

# PARISH CALENDAR

Palm Sunday of The  
Passion of the Lord

April 9, 2017

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

Saturday, April 8	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, April 9	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... <b>10:45 a. m.</b>	<b>Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)</b>
		<b>Confirmation &amp; Youth Ministry</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, April 10	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Close
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<b><u>Rehearsal - Holy Thursday</u></b>
Tuesday, April 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, April 12	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Close
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<b><u>Rehearsal - Easter Vigil</u></b>
Thursday, April 13		<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b>
	..... <b>9:00 pm-12am</b>	<b>ADORATION</b>
Friday, April 14		<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>
		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
		<b>FOOD PANTRY CLOSED</b>
	..... <b>2:00 p. m.</b>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
	..... <b>7:00 p. m.</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY - THE LORD'S PASSION</b>
Saturday, April 15	..... <b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>

### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Acts:10:34a, 37-43: Peter preaches the Gospel to the Jews in Jerusalem.**  
**Col:3:1-4: Those who live in Christ will be changed**  
**Jn:20:1-9: Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb.**

### **Living Catholic in the 808! The Great Paradox**

*The great paradox of Christianity is that a death is the remedy for Death. It was in losing his life that Christ brought us new life.*

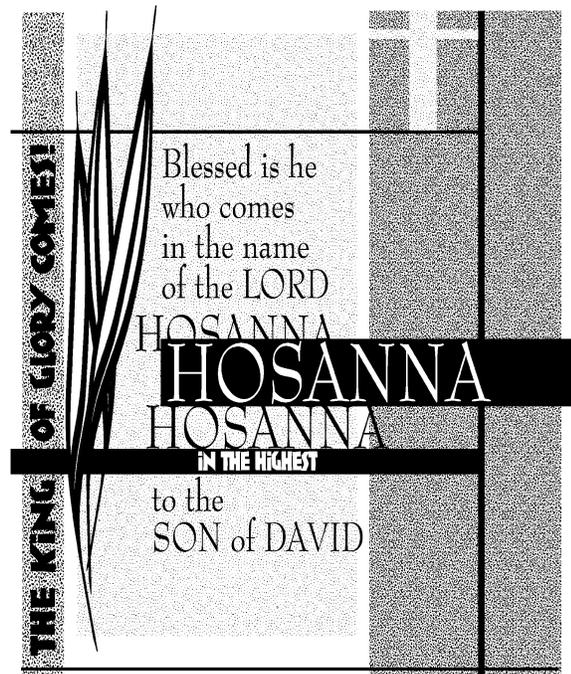
*However, Jesus's death doesn't mean that we escape the Cross. Jesus didn't suffer and die so that we would not have to suffer and die. He died on the Cross so that He could transform the inevitability of death and suffering.*

*Jesus embraced Death and Death could not hold him. Jesus embraced the Cross so that our own crosses can be changed - from instruments of death into healing tools that bring forth life. This is what Jesus meant when he said, "Whoever does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."*

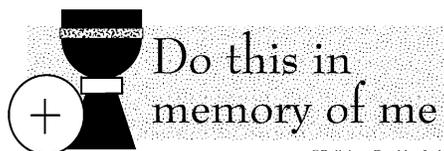
*Could Jesus speak any more plainly about not eliminating suffering from our lives? No. Jesus didn't come to abolish the cross but to transform the crosses our lives bring us.*

*Suffering is inevitable. We will all suffer. We will all die. But at the heart of all this suffering and death is a wonderful truth. By Jesus' death on the Cross, we are freed. What was once our doom is now our salvation.*

Deacon Michael Weaver  
St. Anthony of Padua Parish  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**KUPUNA MINISTRY:** “The St. Rita Kupuna Ministry is seeking volunteers to assist with upcoming requests. We will have a work day on **Saturday, April 22**, which is a perfect day to get out and help since it is Earth Day! If you are interested in giving your time to assist our Kupua, please contact Chris or Krissy Kalili at [Kalilio6@yahoo.com](mailto:Kalilio6@yahoo.com) or call (808)840-9039.”

**BACCALAUREATE MASS:** “This year’s Baccalaureate Mass will be on **Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m** with a potluck Graduation Party to follow. This is a day to honor both our high school and college graduates. Flyers and potluck sign up sheets are posted on the church walls. All are invited. For more information please see youth leaders, Lani and Owali.”

**BUILDING FUND ASSISTANCE:** St. Rita Church in critical need of individuals willing to devote their time and talent to either fund-raising and/or grant writing. While Building Fund donations continue to be truly impressive, we remain well short of our ultimate capital requirements. If any parishioners or visitor is willing to help please speak to Deacon Hal or any Building Committee member. Mahalo nui loa

**PROMISE TO PROTECT PLEDGE TO HEAL: (APRIL IS PREVENT CHILD ABUSE MONTH) Did you Know?** The Charter call for annual audits of dioceses and eparchies to ascertain compliance by USCCB guidelines. Annual Audits have been conducted since 2003. Results of the audits are published online in May for the public.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL: ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS:** We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) for more information

**WORD OF LIFE:** “An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it’s important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her.” Find out more in 10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting.” Visit [www.goo.gl/MKBfbp](http://www.goo.gl/MKBfbp). 10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting . – USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2015-17 Respect Life Program

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Apr 9 Sun: Palm Sunday

Is:50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil:2:6-11; Mt 24:14-27:66

### Apr 10 Mon: Lenten Weekday

Is: 42:1-7; Ps:27: 1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

### Apr 11 Tue: Lenten Weekday

Is:49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Apr 12 Wed: Lenten Weekday

Is:50:4-9a; Ps: 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34; Jn:8:31-42

### Apr 13 Thur: Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Ex:12:1-8, 11-14; Ps:116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor: 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-5

### Apr 14 Fri: Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion

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

### Apr 15 Sat: Easter Vigil

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Enter into the  
Passion and Glory  
of the Lord



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## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

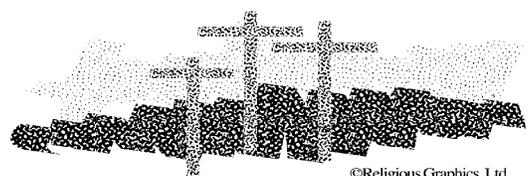
We are at the doorstep of Holy Week where we remember Christ’s passion. Jesus humbled himself and let go of everything, emptying himself for us. During this time of Lent, how have we joined the Lord? Has our prayer, penitential practices and almsgiving moved us to humble ourselves before the Lord? Have we let go of things that keep us from being authentic stewards for Christ Jesus? How have we “emptied” ourselves so that when we do approach the table of the Lord, we can be nourished by His body and blood? As disciples of Christ and stewards of His gift of faith, it is time to evaluate our lives under the cross. (International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin)

## THE JOURNEY NEARS ITS END

On any long journey it is only natural to tire as we progress; we often need, as we near our destination, a bit of a “boost” to help us make it through the last leg of the trip. The triumphant beginning of Passion Sunday serves that purpose. It energizes our Lenten pilgrimage so we have the stamina to walk the last few—and by far most difficult—days with Jesus in Jerusalem. As our blessed palms stir the air around us in triumph, we should ask ourselves how committed we truly are to taking these last steps with him. Perhaps we might choose a “traveling companion” with whom we can identify. Would it be Judas or disloyal Peter? Perhaps one of those who waved palm fronds with enthusiastic sincerity, but who later mocked Jesus when his fortunes seemed to turn? Maybe we would choose Simon, to help carry his cross; perhaps the brave, faithful women who went to Calvary, who waited with linen and myrrh to honor his dead body. Or we might identify with the pagan Roman centurion, who made his profession of faith at the foot of the cross.

## WHO WILL CHRIST SAY THAT I AM?

The story of the Passion contains many characters with whom we can identify; likewise it features a whole range of emotions, from the glory of Palm Sunday’s beginnings to the insistent command of Christ that we imitate him by washing feet as our remembrance of him. He also commanded that we eat of the bread that is his body and drink of the cup that he will drink these days, filled with the blood of the new covenant. Ultimately, we—who are the Body of Christ through our baptism—must identify with Jesus Christ at the end of this Lenten trek. We must be witnesses to the humility and compassion he showed, even in the face of adversity, suffering, hatred, and rejection. Like him, with renewed energy, we must turn away from any desire to seek or justify revenge; instead, we must continually extend our hands in forgiveness, healing, and tenderness. As Christ, our reconciling embrace must stretch wide open, until we resemble him, arms stretched wide on the cross of our salvation.



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