

The Church's Calendar This Week

Holy Week

Sunday, March 20

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Masses at 6:00a/7:30a/9:00a/10:30a/12:00n/6:00p

Blessed Palms will distributed at all Masses

Religious Education at 8:00am

Monday, March 21

Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday, March 22

Tuesday of Holy Week

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 23

Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday, March 24

Holy Thursday

NO MASSES AT 6:30AM & 12:00PM

Midday Prayer at 12:00pm

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper at 6:00pm

Night Prayer at 10:00pm

Friday, March 25

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

(GOOD FRIDAY)

DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

NO MASSES AT 6:30AM & 12:00PM

Morning Prayer at 8:00am

Stations of the Cross at 10:00am

Solemn Liturgy at 12:00pm & 6:00pm

Night Prayer at 7:15pm

Saturday, March 26

Holy Saturday

NO MASSES AT 7:00AM, 12:00PM & 5:00PM

Morning Prayer at 8:00am

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Mass at 7:30pm

Sunday, March 27

Easter Sunday of the

Resurrection of the Lord

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Paschal Vespers at 5:00pm

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,889.03
Weekday Collection	\$ 2,048.42
Holy Day Collection	\$ 210.00
Coffers	\$ 840.72



Total \$ **11,998.17**

Operation Rice Bowl

This Holy Thursday, March 24th we will be collecting your CRS Operation Rice Bowl. Please turn the bowls in during the offertory collection or you can bring them to our Parish Office. Mahalo for your support!

Cathedral Catholic Academy News

Lenten Practices

CCA held a final STATIONS OF THE CROSS prayer service on Thursday, March 16th. The 7th and 8th graders based their prayer service on the scriptural story of last 18 hours of the life of Jesus. The presentation was based on scripture, student directed and acted using shadow, live actors, lights and sound effects.

PTG Movie Night

CCA is very grateful to the PTG who sponsored a MOVIE NIGHT at CCA last Saturday! Popcorn and the movie "The Good Dinosaur" was presented on a big screen in the outdoor court. Families snuggled with sleeping bags under a cool, dry night to enjoy a night of 'ohana.

Spring Break

CCA will be celebrating SPRING BREAK from March 21st – April 1st. The School Office will be CLOSED on Friday, March 25th in honor of GOOD FRIDAY and on Monday, March 28th in honor of EASTER MONDAY. School resumes on Monday, April 4th.

Girls Volleyball Schedule

Please type link on your web browser: <http://teacherweb.com/HI/CathedralCatholicAcademy/HomePage/GIRLS-BBALL-SCHEDULE-001.jpg>

Hawaii Catholic School Information

For your convenience, a listing of all Hawaii Catholic Schools on 'Oahu is available. The listing includes contact information and Open House dates. Please copy link on your browser: <http://teacherweb.com/HI/CathedralCatholicAcademy/Homepage/HAWAII-CATHOLIC-SCHOOLS-2016-PDS.pdf> You may also refer to the Hawaii Catholic Schools page: <http://catholic-schoolshawaii.org>

March 20, 2016 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Luke 19:28-40 | Isaiah 50:4-7 | Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 | Philippians 2:6-11 | Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Luke uses a particular expression describing the way Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry his cross: "They made him carry it [the cross] behind Jesus" (Luke 23:26). This echoes Jesus' earlier words: "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27). Simon of Cyrene, following after Jesus on his way to his death, acts as a true disciple. As the saying goes, "That's a hard act to follow," but follow it we must.

Follow after me. Take up your cross. Be my disciple. Love one another. Obedience to the Father's will and trust in his loving mercy brought Jesus to the point of sharing the Last Supper. Then he gave himself into the Father's hands, a sacrifice of his body and blood we recall every time the Eucharist is celebrated.

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Next Sunday'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 | John:20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12 | (evening) Luke 24:13-35

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

As we begin the holiest week of our Church's year, Jesus enters Jerusalem to shouts of praise and acclamation. He is acknowledged as King and palm branches are waved in worship. Five days later, many of those who praised him will severely persecute him and call for his death. The story of Christ's triumphant reception and then his tragic rejection has been told for almost 2000 years because it reminds us of how we can act in the same way.

It is easy to acclaim Christ as Lord when things seem to be going well or when the prevailing public opinion is supportive of such an acclamation. We are happy to welcome him and sing his praises. But when the tide of public opinion shifts, or when we recognize that supporting Christ might cost us dearly, we often change our tune. We condemn his presence in our lives or we run away from him.

His story invites us to see in it our story as well. When we speak a consoling word or do what is popularly acceptable, others sing our praises. But when we speak a challenging word or confront evil, we too will often be persecuted. We will be, at best, judged negatively and, at worst, condemned.

During this Holy Week, we are invited to journey with Jesus. His Passion challenges us to be passionate about his love even when it is difficult. His cross challenges us to be courageous. Even though we may be tempted to reject him or leave when things are deadly, we know that he will never leave us.

We invite us to join us for our Holy Week Services. "If we have died with Christ, we know that we shall live with him."

In Christ's love,
Fr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector