

*Easter Sunday
of The Resurrection of the Lord
April 12, 2020*



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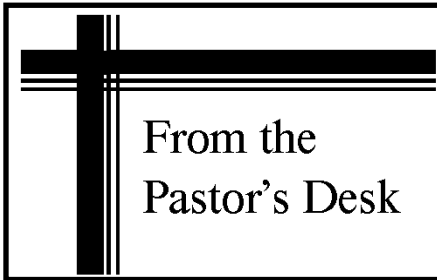
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Dear Parish Family,

“We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men and women are afraid of the light.” — Plato

This year, we come to our Easter festivities amid the fear and uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus outbreak, but now more than ever is the time to keep the faith. And it is because of such faith that in the middle of such a storm we can still shout:

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Resurrection means victory over fear of sin and death and a guarantee of eternal life with God when our earthly pilgrimage is done. If anything at all, that message alone should be able to bring us some relief and some element of joy. Over and over again Jesus says: **“Do not be afraid.”** He reminds us that we are never alone. And yet, even with that knowledge, it does not negate the question that we ask ourselves, ‘when is this crisis going to end?’ That in itself can cause apprehension. Many people at this time feel isolated, scared and anxious that they are alone. May our faith lead us to the knowledge that our God is Emmanuel, God always with us; especially in these troubled times. Our prayer should be to ask God to draw us closer to him so we may be reminded that: *“In all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”* (Romans 8:28)

Yes, Easter is a great time for celebration, but it is also a time to recommit ourselves to the meaning of our Baptism and Confirmation. We are called to share in the apostolic mission. No one will know about Jesus and what he means for our lives unless we tell them. They depend on us. ***The Good News is not a secret, share it joyfully!*** Let us all use this time at home to focus on prayer, charity, reading the Bible, being good neighbors, and gathering with our families.

On behalf of the Staff, we wish you and your family a Blessed Easter!

In Christ,
Fr. Peter

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. **April 4 & 5, our collection totaled \$4,278.** 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.

REMINDER: Please drop off your RICE BOWL donation at the Parish Office or drop in the Slot Box.

Remember to Pray for the Sick—

*Don Vickery, Keoni Keaunui,
Trisha Robertson*

and the Homebound

Let us know of others to pray for

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

School News by Earl Walker

Our entire faculty, staff and students wish all of you a most holy Easter.

Although your parish school is closed until at least April 30, it is our intention to finish this school year strong with fourth quarter grades intact.

Until that time, we are continuing with our Distance Learning program, which is working out extremely well for students and teachers.

The Summer School Program for grades PK to 8 will take place from June 8 to July 2, 2020.

The mission of the program is to instill in each child an appreciation of learning within a safe environment, allowing them to grow both socially and intellectually.

The Director, Mrs. Tammy Lave, and her dedicated faculty and staff are looking forward to working with each child and their parents.

For more information and to obtain a registration form, please call the school office (808-261-4651).



Know Your Catholic Faith Corner

Apologetics without apology!

Sacred Tradition Continued...

The written word in Scripture did not just drop out of the skies. Last Sunday we saw how the Apostles handed over their faith by sharing the events of Jesus' last days, which was mostly unwritten from one generation to another: "*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) We often write tradition, with a capital 'T', to mean Sacred Tradition. This Sacred Tradition is different from those traditions (small 't') that are merely customs, and which are not part of Divine Revelation. Divine Revelation is a supernatural communication from God to human beings, either oral or written.

The Apostolic source of Sacred Tradition: The Second Vatican Council of the 1960s, wrote an important document called "On Divine Revelation" (*Dei Verbum*). It's quite readable, and contains definitive teaching on the full meaning of Sacred Tradition. The Council notes the importance of seeing that Sacred Tradition is firmly rooted in the Apostles: it is Christ's whole gift to them, and to us. The Council writes:

"In His gracious goodness, God has seen to it that what He had revealed for the salvation of all nations would abide perpetually in its full integrity and be handed on to all generations. Therefore Christ the Lord in whom the full revelation of the supreme God is brought to completion..., commissioned the Apostles to preach to all men and women that Gospel which is the source of all saving truth and moral teaching, and to impart to them heavenly gifts." (*Dei Verbum*, 7)

It is specifically this "commissioning" that is fulfilled in the handing down of Sacred Tradition. The Apostles would dedicate themselves to this mission-and appoint other faithful men to succeed them and carry on their work. And as Christians today, this is our mission as well.

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!





This Lenten Season will be one that no one will forget. Throughout the past 40 days this pandemic crisis, COVID-19, made our world appear so much smaller as we were reminded by Pope Francis that “*we can only get out of this situation together, as a whole humanity.*”

And so we gather in our homes this week as a Domestic Church and encouraged to conclude our Lenten journey by counting the sacrificial gifts collected in your Rice Bowls. Reflect on what you witnessed and experienced then offer up the **Prayer to End the Lenten Season** (see below).

Families may send their gifts directly to CRS online:

English <https://support.crs.org/donate/change-life-lent-0>

Spanish <https://support.crs.org/donate/cambia-una-vida-esta-cuaresma>

Another option is to save your Rice Bowls for a symbolic conclusion that you would bring to your parish when all are able to safely gather again.

During these final days of Holy Week, we mourn the tragic, heroic sacrifice of so many because of the deadly coronavirus and miss not spending these sacred days in our churches with our faith communities. But we can still keep these days holy in our homes with loved ones and in solidarity as a “whole humanity.” CRS Rice Bowl materials can help us journey as one human family with Christ from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his final meal with his closest friends and ultimately to his death on the cross and then to the resurrection of Easter Sunday. Some simple Rice Bowl Holy week suggestions for observing Holy Week in your home include:

- **Holy Thursday**—Re-enact Eucharistic service of washing of the Apostles’ feet with your family.
- **Good Friday**—Spend time in prayer and silence. Pray the rosary or Stations of the Cross using CRS Rice Bowl Stations of the Cross video series together as a family. <https://www.crsricebowl.org/stations-of-the-cross>. As we walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus during this pandemic, we call to mind the countless men, women and children who today carry heavy crosses: crosses of being and caring for victims of COVID19, crosses of hunger and homelessness, crosses of being a migrant or refugee, crosses of a lack of resources or security. With these sisters and brothers of *One ‘Ohana*, we witness to Jesus and encounter Christ who continues to walk that long road thru Calvary to the victory of Easter.
- **Holy Saturday**—Traditionally a day of waiting, reflect on your waiting in uncertainty during this pandemic, as Jesus’ family and friends waited in uncertainty and fear before the Resurrection. Prepare to turn in your Lenten Rice Bowl by reflecting on how your prayer, fasting and acts of mercy have made you more aware that we are one human family in this journey together. We need to always remember that Lent and Holy Week prepare for Easter; the fast turns into a feast. Our loving God wins the day. As we journey through the passion of Holy Week to celebrate the Easter of the Risen Christ, our *kuleana* as members of God’s human *‘Ohana* is to share solidarity and aloha with everyone, near and far.



OFFERTORY PRAYER TO END THE LENTEN SEASON

God of abundance, You generously provide for our every need. As we end our Lenten journey, may we continue to remember our brothers and sisters around the world who are hungry, who don't have the opportunity to dream, and all who need our support. We pray that these, our Lenten sacrifices, may be an offering of solidarity and a promise of ongoing commitment to our one human family. As good stewards of your many gifts, may we always answer Jesus' call to reach out beyond ourselves and to share your abundance. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

AN EASTER PRAYER

**May the Risen Christ,
Who flung open the doors of the tomb,
open our hearts
to the needs of the disadvantaged,
the vulnerable, the poor, the sick,
the unemployed, the marginalized,
and all those who knock at our door
in search of bread, refuge
and the recognition of dignity.
Pope Francis**

**Mahalo for sharing this Lenten journey together, Best Wishes for a blessed Easter.
Your friends at CRS and the Office for Social Ministry**



Going outdoors
is not cancelled, listening
to music is not cancelled,
quality time with our
families is not cancelled,
reading a book is not
cancelled, sharing with
friends is not cancelled,
singing out loud is not
cancelled, laughing has
not been cancelled,
sharing **HOPE** with others
has not been cancelled.

Let's **EMBRACE** what
we have.



Kelly's
Treehouse

Our cleaning
lady just called
and told us she
will be working
from home and
will send us
instructions on
what to do.