

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, March 29

Monday of Holy Week

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30

Tuesday of Holy Week

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31

Wednesday of Holy Week

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 1

Holy Thursday

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

Midday Prayer at 12:00pm

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm

Night Prayer at 10:00pm

Friday, April 2

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, April 3

Holy Saturday

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

Morning Prayer at 8:00am

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Mass at 7:30pm

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

3/15 – 3/21

Sunday Offering	\$ 4,549.70
Weekday	\$ 1,911.04
Online Giving	\$ 1,448.04
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 176.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,084.78

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 355.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 37.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 99.28
Car Blessing	\$ 100.00
Others (Gallery, Candles, Intention etc.)	\$ 684.00
Total	\$ 9,360.06

Living the Liturgy

- God's self-emptying and becoming human is the foundational mystery of Christianity. We can imitate that divine humility in our own lives. For one whole day, avoid ever talking about yourself. At the end of the day, reflect and pray about the experience.
- The Suffering Servant boasts of persevering through persecution and trusting in God's deliverance. Many suffer in the world with little hope of deliverance. Spend time this week reading about an area where people are suffering unjustly and think of how, through prayer or in some other way, you might help them.
- Observe this Holy Week at home by simplifying meals and curtailing unnecessary activities in favor of more family prayer time. Obtain age-appropriate books or videos that tell the story of Jesus' Last Supper, Passion, death, and Resurrection. Participate as much as possible in the Holy Week prayer of your parish.

Sharing the Faith

- Who are the "weary" in your life that need to hear the rousing word of God? When has God's word healed your weariness and roused you to Gospel joy?
- Jesus was betrayed by one of his own. How have you experienced betrayal? What helped your healing?
- Sometimes following the will of God leaves us, like Jesus, standing alone, or even abandoned by friends. Have you ever taken a stance that made you unpopular? What was your motivation?

Quote of the Week

"Because of this, God greatly exalted him / and bestowed on him the name / which is above every name" (Philippians 2:9).

March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16 | Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 | Philippians 2:6-11 | Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Every week, Christ the eternal Word speaks from the pages of scripture addressing all who are “weary” with a word meant to “rouse” them (Isaiah 5:4). Part of the mystery we celebrate today is the fact that the divine Word came to walk among us. Christ did that to be better known, which in scripture means to share intimacy with us and to profoundly rouse us. Ours is a hands-on God, who got his hands dirty from the very beginning fashioning man out of the clay of the ground. Jesus did the same when he walked the dusty roads of Galilee and healed the deaf and lame. Rousing takes effort and commitment, so it requires deep caring. It can be risky, too, as anyone who has roused someone from deep sleep has likely discovered. People are startled by light when they've slept in darkness and they react with fear or anger — or both.

The humility of a God willing to take on and embrace the limits of humanity and to learn and live obedience, is astounding. That humility elevated Jesus' name above every other name and won for us our salvation. But it also brought Jesus to Calvary. Peter denied him — denied his privileged intimacy with Jesus! We, too, can claim or deny him. But either way, he continues to reign from throne of the cross from which he continues to rouse the world.

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Next Sunday's Readings: “Easter Sunday 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 Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday

We begin this Sunday with the Solemn Celebrations of the Holy Week. We have the blessing of palms at the beginning of Mass to commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem. We also listen to the Gospel of the Lord's Passion in the Liturgy of the Word. This is why we call this day Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. From Thursday to Sunday, we have the Easter Triduum, highlighting all the celebrations we have in our Christian and Catholic faith. Three days of intense prayer, sacrifice, and celebration of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. With the restrictions regarding social distancing, wearing face masks, and safety protocols, I encourage you to participate in person if you can without endangering yourself or others due to the effect of Coronavirus.

Aside from the religious practices or disciplines that we do during the Holy Week, like fasting and abstinence, it is very important to take time for ourselves to be with the Lord. It is a time to cherish the great act of love of Jesus, who suffered and died for our sins. Cherishing this love calls each one of us to examine ourselves on matters of faith and life. How are we in our relationship with our Lord and among our brothers and sisters? How can we carry out the Gospel values of compassion, truth, justice, and peace that would evoke joy in our hearts in our day-to-day lives? How are we with identifying ourselves as Disciples of Christ?

During this Holy Week, I would like to encourage everyone to take part in these Solemn Occasions. It may be difficult for us to attend due to work demands, but I know that sacrificing our time for the Lord is worth it. Not only that we get a break from our daily chores but also, we can have time for ourselves with the Lord, our families, and our Ohana at Church.

If you cannot come in person, join us through our social media platforms to access our Services and Masses inside the Cathedral Basilica. In this way, you can celebrate with us in spirit to take part in the Lord's journey for the gift of salvation He offered us by Dying for our sins and Rising to give us new life.

These are the Solemn Days of our Year. May it bring forth goodness and transformation not only to ourselves but to the world we live in. May we embrace the trials that we face, especially during these difficult times like our Lord who carried the heavy cross to Calvary.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual