



Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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March 29, 2026 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (A)

Walking with Jesus in His Passion

Isaiah 5:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24; Philipians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. We walk with Jesus as he makes his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, waving palm branches and singing: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" This day, also called the Lord's Passion, shifts from a joyful welcome to Jesus' painful journey to Calvary and his death on the cross.

Jesus chose Jerusalem and embraced suffering. He walked where even the most powerful would not. He reached the lowest human condition to bring hope to those considered unsavable. His suffering on the cross speaks volumes—revealing both pain and hope and demonstrating the depth of God's love for us.

Let us prayerfully listen to the story of Jesus' greatest sacrifice and respond with action. His story did not end in death but in His glorious resurrection. This is the victory of good over evil, forgiveness over sin, and life over death. It is the story of our salvation. Instead of simply remembering the Passion of Jesus like an anniversary, commit to engaging deeply by:

- Choose specific ways to engage in Holy Week: participate in the Church's rituals and disciplines—set aside time for prayer, fasting, abstinence, almsgiving, and attending the Holy Triduum services.
- Take a moment to humbly kneel before the cross this week. Bring your life and your family to the Lord in prayer, especially for those in need of healing, forgiveness, and redemption. Let Jesus' "dying and rising" inspire you to turn away from sin and embrace new life.
- Set aside time daily to pray for people who are suffering near you and around the world: the sick, the poor, victims of violence, war, trafficking, refugees, abused women and children, elders, unborn children, those alone or ill, and all who are hurt. Pray, too, that those who do harm may change their ways and hearts.
- Actively look for ways to show love this week. Intentionally do acts of kindness and care for those who have been hurt or treated unjustly. Remember that their suffering reflects Jesus' pain now. Offer practical support and compassion wherever you witness pain or struggle.

Many people who aren't here this Sunday will attend next week and hear the Good News of the resurrection with great joy. We're thankful they come. But you chose to be here now. You will hear the full story.

Walk with Jesus during His Passion and let His sacrifice guide your life. May His passion bring comfort and courage through trials. As we anticipate His resurrection, find confidence that God brings life and goodness—even in the midst of tragedy.

Have a blessed Holy Week walking with Jesus!

Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor



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SILENCE AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

The most overlooked and misunderstood silence in the entire celebration of the Holy Eucharist happens after receiving Holy Communion. Often, it is a moment during Mass that many people rush through. The choir might still be singing, while some are already thinking about leaving, and others are checking the time. But this silence is not empty.

After Communion, the Church does something profoundly meaningful. She becomes quiet, not because nothing is happening, but because everything important has already taken place. Our Lord Jesus Christ has entered us. Heaven has touched our souls. The sacrifice of our Lord Jesus has been received. God is now closer to us than our own breath. And so, words are no longer enough. This isn't a moment for many words; it's a time for presence. Just as a baby rests quietly in a parent's arms, the soul now rests in Christ.

What is really happening in that silence? During that quiet moment, amazing grace fills our souls. Healing occurs. Strength is being given to us in ways we cannot see. Jesus Christ is with us from within.

This is not symbolic. We have received the Living God. The Church recognizes this as too sacred to disturb. We are invited to go deeper, to silence ourselves, to stay, listen, and contemplate what we have just received. This silence is our personal holy ground. The altar is sacred, but after Holy Communion, we become the altars. Christ dwells within us.

The silence after Holy Communion is for intimacy. Do not break it too quickly—linger, breathe, adore. The God we have received is completing His work in our souls, and silence is the only response worthy of that mystery.

HOLY WEEK

March 28	Sat	9:00 am	Palm Preparations (All Ministry will help prepare palms)
	Vigil Mass Palm Sun	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Vigil Mass - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (with procession from the grotto to the main entrance of the church) Vietnamese Mass
March 29	Palm Sun	6:30am 8:30am 10:30am	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass (with procession from the grotto to the main entrance of the church) Vietnamese Mass
		3:30 pm 6:00 pm	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass
March 31	Tue	7 pm	Chrism Mass – Bishop Larry

EASTER TRIDUUM

April 2	Holy Thursday	8:00am 5:00pm 7:00pm 8:30-12:00nn	Morning Prayer Vietnamese Mass Mass of the Lord's Supper -Bishop Larry Eucharistic Vigil in the Parish Hall
April 3	Good Friday	8:00am 1:30pm 3:00pm 7:00pm	Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross (church and school grounds) Friday of the Passion of the Lord, Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross & Communion- Vietnamese Good Friday Liturgy
April 4	Holy Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm 8:00pm	Morning Prayer with Preparatory Rites with the Elect- Bishop Larry Vietnamese Easter Vigil Easter Vigil Mass

Weekly Offering Report

For March 16, 2026 - March 22, 2026



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Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 9,533.00	\$ 668.38
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*** Looking for convenient, safe and secure way of giving to our church? We have online giving feature in our website, just click on the link and go through the easy-to-follow steps to go about it. We also have a Giving Kiosk beside the statue of St. Damien. Please have a look at these methods for your church contributions. We thank you for your continued support in fulfilling the mission of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. ***

We will provide a complete report on the donations and updated expenses for the church fence and security project as soon as they are available. In the meantime, we would like to encourage you to reflect and pray to consider donating more towards the church fence and security project the construction of which is in progress. Please continue to pray with us for the completion of this important project for the safety and security of our church and school.

Parish Savings with the Diocese as of February 28, 2026 **\$ 275,414.90**
Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of February 28, 2026 **\$ 275,167.66**

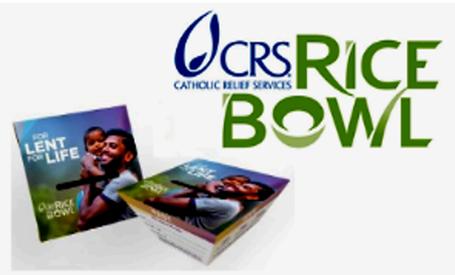
Second Collections:

April 2 (Holy Thursday) - for the Rice Bowl
 April 3 (Good Friday) - for the Holy Land
 April 25-26 for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund

Mahalo for your generosity.

2nd Offering on April 2 & 3 is for

April 2 (Holy Thursday)



April 3 (Good Friday)

Mahalo for your generosity!

SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF AND FACULTY MEMBERS

- Principal/Music 1-8 - Conception (Bernie) Gora
- Vice Principal/Math 8 & Discovery - Lauren Ramirez-Asaeda
- Executive Administrative Assistant/LA 6 - Faith Leasiolagi
- Admission Clerk/Office Assistant - Stephanie Lou Ondayog
- Dean of Discipline/Athletic Director/4 & 5 Health/Art - Francine Caetano-Fontanilla
- Preschool Director/Teacher - Magdalena Collins
- PK-8 PE & MS Health - Jayven Bumanglag
- Preschool Aide - Elaine Jane Gonzalez
- Kindergarten Aide & Resource Teacher - Lenie Macadangdang
- Kindergarten Teacher - Taiena Finau
- PK, Kindergarten Religion & Liturgy Coordinator - Sr. Ana Fua Dela Cruz, SPC
- 1st Grade - Marvin Macadangdang
- 2nd Grade/Sacramental Prep - Faith Afu
- Creative Music K-3 - Johnelle Silva
- 3rd Grade Teacher - Sibel Mestanova
- 4th Grade Teacher - Laura Gabriel
- 5th Grade Homeroom/Math 5 & Middle School/MS Science - Dr. Peter Park
- Middle School Social Studies & Math 6 - Alyssa Yabes
- 7 & 8 Language Arts/7 & 8 Home Economics - Dr. Frances Wong
- Middle School Religion - Shaun Agtarap
- Math 7 - Christian Raquepo
- Middle School Japanese/7 & 8 Arts/ Marketing - Tiani Quon
- Permanent Sub - Laura Gomes
- Maintenance - Edwin Kaaihue
- Custodian - Romeo John Cabarrubias



:We are in need of volunteers:

Anyone interested to help please call the Parish office at (808)521-1700 so we can put you on the schedule. Mahalo!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
(Closed during Lunch break from 12:00 - 1:00 pm)

Saturdays
from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sundays
from 7:30 am - 11:30 am

MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass

6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Daily Mass

Mon – Thurs: 6:30 am

Fri – Sat: 8:00 am

Vietnamese Mass (VHM)

Daily Mass:

Mon. Tues. & Thur. at 5:30 pm

Saturday Vigil at 7:00 pm

Sundays at 3:30 pm

Holy Hour/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession

Wednesdays

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena at 6:00 pm

Holy Hour/Benediction & Confessions at 6:15 pm

(First Wednesdays of the month with Bishop)

PASTORAL TEAM & PARISH STAFF

Fr. Manuel Hewe

Pastor

Sr. Mercedes Estrella, SPC

Dir. of R.E. & Pastoral Associate

Tyra Lamb

Safe Environment Liaison

Pinky Mendoza

Office Coordinator

Jennifer Asuncion

Office Secretary

Francis Leasiolagi

Deacon

Jonathan Lam

VHM Deacon

Bernie Gora

Director of Music

Ray Lamb

Deacon

Roy Matsuo

Retired Deacon

Marlowe Sabater

Deacon

Fr. Anthony Tran

VHM Chaplain

Ryan and Ashley Agcaoil

Coordinators of Youth Ministry

Grace Young

Communications Coordinator

Earl Morita

Church Grounds Maintenance

Samy Ratum

Facilities Custodian

Noraliza Tapecc

On-Call Church Custodian

Felipe Tan

Accountant

Joan Mabag

Custodian

"How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord God of Hosts."
Psalm 84:1



Daily Mass Readings

www.usccb.org

March 30, 2026

Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

March 31, 2026

Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38

April 1, 2026

Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

April 2, 2026

Thursday of Holy Week

Holy Thursday - Chrism Mass

Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Revelation 1:5-8; Luke 4:16-21

Holy Thursday-Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

April 3, 2026

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42

April 4, 2026

Holy Saturday At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Genesis 1:1—2:2 or Genesis 1:1, 26-31a; Genesis 22:1-18 or Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10

April 5, 2026

The Resurrection of the Lord The Mass of Easter Day

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

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HOLY TRIDUUM

Once again, our parish community will observe the Holy Triduum. It is the final three days of Holy Week, known as the Paschal Triduum, and it is the Church's longest celebration. It begins on Holy Thursday, continues through Good Friday, and concludes with the Easter Vigil on Saturday. The Triduum commemorates the Lord's Passover—his passage from death to life—and our own passage to new life.

Passover is the main Jewish festival celebrating God's liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and the protection of homes marked with lamb's blood. Families share a special lamb dinner, dressed and prepared for travel, as they remember their ancestors' quick escape from Egypt.

With this background, we understand how the Triduum draws from the Passover tradition. Jesus' death took place during the Jewish Passover. As Christians, we celebrate our salvation through Christ, experiencing suffering and joy, death and new life, just as the Israelites experienced deliverance.

HOLY THURSDAY

Holy Thursday commemorates Jesus instituting the Eucharist at the Last Supper, a central ritual that signifies spiritual nourishment and unity with Christ. There is only one Eucharist celebration in each church to express unity, usually held as an evening Mass. The Eucharist is closely connected to Jesus' Passion and death, serving as a memorial of his sacrifice and guiding us through the Triduum.

Holy Thursday also commemorates Jesus' command—the “mandatum”—when he washed his disciples' feet. The priest repeats this humble act at Mass to inspire service and emphasize humility and love in Christian life. The washing of feet, the gift of the Eucharist, and the resurrection together reveal God's love, which the entire Paschal festival celebrates.

At this Mass, the consecrated hosts for communion on Good Friday are placed on the Altar of Repose, marking the transition of the reserved sacrament, a key ritual of the Triduum. After the Eucharistic procession, the main altar is stripped of cloths, candles, and other decorations as a gesture signifying mourning and anticipation. The tabernacle is left wide open. Everyone is encouraged to stay after Mass to pray at the Altar of Repose in a ritual called ‘watching with the Lord,’ symbolizing spiritual vigilance and companionship with Jesus during his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

GOOD FRIDAY

From its earliest years, the Church has designated Good Friday as a day of mourning for Jesus' death. The altar and liturgy reflect this solemn mood: no lit candles and a bare altar. The Church commemorates the Lord's suffering, death, and the victory of the Cross, where Jesus overcame sin and offered forgiveness and new life. Readings from Isaiah and the Passion set the tone for reflecting on Jesus' death.

The readings and bidding prayers for various causes are followed by the veneration of the Cross, a central ritual in which each person approaches and shows reverence—often by touching, kissing, or kneeling before it. This act is a tangible way to honor Christ's sacrifice and to spiritually unite with his saving act. The Good Friday liturgy concludes with a Communion service using hosts consecrated during the previous evening's Eucharist, thereby maintaining the connection between Good Friday and Holy Thursday and reflecting the unbroken nature of the Triduum observance.

HOLY SATURDAY

On Holy Saturday, until the Vigil, we celebrate in anticipation of the resurrection and Christ's victory over death. The forty days of Lent and the ceremonies of Holy Week culminate in the Easter Vigil, which celebrates Christ's resurrection.

At the start of this vigil, we lit the Paschal Candle, and from it, we lit our candles as a ritual symbol of our hope and trust in God, symbolizing Christ as the Light of the World who overcomes darkness and death. In the darkness, we lift our candles to God, praying for healing and the fulfillment of our deepest hopes. These actions together declare God's mercy, justice, and faithfulness, celebrating the resurrection and the belief that Christ is alive among us. The lasting hope that the candles symbolize comes from the risen Christ, assuring us of God's continuous presence.

During the vigil, new church members are baptized and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. (MAH)

