



Debt Reduction Fund	
Mortgage payment due April 1st, 2021	\$ 1,753.77
March collections	\$ (1398.92)
Balance	\$ 354.85
Balloon payment due January 31, 2022:	\$ 15,000.00
Real Property tax assessment:	\$ 1,200.00
Fundraising:	\$ (4,030.00)
Donation:	\$ (2,750.00)
Balance	\$ 9,420.00



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIocese OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

March 5, 2021



Peace be with you!

As we continue on our Lenten journey, we look forward to the joyful celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the greatest event in the history of the world. We have been living in this strange time of the pandemic, and now with decreasing numbers of cases, increasing accessibility to vaccines, and "herd immunity" on the horizon, we should be able to celebrate Easter in a more normal fashion this year. Since our Sunday encounter with the Risen Lord in the Eucharist is the source and summit of who we are as Christians, it is important that we return to our weekly celebrations.

Effective Easter Sunday, April 4 (or as of Easter Vigil, April 3) I am ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which has been in effect since mid-March, 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

- At the same time, I realize that we must stay vigilant about our health protocols, and so the following norms must continue to be observed:
- ♦ Mask must be worn by all who attend Mass or other liturgical services.
 - ♦ Social distancing and no-touch greetings and Sign of Peace remain the norms.
 - ♦ Holy Communion is to be given only under the species of Bread.
 - ♦ Sanitization is to continue between Masses.
 - ♦ Social gatherings after Mass should still not take place.

God Bless you all, and have a blessed Lent, a joyful Easter Triduum, and a grace-filled Easter Season!

Bishop Larry Silva

MARCH & APRIL READINGS, MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ♦ **March 27: Saturday Vigil Mass**
Readings: Mk 11: 1-10 Is 50: 4-7
Phil 2: 6-11 Mk 14: 1 - 15: 47
3:30 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil Mass @ St. Rita Church
2nd Collection ~ St. Rita's 100th Jubilee Celebration
- ♦ **March 28: Sunday PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
Readings: Mk 11: 1-10 Is 50: 4-7
Phil 2: 6-11 Mk 14: 1 - 15: 47
8:30 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
9:45 ~ 11:00 a.m. ~ Adults Religious Education
2nd Collection ~ St. Rita's 100th Jubilee Celebration
- ♦ **March 29: Monday of the Holy Week**
Readings: Is 42: 1-7 Jn 12: 1-11
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- ♦ **March 30: Tuesday of the Holy Week**
Readings: Is 49: 1-6 Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- ♦ **March 31: Wednesday of the Holy Week**
Readings: Is 50: 4-9a Mt 26: 14-25
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- ♦ **April 1: HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
Readings: Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14
1 Cor 11: 23-26 Jn 13: 1-15
6:00 p.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
2nd Collection ~ CRS Rice Bowls
- ♦ **April 2: GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
Readings: Is 52: 13 ~ 53: 12 Heb 4: 14-16,
5: 7-9 Jn 18: 1 ~ 19: 42
3:00 p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross / Followed by
The Divine Mercy Prayer
6:00 p.m. ~ Solemn Commemoration of the
Lord's Passion and Death
2nd Collection ~ Shrines of the Holy Land
- ♦ **April 3: EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**
Readings: Gen 1:1 ~ 2:2 Gen 22: 1-18
Ex 14: 15 ~ 15: 1-11 Is 55: 1-11
Rom 6: 3-11 Mk 16: 1-7
7:00 p.m. ~ Solemn Easter Vigil of the
Resurrection of the Lord

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

James Gonzalez-Wesley	Lito Urayanza
Rosemary Robbins	Connie Munoz
Debbie Favorito	Vivian Lee
Rosamond Prince	Stanley Lee
Rachel Cravalho	Mark Potter
Robert Robello	Susan Redpath



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~MASS SCHEDULE~
~ST. RITA~
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
WEEKDAY MASSES:
7:00 a.m. ~ Tuesday ~ Friday
~ST. GABRIEL~
1st & 3rd Sundays: 1:00 a.m.
~RECONCILIATION~
ST. RITA ~ Saturday: 3:30 ~ 4:00 p.m.
ST. GABRIEL ~ Before Sunday Mass
~ANOINTING OF THE SICK~
Please contact the Office
~BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS,
FUNERALS~
Please contact the Office
~MINISTRIES~
MINISTRY OF SONG: CHOIR
Wayne Freitas
Tuesday ~ 6:00 p.m.
PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND
COMMUNION TO HOSPITAL

Our Parish
COMMUNITY

March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)
Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" MARK 11:9

Empty Praise

How could anyone think that the joyous cry "Hosanna!" would be viewed as empty praise? Though the word has come down to us in the Greek Gospels, it probably has Hebrew roots as a form of the verb "to save" (see Psalm 118:25). Thus, it is more than an exuberant cry; it is a plea for salvation. How could this possibly be empty praise?

The answer to that question is found in human fickleness. So often we—not simply the people of Jerusalem, but we human beings—wholeheartedly offer someone our support, only to turn our backs on that person when the going gets tough. We know from experience how this works.

This is precisely what today's readings describe. The passage for the procession with palms describes an enthusiastic group of people showing Jesus great respect and crying out: "Hosanna!" Later, in the Gospel we hear, "Crucify him!" Were these the same people? Does it matter? Presumably these were people who were in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, the feast of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Now they are caught in another oppressive political system—Roman occupation. Are these heartless people? Or are they like us: often afraid to take an unpopular stand lest we lose face or, even worse, suffer serious consequences? And so, Jesus stands alone before those who have planned to silence him. Might he have considered the earlier "Hosanna" empty praise? Probably not. Jesus does not hold our fickleness against us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- How steadfast have you been in your support of others?
- Thank Jesus for his willingness to forgive your fickleness.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1-12 Religious Education HOME STUDY options are available. Monthly meetings that will focus on the current liturgical season will be scheduled. Please contact Christine, 815-735-0612 or cmatheis2014@gmail.com

THRIFT SHOP

Hours of Operation
Donation Drop Off
Sunday: 9:45 am ~ 12:00 noon
Tuesday: 8:00 am ~ 12:00 noon

St. Rita	INCOME 3/21/2021	St. Gabriel
\$ 1,399.00	Collection	\$ 265.00
\$ 1,159.00	Debt Reduction/Land	~~~
\$ 62.00	Candles	\$ 66.00
\$ 490.80	Thrift Shop	~~~
\$ 55.00	Shepherd's Care	\$ 20.00
\$ 125.00	Easter Flowers	~~~
\$ 70.00	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 30.00
\$ 3,360.80	TOTAL	\$ 381.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

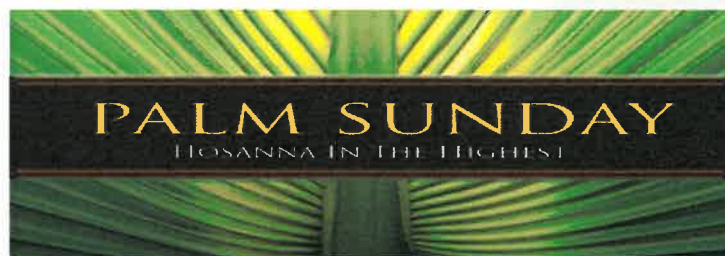
Religious Education Classes

March 28th ~~~ Adults ~ 9:45 ~ 11:00 am / Church Hall

April 11th ~~~ Kids ~ Grades 2-12 ~ 9:45 ~ 11:00 am / Church Hall

April Mass Intentions

- + Karl Soliman
- + Justin Pikunas
- + Nathan Perreira



Next Sundays Readings:

April 4, 2021

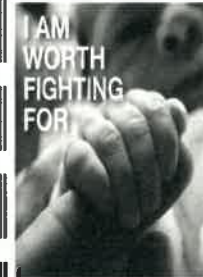
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

ACTS 10: 34a, 37-43
PS 118: 1-2,16-17,22-23
COL 3: 1-4
JN 20: 1-9



PRO LIFE CORNER

“Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is Holy, and you are that temple.” ~ 1 Corinthians 3: 16-17



Do you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available.

Call Project Rachel’s national toll-free number: 888-456-HOPE (4673)
www.hopeafterabortion.com

Have a Blessed Holy Easter



Lord Jesus Christ, today the world sings triumphant cries to heaven over the death that you conquered. Help us Lord, tomorrow as well, to continue as a celebration of life, that should last forever.

Resurrection is a daily celebration over fear, which is man’s greatest and most powerful enemy. Fear of tomorrow, fear of yesterdays, fear of what shall become of our young, our old, our unborn. Resurrection is replacing fear with physical action. This alone, the most touching and profound sign, teach us that fear is dead and belief in you brings not just hope but life. You have destroyed this enemy from the world, and shared with us your joy, peace, unity, courage and strength. Help us to learn Fridays are essential for Easter Sunday and be prepared always. The most dreadful end became the most beautiful beginning. Dear Risen Lord, visit our homes, our dear and near ones alive and dead, and fill us with your manifold blessings.

Wish you all a Very Happy and Holy Easter! May the Risen Christ be your guide always!

Fr. Chacko Muthoottil

This weeks 2nd Collection will be for “St. Rita’s 100th Jubilee Celebration.” Thank You!



Next’s weeks 2nd Collection is Holy Thursday “CRS Rice Bowl” and Good Friday the “Holy Land.” Thank You!



Welcome to CRS Rice Bowl 2021!

It’s Holy Week ~ the most important week of our faith. Jesus enters Jerusalem and the people receive him triumphantly. But in a matter of days, the crowd that acclaims him as a king demands him to be crucified. When Jesus was apprehended, his disciples fled. After the trial, he was flogged, spat upon and stripped of his clothing. While hanging on the cross, Jesus was thirsty ~ he was given vinegar to drink. This story is a reminder to us of attitudes we may still hold today. We are members of the same human family, but we can turn a blind eye to the suffering of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers. But Jesus reminds us that what we do to the little ones, we do to him. Throughout history, many have understood what it means to be merciful toward people who are suffering. On Jesus’ journey to Calvary, a bold woman moved by love wiped his face. A bystander, forced to carry the cross, was forever transformed by the experience. At the foot of the cross, the beloved disciple promised to care for Jesus’ mother as his own. After the crucifixion, a wealthy man offered his own new tomb to bury Jesus. These are the unquestionable examples of the works of mercy ~ of hearts showing compassion to those in need. And that is what Jesus expects of us ~ that we offer our hands and hearts to others so that with him, we may enter into eternal life.

~ THE HOLY LAND COLLECTION ~

This Collection for the Holy Lands will be taken up as usual on Good Friday at the Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion. The people of the Holy Land have suffered greatly during the pandemic, since, like Hawaii, tourism is a mainstay of their economy, and it has basically been suspended for over a year. Your sacrificial generosity will be appreciated.

Easter Triduum

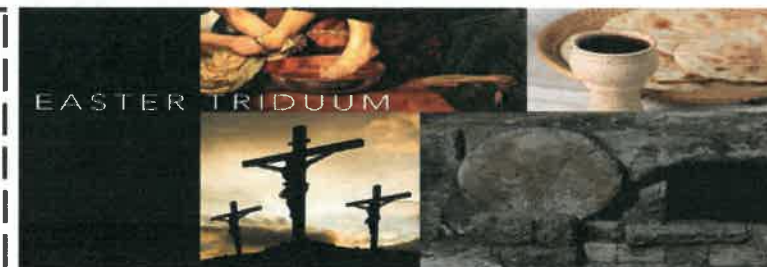


On Holy Thursday there will be NO WASHING OF THE FEET, due to the Covid 19. After Mass, Fr. Chacko will place the Blessed Sacrament back on the Altar to give everyone time for quiet adoration with distancing, before placing the Blessed Sacrament in the Altar of Repose.

On Good Friday, the Adoration of the Holy Cross, there will be NO KISSING OR TOUCHING OF THE CROSS. Reverencing by the congregation is to be done by a profound bow or genuflection only.

On the Easter Vigil of the Lord’s Resurrection, please be seated inside the Church. No gathering outside. Someone will come to you to light your candles. Please take your candles home after the celebration.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIMES OF COVID 19.



PASCHAL TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER, April 1st

6:00 p.m. ~ Mass of the Lord’s Supper
~ *No Washing of the Feet due to the Covid 19*
~ *Adoration will be downstairs in the Church* ~

Collection: Lenten ‘Sacrificial’ Gift for the Needy (Operation Rice Bowl)

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, April 2nd

Day of Paschal Fast & Abstinence

3:00 p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross
Followed by the Divine Mercy Prayer
6:00 p.m. ~ Solemn Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion and Death
~ *Veneration of the Cross & Communion* ~

Collection: Shrines of the Holy Land

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT, April 3rd

7:00 p.m. ~ Solemn Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, April 4th

8:30 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
11:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Gabriel Church
~ *No Easter Egg Hunt due to the Covid 19* ~