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PRAY FOR US!

The [Missionaries of the Holy Spirit](#) posted this idea on their Facebook page:
What if everyone on Sunday April 5 in the morning, puts a branch on the door of their house or on the window, to celebrate Palm Sunday?

It could be any green branch you can get. This would help, despite the social distancing, to be connected as we enter into the Holiest of Weeks.

Want to join?

We may be physically isolated, but not separated. We are united as the body of Christ.

We are the Church.



PRAYER FOR THE COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC

[By Bishop Larry Silva]

Dear God of all the living, you sent your Son Jesus to heal us from illness and sin. We turn to his healing power in this time of anxiety over the pandemic of this potentially deadly virus.

St. Damien and St. Marianne Cope dedicated their lives to the service of those who had an infectious disease. St. Marianne Cope said, "I am not afraid of any disease," because she was confident in your power to save. At the same time, she took prudent precautions of hygiene to assure that she and her Sisters would not be infected.

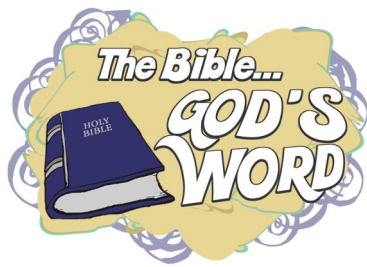
Let us learn from this example to put our trust in you to save us from the ravages of disease and to take prudent measures to prevent its spread. Guide us to know when to isolate ourselves from the possibility of infection, but never let anyone be left without the care and concern of others in the community.

As our Diocese of Honolulu has been dedicated to the Divine Mercy, we pray with confidence, "Jesus, I trust in you."

Saint Damien, pray for us!

Saint Marianne, pray for us!





Sunday, April 05

Mt 21:1-11
Is 50:4-7
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14—27:66

Monday, April 06

Is 42:1-7
Ps 27:1-3, 13-14
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 07

Is 49:1-6
Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 08

Is 50:4-9a
Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, April 09

Day:
Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9
Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27
Rv 1:5-8
Lk 4:16-21

Night:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

Friday, April 10

Is 52:13—53:12
Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday, April 11

(1) Gn 1:1—2:2
Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35
(2) Gn 22:1-18
Ps 16:5, 8-11
(3) Ex 14:15—15:1
(Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18
(4) Is 54:5-14
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13
(5) Is 55:1-11
(Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4-6

(6) Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4
Ps 19:8-11
(7) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
(Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
(8) Rom 6:3-11
Ps 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23
(9) Mt 28:1-10

Sunday, April 12

Day:
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4
Jn 20:1-9
Mt 28:1-10

Night:
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4
Jn 20:1-9
Lk 24:13-35

MY JESUS, I BELIEVE
THAT YOU ARE PRESENT
IN THE MOST HOLY
SACRAMENT. I LOVE
YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS
AND I DESIRE TO RECEIVE
YOU IN MY SOUL. SINCE
I CANNOT AT THIS
MOMENT RECEIVE YOU
SACRAMENTALLY, COME
AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY
INTO MY HEART. I
EMBRACE YOU AS IF
YOU WERE ALREADY
THERE AND UNITE
MYSELF WHOLLY TO
YOU. NEVER PERMIT ME
TO BE SEPARATED FROM
YOU. AMEN.

SPIRITUAL ACT OF
COMMUNION



Palm Sunday – 2020

“Were you there when they crucified my Lord?”

This Sunday we begin the most solemn days in our churches and for this reason we call it Holy Week. It is ushered by the celebration of Palm Sunday but is more properly designated as Passion Sunday because this is the Sunday when we read and reflect on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ as He treads the way of the cross. But less we miss its true meaning - The cross of Jesus symbolizes a way of loving, a way of living, a way of losing oneself for another. So as the cross is Jesus' way of showing the depth of His love for us so is the carrying of our crosses our way of expressing our readiness to love and live for Christ.

And there is no more opportune time and situation to do so than today as we are immersed in this unsettling time of COVID 19 pandemic. Our empty churches devoid of people waving their palm branches and the cries of the people around us can easily lead us to despair that there is nothing we can hope for.

But it is today more than ever that the image of the Cross of Christ should be our source of strength. That just as He is willing to die for us, it was all because He wanted to share His eternal life with us! We look into the cross and the cross becomes a window through which we see the face of a loving God. “There is no greater love than a person who is willing to die for another,” and the cross states all this. And His Love will guide us through these difficult times.

Let us not lose hope but rather let it be a moment of solidarity and trust so that when one asks: “Were you there when they crucified, my Lord?”, we can all respond - “I was there and helped Him carry His cross.

Please know that although we may not see you right now, we keep all of you and your special intentions in our prayers. Also, we truly appreciate all of those who continue to help us during this difficult time. May God bless us all...Fr. Poli

Peace be with you!

As we continue to adapt to a different way we live our daily lives, as well as to the way we worship during the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic, our Diocese's top priority remains the spiritual welfare, health, and safety of our faithful, employees, and the vulnerable of our community. Our Governor has ordered a stay-at-home lockdown until April 30 in order to mitigate the effects of the virus and stop its spread. After consultation with my staff and the Presbyteral Council, I am issuing the following directives, which go into effect immediately:

- Parish churches, chapels, oratories, centers, and missions, are to be closed to the public through April 30, 2020, or until further notice.
- There will be only one Chrism Mass for the Diocese on Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 pm, but it will be celebrated in private with only the Bishop and the handful of ministers needed for the liturgy. The Office of Worship will see to the distribution of the sacred oils to the parishes on all islands.
- All liturgical and sacramental celebrations from now through April 30 are canceled, including those during Holy Week, the Paschal Triduum, and Easter Sunday. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays is dispensed through April 30, 2020.
- The celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation for the Elect, normally celebrated at the Easter Vigil are postponed to a future day after the Covid-19 crisis subsides.
- Parishes are invited to inform their parishioners of the opportunities to view the Mass and other services via livestream or Facebook. Daily and Sunday Masses are currently being livestreamed from various parishes in our diocese. For a comprehensive and updated list please visit our website at www.catholichawaii.org.
- The faithful are encouraged to keep the Lord's Day holy. Some ways to do this include: reading the Scriptures of the day, especially the Gospels, praying with your families, and to join yourself to the sacrifice of the Mass by making an act of spiritual communion.
- Sacramental confessions will not be offered, for the safety of penitents and priests. Confessions by phone or via the internet are not permitted. General absolution is not permitted, because it presumes a gathering of people. Because confessions will be curtailed during this time, the following should be noted from The Catechism of the Catholic Church #1452:

“When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called ‘perfect’—contrition of charity. Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible.”

The following Act of Contrition, sincerely prayed, might be used:

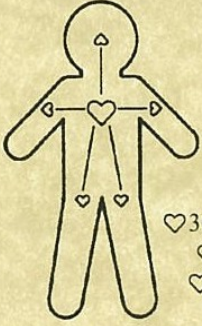
Father of mercy, like the prodigal son, I return to you and say: “I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child.” Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, I pray with the repentant thief to whom you promised Paradise, “Lord, remember me in your kingdom.” Holy Spirit, fountain of love, I call on you with trust, “Purify my heart, and help me to walk as a child of light.”

- All funerals, weddings and baptisms should be postponed at this time until further notice.
- All Confirmations/First Holy Communions scheduled from now through April 30 are postponed. The Office of the Vicar General will contact parishes which need to reschedule once the “all clear” is indicated by the civil authorities.

Our Lady of Peace, patroness of the Diocese of Honolulu, pray for us!

Lenten and Easter blessings!

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Rectory updates:

Aloha! We hope that you are all staying at home and remain well.

The rectory office is open from
8 am to noon Monday through Friday.

Unfortunately we have been forced to temporarily lay off or cut hours for all of our lay staff due to the lack of funds coming in.

We ask that you keep all of our staff in your prayers and when possible please do send your financial support so that we may continue to pay our bills.

May God bless you all!

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Deposited:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Mar 10-16	10,831.36	546,363.34	594,744.56
Mar 17-23	1,135.00	548,748.34	609,875.29
Mar 24-31	3,811.00	552,559.34	627,167.53
		Loan to school	241,657.86
		Designated Funds	65,545.43
		Restricted Parish Hall Funds	458,528.73
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