

April 12, 2020
Easter Sunday
Resurrection of the Lord



Parish Calendar

As we are all aware, we are in a unique time in which a pandemic that has had deadly effects needs to be halted.

Therefore, the public celebration of Mass will be canceled in all locations until April 30.

No group prayer meetings, no gatherings etc. in the church and the hall, due to “social distancing” being enforced.

Father Diego will offer private Masses for the spiritual welfare of the people and specially to offer the Mass “pro populo” (for the people of the parish) every Sunday.

If you want to offer Mass Intentions, you can do so by calling the office, email, parish website and our Facebook page.

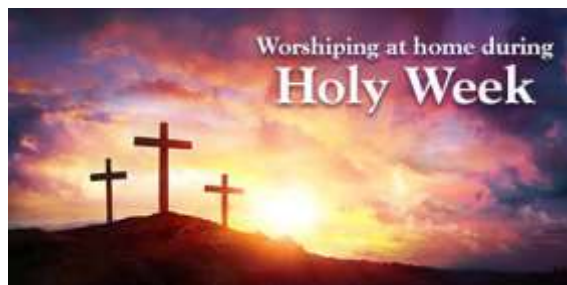
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****Have a blessed & a Holy Triduum****



EASTER SUNDAY — THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.

Our first reading, from Acts, gives instruction on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord, “commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.” How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all the God has done? By the way we live our ordinary lives — through the intentional use of our time, talents and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

Reflecting on today’s Gospel passage from John and studying the actions of the first witnesses to the Resurrection gives us further insight on how we should live the Easter season.

First, we learn of Mary Magdalene’s response. She “came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark.” Despite the trauma of just having witnessed the crucifixion of the Lord Whom she loved so much, Mary Magdalene remained focused on Him, not on herself and her own sense of loss. In fact, forgetting herself entirely, she made her way to the tomb in the dark so she could be near to Him. Once she realized that the tomb was empty, we read that she “ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple...” to tell them this shocking news. In response we read that “they both ran, but the other disciple ran faster and arrived at the tomb first.”

They ran to see all of this for themselves. These first witnesses of Christ’s mission and message, His death, and now His Resurrection were passionate. As stewards, we are called to this same devotion to our Lord, this same passion and the same determination to remain near to Him no matter what.

This will look different depending on our own circumstances. Perhaps it will mean committing to a weekday Mass throughout the Easter season to rejoice in all that the Lord has done for us through His death and Resurrection. Perhaps it will mean getting up “in the dark” of the early morning to reflect on the daily Gospel. Perhaps we will gather our courage and finally speak to that friend or co-worker about what the Lord means to us and how they can have His grace in their lives, too. Maybe we will be inspired to host an Easter feast for friends and neighbors at some point during the next 50 days of celebration.

As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love — the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad, and let’s make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace!

Stewardship Collection

- Due to this covid-19 pandemic, we are asking for your support for our church through your offerings or envelope. You can drop off your envelope to the parish office from Monday to Friday from 8am to 12pm. Or you can mail it to the office. Thank you all for your continuous support. We will get through this crisis together. Mahalo

Offering Envelopes



Mass Intentions

Rest of the Soul of;

- Leona Ramos Palting
- All those who have died from the COVID-19 virus

Birthday & Thanksgiving;

- Celia Frondoza
- Healing for all those affected by COVID-19



Ordinarily, families would bring their Rice Bowls to Mass on Holy Thursday. Because of the COVID-19, the Diocese is encouraging us to conclude our Lenten journey by counting the sacrificial gifts collected in your Rice Bowls. Families you may send your gifts directly to CRS online or save it and bring it to your parish when all are able to safely gather again. Mahalo! Send it to: <https://support.crs.org/donate/change-life-lent-0>

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE VIA LIVESTREAM:

*Holy Thursday - Mass at 6pm
The Lord's Supper

* Good Friday - Mass at 6pm
Passion of the Lord

* Easter Vigil - Mass at 6pm

*Easter Sunday - Mass at 9am

**Mass Celebrations will be Bilingual (English & Spanish)

Livestream Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/kalihicentral>

Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfLR4d28abO26YQ1ojolawA>

Rev. Diego Restrepo
Serna

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Deacon

Ricardo Burgos
Deacon

Bertha Guerrero
Secretary & Business Manager

Carol Chong
School Principal

Sr. Esther Pagdato, O.P.
Sisters Convent & Superior

Renier Torres
Pastoral Council Chair

Ping Blas
Finance Council Chair

Danielle Burgos
Religious Education Director

Our Stewardship Prayer

Generous and Loving Creator, you have called us to Malama i ka Makana (Cherish the Gift).

As disciples of your Son, we ask that your Spirit open our minds and hearts to more deeply

appreciate your countless blessings. Increase your transforming spirit within us, so as to nurture

our call to stewardship as a way of life marked always by faith-filled prayer, service to others and generous giving. With the kokua of St. Marianne and St. Damien, teach us to be good stewards so we may return a hundred-fold the makana entrusted to us.

We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PARISH MINISTRIES

Building & Maintenance

Baptism Preparation

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Marriage Preparation

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

Altar Server

Altar Cleaners

Ushers/Hospitality

Social/Outreach

Neo-Catechumenal Way

Divine Mercy

Music Ministries

Knights of Columbus

Youth Ministry

Gimong ti Novena

Ethnic Ministries (Hispanic, Samoan, Ilocano, Chuukese)

Other Masses, Adorations & Devotions

First Friday @ 7:45am-9:00am -Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday @ 6:00pm- Ilocano Mass

First Saturday @ 8:00am- Holy Rosary - Dominican Lay Associates

First Sunday @ 5:00pm- Chuukese Mass

First Sunday @ 10am Samoan Mass