

# St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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**April 12, 2020**

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Reading I – **Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43** | Psalm – **118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**

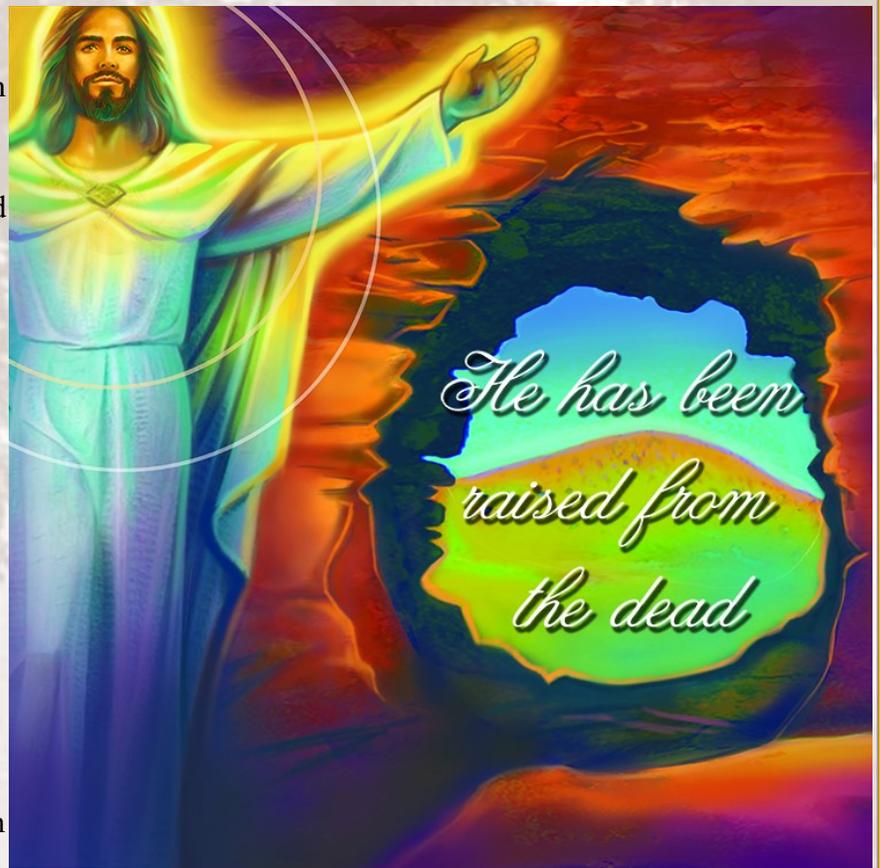
Reading II – **Colossians 3:1-4** or **1 Corinthians 5:6b-8** | Gospel – **John 20:1-9**

### Seeds of Faith

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the Scripture Readings for Easter Sunday. Peter's speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul's Letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information “bullet points.” Scripture scholars call them *kerygmata*, or “kernels” of our faith. Actually, “kernels” or “seeds” are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul, and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection exactly how these *kerygmata* began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early Church. May these Easter “seeds” of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

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### Next Week's Readings

Reading I – **Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47** | Psalm – **118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

Reading II – **1 Peter 1:3-9** | Gospel – **John 20:19-31**

# Life of Stewardship

The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter Season.

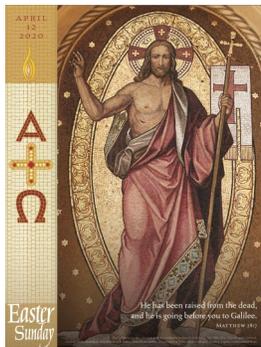
Our First Reading from Acts gives instruction on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord, “commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that He is the One appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead . . . that everyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins through His name.”

How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all that God has done? By the way we live our ordinary lives—through the intentional use of our time, talents, and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

This will look different depending on our own circumstances. Perhaps it will mean committing to a weekday Mass throughout the Easter Season to rejoice in all that the Lord has done for us through His death and Resurrection. Perhaps it will mean getting up “in the dark” of the early morning to reflect on the daily Gospel. Perhaps we will gather our courage and finally speak to that friend or co-worker about what the Lord means to us and how they can have His grace in their lives, too. Maybe we will be inspired to host an Easter feast for friends and neighbors at some point during the next 50 days of celebration.

As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love—the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad, and let’s make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace!

—Stewardship Reflections by The Catholic Steward and Catholic Stewardship Consultants



## Easter Greetings!

My Easter greetings go out to you on this feast of the Resurrection of our Lord. I remember you daily at the Masses I continue to celebrate privately. Be well. ALLELUIA! He is risen! —Fr. Lio

### An Easter Prayer

*May the Risen Christ, Who flung open the doors of the tomb,  
open our hearts to the needs of the disadvantaged,  
the vulnerable, the poor, the sick, the unemployed,  
the marginalized, and all those who knock at our door  
in search of bread, refuge, and the recognition of dignity.*

—Pope Francis

## Upcoming Online Masses

\* **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; virtual 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. (The priests are celebrating Mass privately and honoring the Mass intentions of the day.) The Statewide shutdown is currently in place through April 30th. Please visit our parish website for further updates at: [stmichaelparishkona.org](http://stmichaelparishkona.org).

## Contacting the Office Staff

The parish office is closed but staffed remotely while the State of Hawaii is shutdown. The office is open **Mon-Wed-Friday, 8:30am-12:30pm; PH: (808) 326-7771.**

## What is Cancelled in the Parish?

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

- Saturday Confessions / 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.

## Decree on Special Indulgence

### *Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the Granting of Special Indulgences to the Faithful in the Current Pandemic*

The gift of special indulgences is granted to the faithful suffering from COVID-19 disease, as well as to health care workers, family members, and all those who in any capacity, including through prayer, care for them. “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer” (*Rom. 12:12*). The words written by St. Paul to the Church of Rome resonate throughout the entire history of the Church and guide the judgment of the faithful in the face of all suffering, sickness and calamity.

So that all those who suffer because of COVID-19, precisely in the mystery of this suffering, may rediscover “the same redemptive suffering of Christ” (*ibid.*, 30), this Apostolic Penitentiary, *ex auctoritate Summi Pontificis*, trusting in the Word of Christ the Lord and considering with a spirit of faith the epidemic currently underway, to be lived in a spirit of personal conversion, grants the gift of Indulgences in accordance with the following disposition.

The *Plenary Indulgence* is granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite The Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfill the usual conditions (sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer according to the Holy Father’s intentions), as soon as possible.

Health care workers, family members, and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the Divine Redeemer: “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (*John 15:13*), will obtain the same gift of the *Plenary Indulgence* under the same conditions.

This Apostolic Penitentiary also willingly grants a *Plenary Indulgence* under the same conditions on the occasion of the current world epidemic, also to those faithful who offer a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or Eucharistic Adoration, or reading the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself.

The Church prays for those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and of the *Viaticum*, entrusting each and every one to Divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and granting the faithful a *Plenary Indulgence* on the point of death, provided that they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required). For the attainment of this indulgence the use of the crucifix or the cross is recommended (*cf. Enchiridion indulgentiarum, no. 12*).

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and of the Church, Health of the Sick and Help of Christians, our Advocate, help suffering humanity, saving us from the evil of this pandemic and obtaining for us every good necessary for our salvation and sanctification.

The present Decree is valid notwithstanding any provision to the contrary. Given in Rome, from the seat of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on 19 March 2020.

—Mauro Cardinal Piacenza, Major Penitentiary; Krzysztof Nykiel, Regent

## 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/](http://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

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.

## Individual and Family Grants From ModestNeeds.org

Public housing residents and households who, because they are working and live just above the poverty level, are eligible to apply for an annual grant of up to \$1,250 to cover unexpected/emergency expenses and monthly bills unpaid due to extenuating circumstances within the past year. Special consideration is given to persons living alone (single persons with no dependent children), public school teachers, and first responders. Anyone can apply online at [www.ModestNeeds.org](http://www.ModestNeeds.org)

Contact information: *Crystal van Beelen / Disaster Preparedness Officer / Dept. of Emergency Management / City & County of Honolulu / Business PH: 808) 723-8956 / Fax: (808) 768-1492 / Email: [cvanbeelen@honolulu.gov](mailto:cvanbeelen@honolulu.gov)*

## Receive Updates With Flocknote

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 will also have access to Bishop Robert Barron’s “Word on Fire” programming, giving you FREE access to productions by WOF and much more. Text the word **SMACCKK** to phone # **84576** to join, or sign up online at [smack.flocknote.com](http://smack.flocknote.com).

## Celebration of Mass via the Media

\* Livestreamed Masses in the Diocese of Honolulu (go to [catholicahawaii.org](http://catholicahawaii.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/](http://wordonfire.org/daily-mass/)

\* [EWTN.com](http://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](http://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/](http://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-KRWic73LRpOt3M9o5nOrzs5dTIHEEXPNdeiRWtt8yTzkVEu1pe&hc\\_ref=ARQYPeAnQqSTC4PmxzVHgOAL0iB\\_xbgidAFxOTHq5ny3LTy1ISJYxyW221qU53POXQ8](https://www.facebook.com/cantemosyoremos/?_tn_=%2CdkC-R&eid=ARBDGSOZT2imZQUVAuLE1VKqyDLKN3-KRWic73LRpOt3M9o5nOrzs5dTIHEEXPNdeiRWtt8yTzkVEu1pe&hc_ref=ARQYPeAnQqSTC4PmxzVHgOAL0iB_xbgidAFxOTHq5ny3LTy1ISJYxyW221qU53POXQ8)

**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.*

## CRS Operation Rice Bowl

This Lenten Season will be one that no one will forget. Throughout the past 40 days this pandemic crisis, COVID-19, made our world appear so much smaller as we were reminded by Pope Francis that “*we can only get out of this situation together, as a whole humanity.*” And so we gather in our homes this week as a Domestic Church and encouraged to conclude our Lenten journey by counting sacrificial gifts collected in your Rice Bowls. Reflect on what you witnessed and experienced, then offer up the **Prayer to End the Lenten Season:**

*God of abundance, You generously provide for our every need. As we end our Lenten journey, may we continue to remember our brothers and sisters around the world who are hungry, who don't have the opportunity to dream, and all who need our support. We pray that these, our Lenten sacrifices, may be an offering of solidarity and a promise of ongoing commitment*

## Stewardship of Treasure

April 4th—10th, 2020

OFFERINGS	\$8,095.00
PARISH CENTER FUND	\$925.00
DEBT REDUCTION	\$1,049.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$10,069.00</b>

*to our one human family. As good stewards of Your many gifts, may we always answer Jesus' call to reach out beyond ourselves and to share Your abundance. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you to all who continue to give their weekly offerings! Your continued support of St. Michael's Parish through mailed-in donations or through OnLine Giving are very much appreciated. Your stewardship of treasure this past week totaled **over \$10,000!** (see above) I continue to privately celebrate the Mass every day, and I pray for all of you daily. God bless you!  
*—Fr. Lio*

## The REAL ID Deadline is Postponed

“Due to circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and the national emergency declaration, the Dept. of Homeland Security ... is extending the REAL ID enforcement deadline beyond the current October 1, 2020 deadline. I have determined that states require a twelve-month delay and that **the new deadline for REAL ID enforcement is October 1, 2021.** DHS will publish a notice of the new deadline in the Federal Register in the coming days.

“The federal, state and local response to the spread of the Coronavirus here in the United States necessitates a delay in this deadline. Our state and local partners are working tirelessly with the Administration to flatten the curve and, therefore, we want to remove any impediments to response and recovery efforts. States across the country are temporarily closing or restricting access to DMVs. This action will preclude millions of people from applying for and receiving their REAL ID. Extending the deadline will also allow the Department to work with Congress to implement needed changes to expedite the issuance of REAL IDs once the current health crisis concludes. —Statement by Acting Secretary of Dept. of Homeland Security Chad Wolf; Release Date: March 26, 2020

## Kupuna Shopping Hours

Some stores in the Kona area are offering special shopping hours for **seniors and vulnerable populations:**

**KTA:** *Kailua-Kona:* Sunday & Wednesday 5-6am

*Keauhou:* Sunday & Wednesday 6-7am

**Costco:** Tuesday & Thursday 8-10am

**Target:** Wednesday 7-8am

**Sack n' Save:** Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 5-6am; 5% Senior Discount is available these days and times

**Safeway:** Tuesday & Thursday 6-9am

**Walmart:** Tuesday 6-7am