

April 2011

Dear Parishioners:

Our Lenten journey will soon give way to the joy of Easter. I want to encourage all of you to attend the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum (three days). The Triduum is celebrated as one single liturgy taking place over three days. Each liturgy of the Triduum is rooted in ancient rituals that are packed with spiritual meaning. Attending all three provides a unique experience of entering into the Paschal mystery, the dying and rising of the Lord.

Holy Thursday/Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

On this day there is no morning Mass. The font and tabernacle are emptied in preparation for the Triduum. At the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Church begins the Triduum with the ringing of the church bells and the Gloria. Neither will be heard again until Easter. The Footwashing takes place after the homily with the priest modeling what Jesus did when he gave us a new commandment to "love one another" and he washed the feet of the 12 disciples. The liturgy then continues with the Eucharist recalling the night that Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. The liturgy ends with a solemn procession to the Chapel for Eucharistic adoration commemorating how the disciples waited with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. The church is darkened and the altar is stripped in silence.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

This is the only day of the Church year when there is no Mass. The solemn Good Friday Liturgy begins in silence with the ministers lying prostrate before the altar as a sign of humility. The Passion according to St. John recalls the Lord's suffering and death on the cross. It is followed by the Bidding Prayers in which the Church prays for the salvation of all people through Christ's death on the cross. At the Veneration of the Cross, the assembly is invited to show a sign of reverence for the instrument of our salvation – the wood of the cross. It is followed by the distribution of Holy Communion that was consecrated on Holy Thursday. After the closing prayer, the ministers and people depart in silence.

The Great Vigil of Easter

The Great Vigil of Easter is to the Church year what Sunday is to the week. It is the most important liturgy of the year. It begins with the lighting of the New Fire and the Paschal candle to symbolize the light of Christ rising from the darkness of death. As the church is illuminated with candlelight, the Exultet is chanted announcing Christ's victory over sin and death. The Liturgy of the Word recalls the great stories from the Bible and how God has always saved his people. As the Gloria is sung, the church bells are pealed to signal the beginning of Easter. At the Gospel acclamation, the Alleluia is sung with great solemnity for the first time since the beginning of Lent. After the homily, the Church celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism for the Elect, the renewal of Baptismal Promises for those already baptized, and the Sacrament of Confirmation for the newly baptized. The liturgy concludes with the first Eucharist of Easter.

I pray that our celebration of the Paschal Triduum will help all of us to experience new life in Christ Jesus. May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds!

Easter Blessings,

Fr. William

Community Life

Welcome to the Co-Cathedral!

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We are happy you have joined us! We pray that in our company you will experience the Lord's own welcome and discover anew God's loving purposes for your life. If we can be of help or support to you, please speak to any one of our staff or volunteers. If you are interested in joining our parish, visit our Cathedral Office after Mass to register and receive more information about our parish activities.

April@The Co-Cathedral

- Apr. 9 1st Communion Workshop, 9am
- Apr. 11 Lenten Mission, 6:30 pm
- Apr. 12 Lenten Mission, 6:30 pm
- Apr. 13 Lenten Mission, 6:30 pm
- Apr. 14 Chrism Mass, 7 pm
- Apr. 21 No morning Mass
Mass of the Lord' Supper, 7:30 pm
Night Prayer, 11 pm
- Apr. 22 Morning Prayer, 9 am
Stations of the Cross, 12 N
Good Friday Liturgy, 3 pm
- Apr. 23 No morning Mass
Great Vigil of Easter, 8 pm
- Apr. 30 Jubilee Mass, 10:30 am

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Our Co-Cathedral website is regularly updated with information, calendar of activities, and pictures and other useful information and spiritual resources (e.g. the Daily Readings, Minute Meditation, LIFETEEN link, etc.).

Lenten Fish Fry

Our annual Lenten Fish Fry will be Friday, April 8 from 12 Noon – 7 p.m. Take out or dine in! Tickets are on sale now.

Hawaii Sacred Choir To Sing

The Hawaii Sacred Choir will sing at our Saturday, 5 pm Mass on April 9th. Come and hear this new choir!

Easter Vigil Reception

Join us after the Easter Vigil for a champagne reception in the parish hall to celebrate Easter and to congratulate our newly baptized parishioners. All are welcome!

Grotto Restoration

We are in the process of renovating our Grotto and in need of a new statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will also improve the landscaping around the grotto over the next few months. If you would like to make a donation toward a new statue, please contact Fr. William at 521-1700.



Our Rose of the Month!

Congratulations to **Dann Ebina** our new Rose of the Month. Dann volunteers as a catechist with our LIFE TEEN ministry and RCIA program, helps with our social ministry, serves as an usher, is a great cook, and always lets us borrow his sound equipment! Dann is always willing to lend a helping hand and he does so with the heart of our patroness, St. Theresa. Thank you, Dann, for your humble service to our parish!

Liturgy & Prayer

Chrism Mass

The annual Chrism Mass with Bishop Silva and the priests of the Diocese of Honolulu will take place Thursday, April 14 at 7 pm at the Co-Cathedral. At this liturgy, the priests will renew their priestly promises and Bishop Silva will consecrate the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Sacred Chrism for use in our churches throughout the year. All are welcome to experience this beautiful celebration.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 21	7:30 pm 11:00 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Night Prayer
Good Friday, April 22,	9:00 am 12:00 N 3:00 pm	Morning Prayer for Good Friday Stations of the Cross Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Passion Reading, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion.
Holy Saturday, April 23	8:00 pm	The Great Vigil of Easter with the Lighting of the New Fire, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism & Confirmation, and First Eucharist of Easter. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.
Easter Sunday, April 24		Festival Masses at 6:30 am, 8 am, 10:30 am, 6 pm

Faith Formation

First Communion Family Workshop

The mandatory Family Workshop for students preparing for First Communion and their parents will be Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 9-11 am in the Parish Hall. Please plan to attend. For more information, contact Allen Pacquing at 521-1700.

"Can You Spare Some Change?"

Can You Spare Some Change: Becoming the Best Version of Yourself is the theme of our parish Lenten Mission this April 11-13, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker will be Father Philip Chircop, SJ. Each evening will include music, prayer, and an inspiring message. Child care will be provided, please sign up at the Cathedral Office. Make the Lenten Mission a part of your Lent this year.

Lectio Divina

Join us every Tuesday evening at 7 pm in the Library for Bible study in the Benedictine tradition of Lectio Divina. It includes Scripture reading, meditation, sharing, and prayer.

Easter Sunday – No Children's R.E. Classes

Outreach & Care

April Focus: Organ Donation Awareness

Are you an organ donor? It's something to discuss with your loved ones. Pope John Paul II called organ donation one of the greatest acts of love for another. Nationwide more than 108,000 people are waiting for organs. In Hawaii, 378 people from every ethnic background are waiting for a heart, liver, kidney, or pancreas. Even more are waiting for cornea or bone transplants to live healthier lives. For more information, contact Legacy of Life Hawaii at 808-599-7630 or see the brochures near the doors of the church.

Stewardship

Sunday/Feast Day Collections in March:

Amount Needed Each Week: \$11,057.00

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Second/Specials</u>
Mar. 6	\$8866.97	
Mar. 9		\$2971.24 (Ash Wednesday)
Mar. 13	\$6978.70	\$1466.00 (Catholic Relief Services) \$2190.23 (Maint.)
Mar. 20	\$7816.99	\$2105.08 (CRS – Japan Relief)
Mar. 27	\$7927.03	

Thank you for your generosity!

Capital Campaign update

Each week we get closer to our original parish goal of \$440,000. As soon as we do, our parish share increases from 25% to 50%! Thank you for continuing to support the campaign with your pledges. If you have any questions or if we can be assistance, please contact Lloreë or Allen at our Cathedral office at 521-1700.

Organ Fund

As a musical instrument, the organ maintains a place of prominence in the history and tradition of the Church. We have created a special fund to pay for the new Allen organ located in the choir loft of the church. This beautiful instrument is already being used at our 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. liturgies. If you would like to make a donation, please contact our Cathedral office.