### **PALM SUNDAY**

**MARCH 28, 2021** 



## THE NEWMAN CENTER **HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**

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### Aloha and Welcome!

Aloha and thank you for visiting the Newman Center! Whether you are visiting, new to the community, or have been here for many years, we hope you will visit us again. You are most welcome here!

The Newman Center has a two-fold mission: outreach to the community at-large as a parish and outreach to the staff, faculty, and student of the University of Hawai'i—Mānoa as a campus ministry.

Connect with us through Social Media on Facebook (www.facebook.com/newmanhawaii), Instagram and Twitter (@NewmanHawaii).

We hope you will visit us again!

### **Community Notices**

- Due to current City Orders, please wear your mask at all times during the Mass and while in the Newman Center. Thank you for you cooperation!
- If you are feeling ill, please stay home.
- If you park on the St. Francis side, please park behind the Center or on the baseball field.

| • | Houseless Blessing Bag Drive       | Lenten S | Season |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| • | Mass of the Lord's Supper          | 4/1      | 7pm    |
| • | Celebration of the Lord's Passion  | 4/2      | 1pm    |
| • | The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night | 4/3      | 8pm    |
| • | Easter Sunday                      | 4/4      | -      |
|   | 9am,11am, 5pm                      |          |        |



### From the Desk of the Pastor



"Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name."

Palm or Passion Sunday begins the final days of Jesus Christ's earthy life and holy week unfold the events of the Paschal Mystery. Jesus, motivated by love for the whole world, suffered and died for us. He was innocent, but was condemned to a horrible and embarrassing death. We are like the crowds in the two gospels today. When we follow God's word, we are like the crowd that cries "Hosanna, you are our King" while we wave our palm

branches. In ancient times, the palms branches symbolized victory. When we obey God's commands, we proclaim Christ's victory over sin and selfishness. Yet other times, when we sin by rejecting God's will, we are like the crowd that cried "Crucify Him Crucify Him" "Reject Him." No matter which character we are in these accounts God still loves us. He loves us by showing it on the cross. This is the paschal mystery we celebrate this Holy Week and at every Eucharist. Jesus gave himself over to death so that we can have life.

Have a blessed Holy Week,

Fr. Alfred Omar (@fralfred808)

### **Office Hours:**

### Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm

(except Diocesan Holidays)
Newman Center opens at 9:00 am and remains
open until evening programs conclude.

**Saturday and Sunday,** Newman Center is open during Mass times and for activities as needed.

### **Weekday Mass Schedule:**

Tuesday through Friday: 12:10 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am, 11:00 am,

5:00 pm (Student Mass)

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### **Sacraments**

Please call Fr. Alfred Omar for an appointment. We are glad to meet with you at your convenience.

### **Baptisms**

Call or speak with Fr. Alfred Omar at least one month before the date desired for the baptism.

### Confirmation

Programs for teens and adults, please contact Anna Viggiano.

### Weddings

Couples need to contact Fr. Alfred Omar at least 8 months before the desired date of the ceremony.

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Offered to anyone who is seriously ill; one does not need to be in danger of death. Call Fr. Alfred for anointing at any time. We are happy to come to your home or hospital.

### **Funerals**

Please call the parish office before finalizing dates with the mortuary. We will work with you to make arrangements for services and care for your needs.



### **Daily Readings**

### Monday 03/29/2021

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

### Tuesday 03/30/2021

Is 49:1-6

Ps. 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday 03/31/2021

Is 50:4-9a

Ps. 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday 04/012021

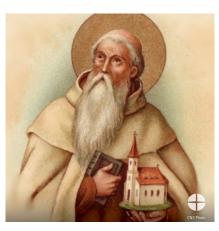
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
Ps. 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

### Friday 04/02/2021

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

### SAINT OF THE WEEK: Saint Berthold Died circa 1195 Feast Day: March 29

Not much is known about this hermit who is considered by some historians to be the founder of the order of Carmelite friars. Various legends had him born in Limoges, France, educated at the University of Paris, and participating in the Crusades in Turkey. What is known is that he directed a group of Frankish hermits living on Mount Carmel in Palestine in the second half of the 12th



century. The existence on Mount Carmel of a church and hermitage in the spiritual tradition of the prophet Elijah is documented from 1163 on. After Berthold's death, the hermits were led by another Frenchman, St. Brocard; Carmelite houses became well-established throughout Europe by 1300.

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### FAMILY CONNECTION LOYOAL PRESS GOSPEL READING: Mark 14:1—15:47

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerfully reflecting on the events of Jesus' passion and death. During this week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as reminder of the salvation that Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the passion narrative, it is difficult for children to remain attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can make it a tradition to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as its focal point. The passion as found in Mark's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

**Sunday:** Mark 11:1-10 (Gospel at the Procession with Palms) **Monday:** Mark 14:1-11 **Tuesday:** Mark 14:12-26 **Wednesday:** Mark 14:27-52 **Thursday:** Mark 14:53-72 **Friday:** Mark 15:1-41 Saturday: Mark 15:42-47

After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer or by singing an appropriate hymn such as "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" or "What Wondrous Love is This."

### **Prayer Sites**

http://prayasyougo.org, http://sacredspace.ie Daily Scripture and Reflections: http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org

Weekly Essays on Ignatian Spirituality by Fr. Randy Roche, SJ:

http://mision.lmu.edu/cis/spiritualessays/latest essay/

### Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom)

Monday Nights at 6:30 pm. 30 minutes of silence, followed by Scripture and Sharing. For more information, contact June Naughton (808) 524-2718.

### **Religious Education Classes**

Religious Education classes meet on Sundays during academic year, immediately following the 9 am Mass.

### **Stewardship Moment**

This weekend we participate in the proclamation of the passion and death of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark. In the extended version of this weekend's Gospel reading, Jesus is at Gethsemane, praying to his Father, in much emotional distress. He knows he can save himself. He can escape over the Mount of Olives in the dead of night and make his way safely into the Judean desert. Instead, Jesus chooses obedience to his Father and waits for his persecutors. As Saint Paul puts it in the second reading, Jesus is "obedient to the point of death." Jesus' obedience is a lesson for those who are good stewards of their life in Christ. Let us reflect on how we might be more obedient to the will of God instead of our own will.



### Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (03/20/2021-03/21/2021)

\$ 12,879.00

Online Giving:

(03/19/2021-03/25/2021)

\$ 1,541.00

Catholic Relief Services:

100.00

Maintenance Donations:

120.00

May we continue to receive God's gifts gratefully, manage them responsibly, and share them joyfully. Mahalo for your generosity!

### **Upcoming Second Collections:**

Rice Bowl: April 1, 2021 Holy Land: April 2, 2021

### **Giving Made Easy**

Giving online is safe and easy using our secured online platform. WeShare:

> https://newmanhawaii.weshareonline.org Thank you for supporting our mission!

### **Pray for our Elect!**

On the First Sunday of Lent, we celebrated the Rite of Election in our parish. This year, our community has three individuals preparing for the Sacraments of Initiations.

> **Curtis Lauricella Bradley McNell** Anna Wu



### **UH Food Vault Collection**

We will have our monthly collection of non-perishable food items next weekend.

For more information about the Food Vault, www.facebook.com/foodvaulthawaii





This Lent, commit to our global human family through daily prayer, weekly fasting and almsgiving. Order your CRS Rice Bowls today.

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### SUNDAY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

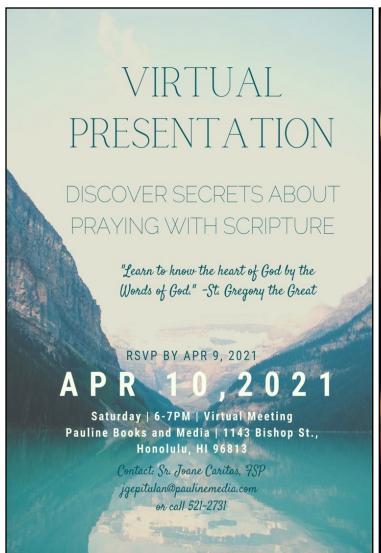
When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

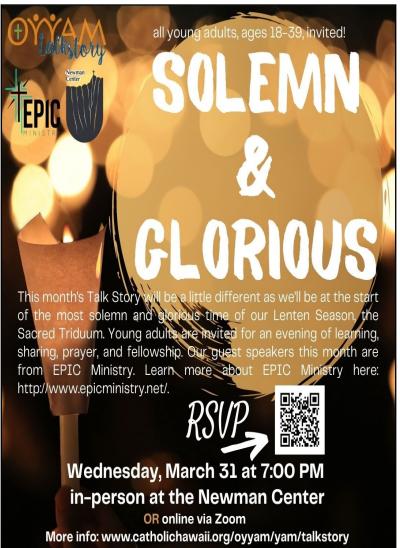
In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.







### Word Among Us Meditation on the Gospel of MARK 14:1–15:47

They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" (Mark 15:18)

What comes to mind when you hear the word "royalty"? Perhaps you picture medieval kings and queens sitting on great thrones. Or you might think of the glamour of today's royal families.

But what about Jesus? As Son of David, he came from a royal line of earthly kings and rulers. As Son of God, he is King of the universe. But look how he is treated. He is denounced by the crowd, even though Pilate calls him a king (Mark 15:9, 12). He is mocked by the soldiers, who pretend to give him homage (15:16-20). And he is taunted by those who think that a real king would come down from the cross and save himself (15:29-32).

But this is exactly what royalty in the kingdom of God looks like: a king who empties himself and takes the form of a slave (Philippians 2:7). A king who rides into Jerusalem not on a chariot but on a donkey (Mark 11:1-7). A king who willingly submits to spitting, lashing, and a brutal death to save his people.

As you go through Holy Week, keep Jesus' kingship in mind. Today he sits at the right hand of the Father, reigning in glory. But he is also the servant King who loved you enough to die for you and who still loves you enough to forgive every sin.

This is God's way of royalty. It's your way as well, because through Jesus' death and resurrection, you have become grafted into the family of God. You have royal blood running through your veins! Through the grace that Jesus won for you, you can live out this royal calling as he did: in love, in service, and in laying down your life for his people. As you walk this road, know that a "crown of righteousness" awaits you—and all who serve in Jesus' royal household (2 Timothy 4:8).

"Jesus, you are my King. May I serve you every day of my life."

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Indian Cuisine Student Dinner March 21, 2021





































### Campus Ministry Corner

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" - Psalm 22

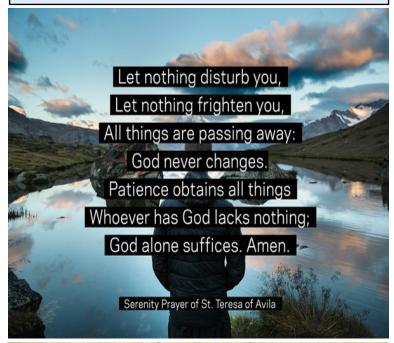
Have you ever misplaced something that you know you placed



it in the same spot each time but suddenly not find it there? I regret to inform you that I go through this type of experience almost every week. When I think of Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter, I think of

the verse from the infamous song, "Amazing Grace," — "I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see." Holy Week is one of my favorite weeks because it is the holiest of all weeks in the liturgical calendar, and I am able to walk along with Jesus through His passion, death and glorious resurrection. At the same time, I feel like I am losing my best friend. I want to reach out and save Him, but Jesus' journey to the cross must happen in order for us to be redeemed and reunite with God. Let us take time in prayer and solitude this week to welcome Jesus into our hearts, to commemorate the breaking of the bread, to journey with Christ to the cross, to dispel the darkness of death and evil and let the light of the risen Christ shine in our hearts and minds forever.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!
- Fay C. Pabo (@fa\_jo\_pab0)





### **Weekly Wisdom From The Saints**



"Fix your minds on the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Inflamed with love for us, He came down from heaven to redeem us. For our sake He endured every torment of body and soul and shrank from no bodily pain. He Himself gave us an example of perfect patience and love. We, then, are to be patient in adversity."

- St. Francis of Paola (April 02)

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Students interested in joining a virtual bible study with FOCUS Digital Campus

Contact our

Campus Minister,

Fay Pabo

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