



St. Benedict Catholic Church

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

He Cannot Save Himself

Some of us might wonder, as did many of the bystanders on the way to Calvary, why Jesus allowed matters to reach the point they did. We might ask: He saved others. Why didn't he save himself? Jesus certainly had the power. He demonstrated it often as he traveled the villages and countryside of Israel. Through the centuries, theologians have turned that question over and over, upside down and inside out. Hadn't he done enough to reveal his identity? Every answer offered has thrown a bit of light on the question. Still, no answer has adequately resolved the issue. The question of Jesus' suffering and death is a mystery of our faith. Holy Week offers us an opportunity to reflect on this mystery, to discover something that might deepen that faith and transform our lives—if only a bit. For example, the goal of Jesus' ministry was the establishment of the reign of God. Everything he said and did pointed to this goal. He never faltered, never backed down in the face of opposition. He was steadfast in his commitment to what he believed was God's will for him, regardless of the price he might have to pay. And pay a tremendous price he did. Jesus' faithfulness to God's will is a model for us. We have responsibilities, some of which might make significant demands of us. Do we hold fast, or do we look for a way out? Holy Week calls us to follow him in his commitment.



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WEEKEND MASSES
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. Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday
St. John the Baptist
Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

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For Reflection

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- ☪ *We may not be asked to die for our principles, but we are asked to live for them.*
- ☪ *Pray for the strength to be faithful.*

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: So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: "...this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness." Lk 22:14—23:56

OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

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HOSPITALITY



ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME

UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

***IF YOU ARE FEELING ILL OR HAVE OUTWARD SYMPTOMS PLEASE STAY HOME! ***

Masks are now optional.

Safe distance is no longer required in Church or in meeting places. Food can be shared only if served by designated persons wearing masks or if individually pre-packaged.

* Exposed (close contact) to COVID-19 is defined as being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (regardless of mask use).

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. Please contact the office for most current guidelines.

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.

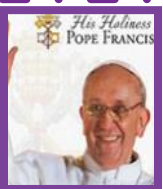
Eucharist to Homebound and Hospitalized

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

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

What is most amazing about the Lord and his Passover? It is the fact that he achieves glory through humiliation. He triumphs by accepting suffering and death, things that we, in our quest for admiration and success, would rather avoid. Jesus, as St. Paul tells us, "emptied himself...he humbled himself."

PALM SUNDAY HOMILY, MARCH 28, 2021



FAITH FORMATION

Prayer for Holy Week

*Lord Jesus, our sacred companion
on this journey,
Being human, you know what it feels like -
the suffering, pain, sadness, loneliness.
Being divine, you know that this story
does not end here,
that light and love triumph.*

*Now, we prepare to accompany you
through your suffering,
to walk alongside you to your death.
We cannot diminish it,
we cannot eliminate it.*

*We ask for the fortitude to stay with you,
to envision your suffering, to undergo the
pain that you bear. Amen.*

SAINT OF THE WEEK -FEAST DAY APRIL 14 ST. VALERIAN OF TRASTEVERE

Born in Rome, Italy in 177. Beheaded in Rome, Italy in 229.



St. Cecilia had vowed to be a perpetual virgin. She was unwillingly married to the pagan Valerian. She begged the angels to protect her virginity and she told Valerian her angel spoke to her. He wanted to see her angel but she told him only if he would become a Christian. He converted and also saw the angel. The couple converted

Valerian's brother, Tiburtius who also saw the angel. The two men were imprisoned for helping to bury martyrs and for being Christian. They were under the charge of the Roman soldier Maximus whom they also converted. The three refused to worship the god Jupiter which would have spared their lives. They were all martyred by beheading in 229. Cecilia kept preaching and converting and she was also martyred the following year by stabbing.

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.*



PRAYER

Pray the Rosary Daily

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



If you are praying the rosary for Lent...

Pray the first decade for the intentions of your prayer life during Lent.

Pray the second decade for the intentions of your life of penance during Lent.

Pray the third decade for the intentions of your works of mercy during Lent.

Pray the fourth decade for the souls of the faithful departed. (Mary loves souls who offer up the **satisfactory value of their good works and prayers for the dead.**)

Pray the last decade for the grace to persevere in your resolutions to the end of Lent, and beyond?

That's the secret of Lent, when we allow ourselves to prepare each day with the help of our Blessed Mother.

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...

Johnny Kai, Jeanette Laris, Finnan Sambursky, Gwen McKinney, Rafael Ramirez, Tamo Wong, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, Cheryl Ono, Michelle Paopao-Skillern, William Anderson, Lionel Gaspar, Gloria Grapa, Mary Bunao-Tamayo Hanato, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Charles & DeeDee Tripoli, Linda Adkins, Guy Miranda, Keiki San Filippo, Dottie Combs.

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

THE FAST LIFE

**Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.**

**Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.**

**Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.**

**Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.**

**Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.**

**Fast from pessimism;
Feast on hope.**

**Fast from negatives;
Feast on encouragement.**

**Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.**

**Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion.**

**Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.**

**Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.**

**Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.**

**Fast from anxiety;
Feast on faith.**

CALENDAR

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

Tuesday APRIL 12
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday APRIL 13
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25

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

Friday APRIL 15
Good Friday Is 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday APRIL 16
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 Lk 24:1-12

Sunday APRIL 17 Easter
Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12





***Palm Sunday through the Easter Vigil
Treasure Hunt & Lenten Reflection***

1. In the Passion reading on Palm Sunday, the congregation is put in the uncomfortable role of being Jesus' **b** _____.
2. Jesus instituted the Eucharist during the Jewish feast of _____.
3. The adoration or v _____ of the cross takes place during the service on _____.
4. On which day of the Triduum is the altar stripped or covered in black?
5. The Liturgy of the Word during the Easter Vigil includes the story of **c** _____, Moses' **E** _____ and the prophets' foretelling of a **M** _____.

Reflect upon **how willing** you were this Lenten season to accept and embrace **SACRIFICE** in your life.

Answers to last week's Treasure
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 1- they humiliated her and made her stand in the middle of them; 2- Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground; 3- "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." 4- having lived the longest they knew they were not without sin; 5- He told her He did not condemn her and to sin no more.

**WELCOME EVERYONE!!
RETURN TO FELLOWSHIP!**

We will be holding our **first** post-pandemic "fellowship and food" gathering after the 10:00 am Mass at St. Benedict on

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022. There will be sign-up sheets with the ushers for everyone to bring an item for the meal: Main Dish, Salad, Dessert, Drinks.

We hope all will participate and come together with love to celebrate the Easter season, springtime, and God's goodness and mercy.



Dear Padre,

How should we dispose of last year's palms?

Every year on Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday), palm branches are handed out and blessed as a powerful reminder of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We keep palm branches for two reasons. First, they symbolize our desire to accompany Christ through Holy Week. Second, they symbolize Jesus' desire to enter our homes and accompany us on our journey as we face our own Good Fridays. Taking the palms home and placing them behind a crucifix or holy picture is a powerful reminder of that. Many parishes ask their members to bring the palm branches they received the previous year to church on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. These branches are burned to make the ashes that are distributed on Ash Wednesday. After a time, palm branches get brittle and break easily, so if your church doesn't collect them, it's OK to break the palms up and burn them yourself. The number of palm branches we have in our homes isn't important. Palms and other articles of devotion such as medals and scapulars don't bring good luck or wealth, and we shouldn't try to use them in that way. We should use them to remind us of the goodness of God and the salvation Christ brings us

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SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The regular St. Benedict Food Pantry schedule continues to be the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 9 am to 10 am.

Next open on Friday, April 22nd.

SHARE YOUR HARVEST WITH OUR VISITORS

If your harvest is bountiful, please bring a portion to St. Benedict Gift Shop where we offer it to visitors as part of their "aloha experience" at the Painted Church.

**LAST SPIRITUAL LENT SUGGESTION
AS TRIDUUM APPROACHES**

Take time to read the Passion narrative at home. Invite Jesus into your heart. If you've fallen a little behind on your Lenten commitments, Holy Week is a great time to hit refresh.