

Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord
April 5, 2020



**Saint John Vianney Parish
Community**

920 Keolu Drive, Kailua, HI 96734-3842

Phone: 808-262-8317

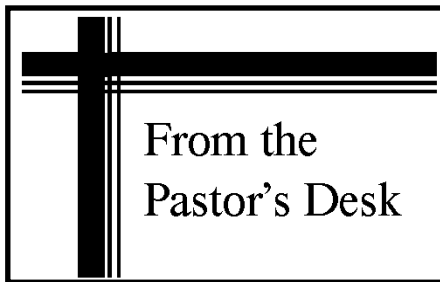
Fax: 808-772-5634

Website: www.saintjohnvianneyhawaii.org

Email: sjvkailuaparish@rcchawaii.org

School Website: sjvkailua.org

myparishapp.com



Dear Parish Family,

'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord'

With all the gloom of the coronavirus pandemic around us, it might not look like it, and yet this Sunday we begin the holiest week in the Christian Calendar known as Holy Week. As we celebrate Palm Sunday, our Lenten Pilgrimage takes a dramatic turn. Jesus enters Jerusalem with his friends in high spirits and full of hope. The crowd is on his side as they welcome him with shouts of joy; ***'Hosanna in the highest, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'***. This entrance is a very political one. At the time of Jesus, victorious generals with their armies, returned home and entered the city in similar fashion, as the crowds waved branches and shouted out their names.

No other Sunday in our liturgical calendar contains so much drama and tension as today. What begins with shouts of joy and the feeling of victory will quickly change, as the same crowd a week later will shout, ***'Crucify him'***. His spectacular entrance into the city is also his entrance into his betrayal, denial, condemnation, suffering and death, and ultimately his Resurrection. ***"He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers..."*** (Is 53:7.) Simply put, Jesus entered into a space that was lonesome and painful and yet the Lord never deserted him.

In this pandemic, quarantined in our homes, we might feel the intensity of the passion Jesus felt: anxiety, fear, anger, depression, loneliness, lost and other sort of emotions. In all this, know that Jesus has been there before, and he is there now to accompany us along the way. And it was precisely out of the intensity of his passion that the world was redeemed. With trust in Jesus during this week, let us ask him to shine his light on us each day and pray: ***"Jesus, I Trust in you."***

In Christ,
Fr. Peter

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 5

9:00 am Fr. Peter Celebration of Mass
on YouTube Video

Monday, April 6

Anytime Fr. Peter's Reflection
on myParish app

Tuesday, April 7

Anytime Fr. Peter's Reflection
on myParish app

Wednesday, April 8

Anytime Fr. Peter's Reflection
on myParish app

Holy Thursday, April 9

Anytime Fr. Peter's Reflection
on myParish app

Good Friday, April 10

Anytime Fr. Peter's Reflection
on myParish app

Holy Saturday, April 11

Anytime Fr. Peter's Reflection
on myParish app

Easter Sunday, April 12

9:00 am Fr. Peter Celebration of Mass
on YouTube Video

Anytime Fr. Peter's Reflection
on myParish app

Note: Subject to change.

Holy Week Celebrations

This week, you will be able to join Fr. Peter in a virtual Mass on the parish's YouTube channel. Look for the broadcast at 9 a.m. this Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord.

Fr. Peter has provided adaptations of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Easter Vigil. These are daily rituals for family and household prayer that can be practiced individually and with members of your household. These reflections and prayers are not intended to replace the liturgies of Holy Week. Rather, they are a sincere effort to cultivate some of the rituals and spirit of Holy Week in our own homes when public celebration might not be possible.

These daily rituals and reflections will be posted in the myParish app, emailed, and posted in this week's parish bulletin.

To download the myParish app, text "App" to number 88202. You will be sent a link to download the app to your phone. Once the app is downloaded on your phone, search for St. John Vianney parish and favorite us. Be sure to allow notifications so you get all the latest communications. In the app you will find daily Mass readings, the Sunday bulletin, ministry group chats, prayers and much more!

Search for YouTube channel: SJV Parish Kailua Hawaii

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory: For the foreseeable future, we are not having Sunday Masses. Without a doubt, this will affect our donations to support our Parish.

Our weekly budget is \$11,732. **March 28 & 29 our collection totaled \$1,335.** As you can see, our collection dropped drastically. The Parish still appreciates your continued support.

Please continue to give. If you give online, keep giving online, and if you give by envelope, you can drop it or mail it to the Parish.

Remember to Pray for the Sick—

Don Vickery

And those who recently Passed

*Frank Felix, Tom Geis, Patricia Leleiwí
and Epifanio Cayetano*

Let us know of others

Are you in need? Call the Office so we can let everyone know how they could help!

School News by Earl Walker

The continuing education of our students is very important during this “Stay-at-Home” period.

Your parish school has begun offering its **Distance Learning** program to insure each child receives the best education possible. Distance Learning is a method of studying in which classes are conducted over the Internet with students and instructors separated, and parents are able to share information online with their child’s teacher. Our faculty is offering students this program through the end of April, with a break for the Easter holiday from Thursday, April 9th through Tuesday, April 14th.

We wish to sincerely thank our parents, students and teachers for being supportive and understanding during these difficult times.

As we remain homebound during this holy season, may all of us remember and celebrate the great miracle of Easter.



Know Your Catholic Faith Corner

Apologetics without apology!

Sacred Tradition

The month of April is dedicated to what is known as Sacred Tradition. Sacred Tradition often seems odd to those outside the Catholic Church. People often assume that it is something the Church just... “made up.”

Sacred Tradition comes from **Christ**. It’s the full, living gift of Christ to the Apostles, faithfully handed down through each generation. It is through Tradition that the Holy Spirit makes the Risen Lord present among us, offering us the very same saving Word and Sacraments that he gave to the Apostles!

Understanding Catholic Tradition is essential to understanding the Catholic Church and the Catholic Christian faith. The word “tradition” actually means *handing down* something to another person. Scripture testifies to this meaning of Catholic Tradition as the normal mode of transmitting the Faith. Here are is a sample of passages:

“So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter.” (2 Thess 2:15) “For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you...” (1 Cor 11:23) “For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received...” (1 Cor 15:3) “...I know whom I have believed [i.e., Jesus], and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.” (2 Tim 1:11-14)

This is the most basic meaning of Catholic Tradition: it is the true Faith itself, given to the Apostles by Christ and faithfully transmitted to each new generation. (*Catechism*, 77-78)

St. John Vianney Parish
Presents a year of
APOLOGETICS
How to Explain and Defend your Catholic faith



Upon this Rock I will Build my Church
and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it.

The Importance of Sacred Tradition

We believe that the teachings of Jesus
and the Apostles were preserved not only in scripture
but also by word of mouth that was handed down to us.

Sacred Tradition refers to important beliefs and practices
that have been handed on through the centuries
from one generation to the next. (see back side)

APOLOGETICS

DEFENDING THE FAITH

Sacred Tradition



- Sacred Tradition is the oral teaching of Jesus Christ handed down to his apostles, who handed it down to the early Church Fathers, and then to the next generation, and then finally to us.
- Sacred Tradition stands **with** Scripture to compliment and confirm one another.
- When Scripture stands on its own, differences in interpretations of scripture take place, as seen today in many other churches.
- Scripture, Sacred Tradition, along with the Pope and his Bishops, together make sure that the Word of God is faithfully handed on to each succeeding generation.
- It is through Sacred Tradition that the Holy Spirit offers us the very same saving Word and Sacraments that he gave to the Apostles.
- Sacred Tradition under the guidance of the Holy Spirit cannot contradict anything in the Bible.
- Most of the beliefs and practices found in Sacred Tradition have their basis in Scripture.
- An example of Sacred Tradition is worshiping on Sunday, rather than the Jewish custom of worshiping on Saturday.
- The Apostles' Creed is Sacred Tradition and an early summary of important Christian beliefs.
- There are references to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit throughout the bible but never is the doctrine of the Trinity clearly stated.
- Jesus falling three times on the way to Golgotha, the bible is never really clear on how many times he fell.
- Sacred Tradition is something far different than church traditions. such as the language of the Mass, kneeling during Mass, standing for communion, and whether or not to eat meat on Friday.

Our Parish Faith Formation Committee encourages
all parishioners to learn more
about this specific topic during April

Washing of Hands



One Catholic wrote on her page: It has taken several days for me to get myself committed to thorough washing—of hands, of items touched by others in public places, of surfaces within my own home.

But I read that coronavirus can live on plastic 3 days. I have loved (and implemented) what I have seen on Twitter. Wash hands the Catholic way: say an “Our Father” for those who are sick as you do it. I’ve found out I do not typically wash my hands anything like long enough. And saying an Our Father helps me regularly keep the needs of others in the forefront of my mind. Such a simple act of thorough washing can be salvific.

It is said that during the epidemics of bubonic plague in Europe, people noticed that Jews did not get the plague as much as Christians did.

Scholars today say the reason was that God took care of them by putting rules in the Law about washing hands and utensils.

Let us keep that practical law (now given by health officials). Know and follow other common sense health directives.

Being a good neighbor?

These are times we have never seen before. And yet, these are also times when many have stepped up to help their neighbors and the community.

Are their parishioners who are in some sort of need at this time of crisis? We have people willing to help with doable things, such as running some errands.

During this time of isolation, it is a good opportunity to know, not only our fellow parishioners who might need help, but also who are our neighbors.

The people who live close to us; do we know them? Just reach out to them and find out how they are doing, of course within social distancing.

Everyone’s needs will look different during this pandemic and everyone’s ability to help will look different, too.

While some of us may be able to shop for groceries for people who can’t, other people might have the gift of being a good listener.

Within reason and following the rules given by CDC, if at all possible, be counted among the helpers.

Let your light shine!

