

April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday of
the Lord



PALM SUNDAY
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

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, effective on March 17 at noon through Tuesday, March 31.

Our church is open Monday to Sunday, from 7:30am – 4pm for private prayer.

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

Communal Penance Services are canceled.

Individual Confessions is available by appointment via email, Parish website, Parish Facebook page through messenger, or call the office to schedule.

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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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

We begin this Holy Week with the reading of the Lord’s Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that we Christian stewards focus our minds and hearts intensely this week on the steps of our Brother and Savior as He laid down His very life for us.

Before we do so, let us first take a moment to examine the seemingly small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week.

One occurred when Jesus gave instructions to the disciples about the room where they would celebrate the Passover. Jesus said, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, “the teacher says... “In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.” We do not know this man’s name, but we do know that he agreed to this request — he shared the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality so that Jesus had a place to celebrate the Passover. Little did he know that because of his good stewardship, his own home would be the site of the institution of the Eucharist!

There was also Simon the Cyrenian who offered the gift of his physical strength, helping the Lord to carry His Cross. Privilege of privileges! Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea — he generously shared a material gift of the tomb that was his, and he gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the “two Marys” who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in a tender vigil after His death, they “remained sitting there, facing the tomb.”

Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talents and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God’s service. And there is no greater motivation to embrace this stewardship way of life than to turn our attention in the week ahead to the details of the Passion that our Lord undertook for love of us. Consider just a few right now, but spend some time this week on your own or with your family, pondering what Jesus has done for each one of us personally:

“Jesus took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and... said, “Take and eat; this is my body” — for you! “Then he took a cup, gave thanks...saying ‘Drink from it... for this is my blood of the covenant which will be shed on behalf of many’” — and for you! He agonized in the garden over the sins of all mankind, taking them on Himself — for you. “They spat in His face and struck Him, while some slapped Him” — He allowed it for you. His dear friend Peter, denied, Him: “I do not know the man” — and Jesus endured this for you. They bound Him, led Him away — for you. He stood before the crowd, His own people, as they shouted, “Crucify Him!” — for you.

They mocked Him, stripped Him, whipped Him, nailed His hands and feet to the Cross — for you. Finally, when there was literally nothing left to give, “He gave up His spirit” — for you. Are we not compelled, as Christian stewards, to live now for Him, to give ourselves generously, in big ways and small — to Him Who has given us all that we have and are, Who has given His very Self?

Stewardship Collection

- Due to this covid-19 pandemic, if you want to continue or support 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!

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE VIA LIVESTREAM:

- * Palm Sunday - Mass at 9am
- * 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)

Have a blessed Holy Week! Let us all unite in prayers and in communion this Holy Week Mass for the intention this pandemic crisis.

Rev. Diego Restrepo
Serna
Parish Administrator

Peter Soumwei
Deacon

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Danielle Burgos
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Mass Intentions

Birthday:

- Virginia A. Abad



Bishop Douglas J. Lucio has written a special novena prayer for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. The text of the nine-day prayer is below.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and worldwide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



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