



St. Benedict Catholic Church
Sunday March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Empty Praise

How could anyone think that the joyous cry “Hosanna!” would be viewed as empty praise? Though the word has come down to us in the Greek Gospels, it probably has Hebrew roots as a form of the verb “to save” (see Psalm 118:25). Thus, it is more than an exuberant cry; it is a plea for salvation. How could this possibly be empty praise? The answer to that question is found in human fickleness. So often we—not simply the people of Jerusalem, but we human beings—wholeheartedly offer someone our support, only to turn our backs on that person when the going gets tough. We know from experience how this works. This is precisely what today’s readings describe. The passage for the procession with palms describes an enthusiastic group of people showing Jesus great respect and crying out: “Hosanna!” Later, in the Gospel we hear, “Crucify him!” Were these the same people? Does it matter? Presumably these were people who were in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, the feast of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Now they are caught in another oppressive political system—Roman occupation. Are these heartless people? Or are they like us: often afraid to take an unpopular stand lest we lose face or, even worse, suffer serious consequences? And so, Jesus stands alone before those who have planned to silence him. Might he have considered the earlier “Hosanna” empty praise? Probably not. Jesus does not hold our fickleness against us.

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*Those preceding him as well as those following
 kept crying out:
 “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord!”*



FOR REFLECTION

- ☪ *How steadfast have you been in your support of others?*
- ☪ *Thank Jesus for his willingness to forgive your fickleness.*

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading: The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced **Is 50:4-7**
Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? **Ps 22:8-9,17-18, 19-20, 23-24**
Second Reading: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped... **Phil 2:6-11**
Gospel: Jesus said to them, “All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: *I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed...*” **Mark 14:1—15:47**

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St. Benedict Hall, Honaunau
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
St. John the Baptist
Saturday 6:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Benedict, Honaunau
7:00 a.m. Tues., Thurs. &
Friday
St. John the Baptist
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7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME

In compliance with Bishop Silva's directives, our Masses are being held at St. Benedict Hall Chapel. Social distancing and masks are required. Due to limited space it would be best to arrive early. No one has been turned away yet, however more are attending each week. Thank you for your understanding.

FROM BISHOP LARRY SILVA:
EFFECTIVE EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4 (or as of the Easter Vigil, April 3), I am **ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which has been in effect since mid-March, 2020.** However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

SACRAMENTS

Funerals may now take place again in St. Benedict Hall Chapel according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses, i.e. following all health and safety precautions. Funerals at this time may not include visitation times, only the Vigil for the Deceased, a Funeral Mass and Committal may be held.

Baptisms may take place according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses. They will be done in such a way that the same water is not poured on more than one person or stored in the font after use.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

At this time Father Sieg is available for Confessions by appointment, observing all proper precautions. Call the office 328-2227.

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospitalized

Call the office to arrange for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

*"It is so hard to admit that one is a sinner;
It is so hard to climb the hill of Calvary
and kneel beneath a cross and ask for pardon,
forgiveness.*

Certainly it is hard.

But it is harder to hang there."

~Archbishop Fulton Sheen~

LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASS

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Oahu
Sunday: 10am (Bishop Silva) Mon—Sat: 12pm Sat:
5pm. <https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live>

DAILY INSPIRATION FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Sunday March 28 -Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

In one week, we will celebrate Easter Sunday. Pray that the Lord allow you to accompany him serenely during these Easter mysteries and you may emerge from them renewed in faith, hope and charity.

Monday March 29 Holy Week is here. How have you grown throughout your Lenten journey?

Tuesday March 30 Take time this week to go to confession. Before celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, prepare yourself with an examination of conscience, which involves reflecting prayerfully on one's thoughts, words, and deeds in order to identify any sins.

Wednesday March 31 Lent officially ends tomorrow as the Mass of the Lord's Supper begins. Contact your parish to learn more about how you can participate in the moving liturgies of the Triduum.

Thursday April 1 -Holy Thursday "If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, / you ought to wash one another's feet." (Jn 13: 14, *Lectionary*)

Friday April 2 –Good Friday As we mark the day on which Jesus was crucified, pray the Stations of the Cross to reflect on Christ's Passion

Saturday April 3 Easter Vigil .As you prepare for Easter, reflect on your Lenten journey and think about how you can continue to grow throughout the Easter season

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FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL

**** IF YOU FEEL SICK PLEASE STAY HOME! ****

WE MUST CONTINUE TO:

1-WEAR MASK

2-SOCIAL DISTANCE –SIX FEET

3-SANITIZE OUR HANDS BEFORE ENTERING OUR HALL CHAPEL

4-SANITIZE YOUR SEATING AREAS BEFORE LEAVING



PRAYER

DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Father, You willed that Mary be at the Foot of the Cross sharing in the sacrifice of Your Son. Grant, that through her intercession, we may bear within ourselves the image of Christ Crucified and Risen, and spend ourselves with untiring charity for the good of our bothers and sisters, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And for all your love's sake. Amen.

-Saint Augustine-

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH, KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Bill Myers, Gary Whitaker, Poli Olorvida, Alex Cadang, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Tony Dias, Robin Crusat, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess Jr., Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, Dee-Dee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Venancio Mendoza, Keiki San Filippo, Eddie Navas, Dottie Combs.

***Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.



It is You Jesus, stretched out on the cross, who gives me strength and are always close to the suffering soul. Creatures will abandon a person in his suffering, but You, O Lord, are faithful. -St. Faustina

PRAYER

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Thank God... for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist!

CALENDAR

Monday MARCH 29 Monday of Holy Week Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday MARCH 30 Tuesday of Holy Week Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday MARCH 31 Wednesday of Holy Week Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25

Thursday APRIL 1 Holy Thursday Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

Friday APRIL 2 Good Friday Is 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday APRIL 3 Holy Saturday Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6:3-11 Mk 16:1-7

Sunday APRIL 4 Easter Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17



1. What are the **first** and **last** days of Holy Week?
Hint: *The picture above includes one day that is **not** considered to be a part of Holy Week.*
2. What does Palm Sunday commemorate?
3. On Holy Thursday, what **act of humility** by Jesus is recreated after Father’s Homily?
4. What is the only day in the liturgical year when the Mass is **not** celebrated?
5. Holy Saturday ends at _____ right before the _____ begins.

Write your answers to this week’s treasure hunt on a piece of paper and bring them to Mass. Or, email your answers to the church. [Please include your

Answers to last week’s Treasure Hunt:

Important Figures in our Lenten Journey

1. The Blind Man; **2.** Annunciation / Mary;
- 3.** Prophet Isaiah; **4.** Martha; **5.** 4 days

HOLY WEEK: THE FIRST FOUR DAYS

We enter into a week made “holy” forever by the self surrendering love of Jesus - for us all.

All week, we remember how he loved us. Whatever we do, no matter how busy or “distracted” we might be, we can let the power of this week be in the background of our daily reflections. He entered into our life - with its profound joys and its punishing evils - that we might never experience those struggles alone. So no matter what we experience this week, we can let it become a “holy” week, letting it all be touched by the graces of this week. From the humble, yet triumphant, entry into Jerusalem, to our standing together at the foot of his cross, this can be a week which helps us bring all of the elements of our lives, all our experiences of sin and death, into the font of his redeeming, liberating death resurrection.

“By his words and actions Christ has showed himself to be true God and Lord of the universe...”

-St. Anastasius of Antioch



I recently converted to Catholicism . Can you tell me more about the significance of the palm branches on Palm Sunday?

Welcome to our faith! And we are delighted to answer your questions. We can consider the meaning of the palm branches on two levels. On the first level, we commemorate a historical event –Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In biblical times, people saw the palm as a kingly tree because of its height and majestic appearance. During festivals, the Jews carried palm branches in processions. Roman soldiers carried palm branches in their victory parades. In public games, the winners of contests and sports received palm branches as signs of victory. Thus, when people greeted Jesus with palm branches, they were greeting him in the spirit of joy and triumph usually reserved for victorious kings, armies, and athletes. It was the biblical equivalent of a ticker-tape parade! That brings us to the second meaning for the palm branches. They do signify a joyful victory, but not in the worldly and military sense of the word. It is a victory that we can understand and celebrate only in the light of the other events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The ultimate victory of Jesus was his Easter triumph over death and sin. But it was a victory won through suffering and dying. This is the victory we recall on Palm Sunday. Even though we must relive the sad events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we know the triumphant outcome of the story. Knowing that outcome enables us to make Palm Sunday the beginning of our victory celebration.

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SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on every 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Next open for food distribution on **Friday, April 9, 2021.** Mahalo to those who continue to serve.

MAHALO FOR THE FRUIT!

Thank you to all who share their abundance of fruit with our Painted Church visitors. We can always use more donations.

“True reverence for the Lord’s passion means fixing the eyes of our heart on Jesus crucified and recognizing in him our own humanity.”

— Pope St. Leo the Great