

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 9

### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**Masses at 6:00a/8:00/10:00/12:00n/6p**

*Blessed Palms will distributed at all Masses*

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Monday, April 10

*Monday of Holy Week*

Fishers of MENS Holy Hour at 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 11

*Tuesday of Holy Week*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 12

*Wednesday of Holy Week*

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11:00am

Thursday, April 13

### **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, April 14

### **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 15

### **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, April 16

### **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	\$ 9,401.15
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,691.82
Coffers	\$ 737.78
Holy Day Collection	\$ 315.00

**Total \$ 12,145.75**



## Diocesan Baccalaureate Mass

All middle school, high school and college/university graduates and their families are invited to attend the Diocese of Honolulu's Baccalaureate Mass with Bishop Larry Silva. A reception with light refreshments will follow in the Kamiano Center (located next to the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace). Validated parking available at Century Square (1188 Bishop Street). Please RSVO your attendance to [OYYAM@rcchawaii.org](mailto:OYYAM@rcchawaii.org)

## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

### The Birds & The Bells

Renovations to the Cathedral's Bell Tower were completed last month with installation of bird screens. The frames for the bronze mesh screens were custom made to fit snugly in the tower windows, preventing birds from entering the tower through small openings, as was the case with the old latticework. The new screens are more transparent, allowing views of the two historic bells, which date to 1853 and 1865.

The newly renovated bell tower has been reinforced, a new hatch cover installed and the interior has been painted. The framing for the Cathedral's bells has also been reinforced and new lighting was installed in December 2016. Thanks to the new screens, all of these recent upgrades are now fully protected from the many birds trying to take up residence in the tower.

This concludes Phase 2-A; and, Phases 2 B through E are scheduled to begin in the near future and will run through July 2018.

Please join in supporting the Cathedral Renewal Campaign with a sacrificial gift or pledge today!

To learn more about Cathedral Renewal Campaign and/or to make a contribution: Visit us online at: [www.HonoluluCathedralRenewal.org](http://www.HonoluluCathedralRenewal.org) Click on the "Learn" button, or select "Renewal Campaign" in the toolbar to view our 5 ½ minute campaign video.

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# April 9, 2017 – 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**

*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 Matthew 28:1-10 or 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,

Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.

Rector

## Fishers of MEN Hawaii

Calling all men, please join us Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for Holy Hour. All are invited to attend our Movie Night on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm. We'll be showing "Son of God".