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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.

& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m.

& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.,

10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

& 5:00 p.m.

(unless noted in the bulletin)

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday and Saturday

10:00am - 11:00am

located at 1159 Fort Street Mall

(unless noted in the bulletin)

Devotions

First Friday

Adoration/Benediction

at 10:00 a.m.

First Saturday

Adoration after 7:00 a.m. Mass

(unless noted in the bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY through FRIDAY

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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This week's Readings: Procession - Gospel Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Verse Before the Gospel - Philippians 2:8-9; Matthew 26:14-27:66

Next week's Readings - Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Sequence Victimae Paschali Laudes; Alleluia 1 Corinthians 5:7; John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

"WHEN THE WORLD GROANS, CHRIST WALKS WITH US"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

We start this Sunday with the Solemn Celebrations of Holy Week. We begin our liturgy with the blessing of palms at Mass to remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. People waved palms as Jesus entered the city, yet that same Jerusalem would soon become the place of His suffering and death. We listen to the Gospel of the Lord's Passion during the Liturgy of the Word. That's why we call this day Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion.

From Thursday to Sunday, we observe the Easter Triduum, the pinnacle of our Christian and Catholic faith. These three days of deep prayer, sacrifice, and celebration, Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection, constitute one profound mystery, the Paschal Triduum. Its highlight is the Easter Vigil, where darkness is replaced by the light of Christ.

As we observe our Holy Week disciplines, fasting, abstinence, and prayer, it is vital that we stay close to the Lord. This is a sacred time to treasure the immeasurable love of Jesus, who suffered and died for our salvation. To cherish this love involves examining our hearts: our faith, our choices, and our relationships with God and others. How do we live out the Gospel values of compassion, truth, justice, and peace in our daily lives? How do we embody our identity as disciples of the Lord?

This year, these questions feel especially urgent. Here in Hawai'i, many of our brothers and sisters are suffering from devastating floods that have destroyed homes, displaced families, and shaken our sense of security. Across the world, the escalating conflict involving Iran has brought fear, loss, and uncertainty to countless innocent people. Day by day, we hear stories of destruction rather than life, of violence rather than peace.

Why is this happening? Many hearts have forgotten the One who gave everything to bring us new life. When the suffering and death of Jesus no longer influence our choices, the values of the world take over the values of the Gospel. Our broken world longs for healing, and that healing can only begin when we return to Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Holy Week calls us to walk with Him, not just in prayer, but in solidarity with those who suffer. As Jesus carried His cross, we are encouraged to carry one another. Let us pray for those affected by the floods in our islands, for those living in fear amid war, and for all who feel abandoned or overwhelmed. May our compassion serve as a sign of Christ's presence in a wounded world.

May this Holy Week be meaningful and life-giving. May we truly appreciate the cost of what Jesus has done for us so that we may live righteously and walk in His way, with renewed peace, love, joy, and hope.

Fr. Lazarus and I encourage everyone to participate in these solemn celebrations. We know that work and responsibilities can make it difficult, but offering our time to the Lord is always worth it. These days give us a sacred pause from our routines and allow us to be with the Lord, with our families, and with our Cathedral Ohana.

Your Friend in the Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



Blessed is he
who comes in the
name of the Lord

Matthew 21:9

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

Monday, March 30, 2026
Monday of Holy Week
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, March 31, 2026
Tuesday of Holy Week
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, April 1, 2026
Wednesday of Holy Week
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, April 2, 2026
Holy Thursday
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:00pm
Evening Prayer at 10:00pm

Friday, April 3, 2026
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Stations of the Cross at 10:00am
Liturgical Service at 12pm & 6:00pm

Saturday, April 4, 2026
Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30pm

Sunday, April 5, 2026
The Resurrection of the Lord
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

Today we hear one of four passages commonly called "Servant Songs" in the book of Isaiah. Jesus' followers used these to help interpret Jesus' life and death. The language of this song portrays the servant as an obedient prophet. In the Hebrew mentality, to listen is to obey. The servant listens to God's voice and obeys. When the servant is publicly disgraced, he is not ashamed, but certain God will vindicate him.

On Palm Sunday, people in churches all over the world remember Jesus' acclamation by waving palm branches and singing hosannas. How quickly the praise and adoration turned to ridicule and betrayal with cries for Jesus' death! Yet with obedience and trust, the Son of God, the Suffering Servant, led the way to Calvary.

As we remember and pray this Palm Sunday, may we recognize how imperative it is to believe and trust God who is our help. Despite the difficulty of following the Lord, may we disciples listen to God's voice this Holy Week and find our path to follow.

SHARING FAITH

What can block you from choosing to follow Christ to Calvary?

How can you pray this week to be united with those who are suffering and dying? Are there some people you would pray for by name?

Often the disciples were afraid. When has fear blocked you from acting as Christ has called you?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Place the blessed palms you bring from church in a prominent place in your home or place of work. If possible, light a candle near the palms throughout Holy Week. Contemplate how easy it can be to praise and follow God's ways one minute and then to turn your back on him the next. When do you turn your back on God's ways?

Read Paul's passage to the Philippians. Jesus emptied himself, became human, and was obedient to death on the cross. This was Jesus' sacrifice for each one of us. What does that mean to you? Discuss your thoughts with a small group or a friend.

Pray during this week for the candidates or catechumens who are being baptized or joining the Church in full communion this coming Easter Vigil. Why do you think so many adults and children join the Church? Can you plan to be at one of the Holy Week services to support them in their journey?

REFLECTION

The Lord God is my help, / therefore I am not disgraced; / I have set my face like flint, / knowing that I shall not be put to shame (Isaiah 50:7).



Mission statement:
The mission of the **International Catholic Stewardship Council** is to foster an environment in which stewardship is understood. Throughout the Catholic Church.

ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER (MARCH)

Lord Jesus,

We journey with you this Lenten season, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, ever closer to Jerusalem, ever closer to your death on the cross.

We hear your words: "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me," but we are unsure of their meaning, or anxious about their true intent.

Through the power of your Spirit, give us the strength to deny the "self" that keeps us from being good stewards of those who need our love and compassion.

Give us a deeper awareness of the cross in our own lives so that we may embrace it and join our sufferings with yours and a world in need of your redemption.

And give us the confidence to follow you no matter the cost; knowing that if we die with you, we will also live with you and eternally rejoice in your resurrection.

We humbly ask this of you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

March 16 - 22, 2026

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 4,131.00
Weekday	\$ 852.32
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 340.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,181.13
Total Offertory	\$ 6,504.45

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 60.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 30.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 658.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 201.00
Total	\$ 7,453.45

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL



The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is far more than a fundraising effort - it is an opportunity for each of us to respond with gratitude for the blessings God has entrusted to us and to use those blessings to serve others. Funds raised through the CMAA support essential ministries and outreach programs for our Church, including Religious Education, Youth Ministry, the formation of Deacons and Seminarians, hospital and prison ministries, and services for the homeless. **Our goal for the 2026 CMAA is \$45,437.00. We collected \$30,596** and at **67%** of our Goal. Every gift, large or small, strengthens the mission of the Church. We hope you'll prayerfully consider your gift and support our mission to live out Christ's to extend his love and mercy across the islands. You can make your gift today at: Appeal.CatholicHawaii.org/support. Thank you for your faith, your support, and for making a difference in the life and mission of our Catholic Church.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Join us for The Art of Living, a six-week series with Dr. Edward Sri on the cardinal virtues and what it means to live the Christian life well. Together, we will explore prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance, and how these virtues shape us into men and women who are truly free and able to love well. Each Thursday evening at 7 PM, starting April 16, will include a video presentation, small group discussion, and time for fellowship. Light snacks will be provided. For more information, please email Ryan Fielding at rfielding@rcchawaii.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thanks to the efforts of a handful of Brothers and the continued generosity of the Parishioners, we collected \$489 in alms for Pearson Place even with the challenging weather conditions! Thank you, God! This brings our total collected Alms for Life up to \$1,663! We still need 3 new Council Brothers to qualify for the Supreme Incentive of an additional \$250 to Pearson Place...we can do it...we all know a man or two who would make a great Brother Knight! We just have to ask him...let's challenge ourselves this Lent! MAHALO!

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

"Dear Jesus, please help the Church more fully conform with your truth and will."

St. Hugh of Grenoble (1053 - 1152), Bishop, Feast Day April 1