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Relic tour continues for faithful

Pacific Sunday News

The elderly staying at a senior care home, youth detained at the Department of Youth Affairs, and those detained at the Department of Corrections, had a chance to touch and honor a set of remnants of articles that are believed to have touched the body of Jesus Christ when he was crucified.

The Relics of the Passion began its tour of the island yesterday. The ornately encased relics will be on Guam through April 1 and will be brought to various sites on island.

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Among the relics are pieces from the cross of Jesus' crucifixion, the crown of thorns, replicas of the holy nails, the burial shroud, the column of flagellation, the spear that pierced Jesus' side, the veil used to wipe Jesus' face, and a relic from the table of the Last Supper.

The relics are owned by Thomas Serafin, founder of the Apostolate for Holy Relics. Serafin has devoted his life to collecting and safeguarding holy relics.

Zoom Photo



Bert Duarte/Pacific Sunday News

St. Dominic's: People line up to show their veneration before the Relics of the Passion, one of which was held by Father Immanuel Alparce yesterday at St. Dominic's senior home in Barrigada. For more photos of this event, visit the Pacific Daily News' online gallery.

ON THE NET

- **Apostolate for Holy Relics Web site:** www.relictour.org.

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Below is the schedule provided by the Archdiocese of Agana.

March 25

- 5:45 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.: (Mass) Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica
- 3 p.m.: Open forum on relics with guest speaker Thomas J. Serafin, caretaker of the Relics
- 7 p.m. (Mass): Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica

March 26

- 8 to 11 a.m.: Campus Ministry
- Noon to 2 p.m.: St. Anthony Catholic School
- 7 p.m. (Mass): Santa Barbara Church, Dededo

March 27

- 9 to 11 a.m.: Notre Dame High School
- 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.: Mount Carmel Catholic School
- 6:30 p.m. (Mass): Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Yigo

March 28

- 9 to 11 a.m.: Father Duenas Memorial School
- Noon to 2 p.m.: Bishop Baumgartner Memorial School
- 6 p.m. (Mass): St. Anthony and St. Victor Catholic Church, Tamuning

March 29

- 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.: Academy of Our Lady of Guam
- Noon to 4:30 p.m.: San Vicente and San Roque Church, Barrigada

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- 6 p.m. (Mass): San Dimas Church, Merizo

March 30

- 9 to 11 a.m.: Santa Barbara Catholic School
- Noon to 2 p.m.: St. Francis Catholic School
- 6 p.m. (Mass): St. Francis of Assist Church, Yona

March 31

- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.: St. Joseph Church, Inarajan
- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.: Guam Skilled Nursing Facility
- 3 to 5 p.m.: Guam Memorial Hospital
- 6 p.m. (Mass): Santa Teresita Church, Mangilao

April 1 (Palm Sunday)

- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Agana Shopping Center
- 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 4:30 p.m.: Passion of the Christ movie at the Agana Stadium Theaters.
- 7 p.m. (Mass): Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica

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Comments by: **bigdaddydawg**

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For the Roman Catholic, what place does venerating religious objects have in the salvation process or holy living? IOW, what is the purpose? Hopefully, you won't read something into my question that wasn't intended.

Comments by: **dstjsph**

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  I pray for all and including myself to ask jesus for forgiveness.


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