

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Live Stream Mass at 9:00am

Monday, April 6

Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday, April 7

Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday, April 8

Wednesday of Holy Week

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, April 9

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper Live Stream at 7:00pm

Friday, April 10

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Day of Abstinence

Liturgical Service Live Stream at 3:00pm

Saturday, April 11

Holy Saturday

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Great Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Mass Live Stream at 7:00pm

Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Live Stream Mass at 9:00am

Live Aired on KHNL at 12:00pm

**ALL WEEKEND AND DAILY
MASSES ARE CANCELED
UNTIL April 30th (inclusive).
Follow us on Facebook as we
Live Stream our Masses**

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).

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

3/23 – 3/29

Sunday Offering	\$ 0.00
Weekday	\$ 0.00
Easter Sunday	\$ 0.00
Coffers	\$ 0.00
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 0.00
Total Offertory	\$ 0.00

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 0.00
Mass Intention	\$ 0.00
Devotional Candles	\$ 0.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 0.00
Others (Gallery, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 0.00

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?

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?

Saint for the Week

If a man wants to be always in God's company, he must pray regularly and read regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us. – St. Isadore of Seville (560-636), Bishop of Seville, Feast Day April 4.

April 5, 2020 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Matthew 21:1-11 | Isaiah 50:4-7 | Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 | Philippians 2:6-11 | Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

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.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord"

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. | Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 | John 20:1-9

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

My Beloved Parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy to you and your family!

The pandemic of the coronavirus has tremendously affected our lives, our families, and our church. It is causing us so much sadness, anxieties, fear, and uncertainties. Each day, as we hear the news, we get worried and caught in fear when we hear that there are more of our brothers and sisters who are affected by this. But there is so much hope upon hearing as well, that many have recovered from it. In as much as we get to hear all these in the news or read in the papers, the best thing that we can do is to keep protecting our lives and the lives of the ones we love by doing everything that needs to be done, from eating healthy, exercising, social distancing and the personal hygiene that we need to keep.

When the lockdown took effect on March 17 in our city and county of Honolulu, our church doors were closed. But even though our doors were closed, Fr. Anthony and I never stopped celebrating the Mass inside the Cathedral Basilica, even without you and the rest of the Catholic Faithful. With Bishop Larry's memorandum and dispensation from participating in the Sunday Masses, we are here to commune with you spiritually within the confines of your home. I must say, I am sad about this situation because I do miss your presence here. But know that with the closing of our churches, Bishop Larry's top priorities are your spiritual welfare, health, and safety, which extends to your families, the employees in the parish offices, and most of all, the vulnerable in our community.

But for now, let us heed to what our Bishop is calling us to observe. Let us, in the best way that we can, through the guidelines set by those in authority to look after our physical well-being. In our desire to participate physically present in any liturgical celebrations, for now, we spiritually commune ourselves in our home by joining us in the live-streaming of Masses, Adoration, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross. Invite your family members to join you. It is our way of sharing God's message of comfort, love, and mercy when you pray together. You can access this live-streaming of our Daily Liturgies and Devotions through our Cathedral Basilica Facebook Account, www.cathedralofourladyofpeace.com. And, www.hictv.com, when our Bishop celebrates the Holy Week Liturgies. A separate sheet of this schedule is attached to this letter.

I am looking forward to the day that you and I can be together again at Mass, Confession, and even to see you along Fort Street Mall to say, Hi or Hello, and extend a handshake or blessing you on your forehead. Wouldn't it be great to do that again?

Fr. Anthony and I extend God's blessings upon you and your family. ALOHA! I remain,

Fr. Pascual