. Please let us know if you know of anyone or a group that can help.

Malama Na Keiki: The *Malama Na Keiki* (Backpack Program) was asked by Holualoa School to continue with the program while the school is closed due to the virus. We have relocated the distribution of our food bags to Immaculate Conception Church parking lot. The school staff contacted the parents of this change and informed them of the time for drive-by pickup. The team provides individual and family bags of canned goods and fruit. The process worked well, providing a safe transfer for both our volunteers and recipients. We hope to provide fresh produce from the Sharing Garden in the coming weeks.

Financial and Food Stamps Assistance

The State of Hawaii Benefit, Employment, and Support Services Division (BESSD) of the Dept. of Human Services will continue to serve residents throughout the pandemic. A digital application to apply for Financial and Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits is now available. Go to humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/ and click on **digital_fillable/printableapplication_form** on the DHS website. Once complete, print and sign it, then mail it or drop it off at one of the following processing centers:

North Kona 2 Unit (664)

75-5722 Hanama Place, Suite 1105

Kailua-Kona, HI 96740-4127 | PH: (808) 327-4980

South Kona Unit (633)

Captain Cook Civic Center

82-6130 Mamalahoa Highway, Building 2

Captain Cook, HI 96704 | PH: (808) 323-7573

These offices are open from 7:45am-4:30pm, **however**, there is a reduction in staff at these processing centers (*it’s best to complete the application online*) but they are working hard to manage the workload and provide reduced exposure for all. Please be patient with the staff as they work as quickly as possible to process requests and applications.

Receive Updates With Flocknote

To stay connected with each other, join our interactive parish info system and stay informed! You’ll receive alerts regarding what is happening at Church due to the coronavirus crisis. You’ll also have access to Bishop Robert Barron’s “Word on Fire” programming, giving you FREE access to everything produced by WOF and much more. Just text the word **SMACCKK** to phone # **84576** to join, or sign up online at smack.flocknote.com.

Celebration of Mass via the Media

* Livestreamed Masses in the Diocese of Honolulu (go to catholichawaii.org):

1. Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace - Sundays at 9am with Bishop Larry Silva presiding

2. Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace - Monday to Saturday at 8am

* Mass with Bishop Robert Barron daily at 8:15am ET - go to wordonfire.org/daily-mass/

* **EWTN.com** - Mass online [check the website for time]

* EWTN Mass on TV at Spectrum Channel 1408 [check the TV Guide for time]

* USCCB directs people to go to:

1. **watchthemass.com** from the Catholic TV Network - Masses daily; go to the website to check the time

2. Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis’ Masses - go to **“Pope Francis-Holy Mass”**

3. Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - go to nationalshrine.org/mass/ and click on the red box “Watch Mass Online”

Music and Prayer Resources From OCP

Oregon Catholic Press, from whom we purchase our Breaking Bread hymnbooks and our bilingual missals, are extending their support to all parishes during this difficult time. Here are some resources they are offering for prayer and worship at home and to aid in staying connected as a community during this critical time.

Free Prayer and Music Resources: to bring calm and peace to families through worship, prayer, and reflection at home—<https://www.ocp.org/en-us/blog/entry/resources-from-home>.

Free Facebook Live Streaming Prayer and Music Experiences Provided by OCP Artists: *Steve Angrisano* is offering Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily at 3pm ET. Go to <https://Facebook.com/steveangrisanomusic/>

Pedro Rubalcava is offering Bilingual Night Prayer at 8pm PT/ 11pm ET; Spanish language Rosary is on Saturday morning: <https://www.facebook.com/prubalcava>

Ivan Díaz is offering “Oremos y Cantemos” at https://www.facebook.com/cantemosyoremos/?_tn_=%2CdkC-R&eid=ARBDGSOZT2imZQUVAuLE1VKqyDLKN3-

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Free Livestreaming Access: For a limited time OCP is granting permission for livestreaming of their copyrighted materials until *April 15, 2020*. For details see: <https://www.ocp.org/en-us/blog/entry/resources-from-home>.

Spiritual Communion

What is spiritual communion? St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace Him” at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. With the absence of public Masses in the Diocese of Honolulu, the opportunity for receiving spiritual communion is particularly appropriate.

Spiritual communion needs no special instruction; it only requires the same disposition as the actual reception of the sacrament and a turning to Jesus with the heart. No particular prayer or formulary is required; however, to help focus a proper intention, recitation of a prayer is suggested. One of the most popular is that composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things
and I desire You with all my heart.
I embrace You as if You were
already in my heart and
unite myself to You completely.*

Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.

Catholic Charities Continues to Serve the Community

Catholic Charities-Hawaii continues to serve the vulnerable in our community during the current coronavirus health crisis. Seniors may be isolated and will need groceries and medications. Those recently laid off and facing financial hardship may need possible rental assistance and other necessities. Families will need mental health support as they face coping with feelings of stress and loss.

Catholic Charities is working Statewide to ensure all clients impacted by program adjustments continue to have the support they need. Intake appointments for services are being taken via email (catholiccharitieshawaii.org) or by phone: (808) 933-4357 in advance of meeting with CCH staff. They are not taking walk-in clients at any of their offices Statewide.

Stewardship of Treasure

It is truly heartwarming to see the many parishioners and visitors who continue to give their weekly offerings! Thank

Stewardship of Treasure

March 28th—April 3rd, 2020

OFFERINGS	\$20,824.77
PARISH CENTER FUND	\$5,800.00
DEBT REDUCTION	\$4,637.00
TOTAL:	\$31,261.77

you so much for your continued support of St. Michael’s Parish through mailed-in donations or through OnLine Giving; they are very much appreciated. Your stewardship of treasure this past week totaled **over \$31,000!** (see above) I continue to privately celebrate the Mass every day, and I pray for all of you daily. God bless you! —*Fr. Lio*

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month began on April 1st, 2020. This observance recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and promotes the social and emotional well-being of children and families. During the month of April and throughout the year, the Diocese of Honolulu works to increase awareness and provide education and support to our families through resources and strategies focused on preventing child abuse and neglect.

A Prayer for Healing

*God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave Your only Son to save us
by His blood on the cross.
Gentle Jesus, Shepherd of peace,
join to Your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.
Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by Your truth.
Holy Spirit, Comforter of hearts,
heal Your people’s wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*