

**AN INVITATION TO ALL:
JOIN US AS WE MARK THE EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK...**

Lent is a journey, and today on Palm Sunday we've completed our preparation to celebrate the Easter mysteries with minds and hearts purified. At this weekend's Masses we have celebrated Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem as the crowds did two millennia ago. Now we complete our Lenten season by remembering the Son of God's saving actions during this week, and their impact on our lives and our world.

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday of Holy Week

Daily Masses will be at 8:30 AM.

Confessions

Will be heard on Tuesday after the 8:30 AM daily Mass at Precious Blood; and after the 7:00 PM Mass at St. Dorothea.

The Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & Holy Saturday

"Triduum" is Latin for "Three Days." And during these three days we journey with the final days of Jesus. We actually do this twice...

Firstly, in the Sunday cycle of readings, on Palm (Passion) Sunday we have heard the story of Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the crowds crying "Hosanna!" and laying palm branches before him. Then we hear of his Last Supper, his agony in the garden, apprehension by Sanhedrin, being brought before Pilate, and his suffering and crucifixion. We end the story there for dramatic effect, even though every Liturgy we celebrate is a memorial of Christ's death and resurrection. On the following Sunday, Easter, we finish that story as we tell of Christ's resurrection and appearances to his disciples.

Secondly, for the Triduum, we retell that same story step by step as follows...

Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00 PM

Washing of Feet

Sacraments of Initiation: Confirmation and First Holy Communion followed by Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00 to 10:00 PM.

Thursday begins the Triduum, during which we'll remember and reflect on Jesus's sacrificial love. We will commemorate Jesus's washing of his apostles' feet by washing one another's feet as an act of humility and service in imitation of Christ.

At this Mass, we have several candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation. They will receive Confirmation, and for most, their First Holy Communion. Now fully initiated, they will be able to receive Communion at Easter and join us at the Lord's table for their rest of their lives.

At the end of this Mass, all are invited to stay for an extra hour in silent meditation and **Adoration of the Eucharist**. This represents our “staying awake” with Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday:

The Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 PM

Veneration of the Cross

Holy Communion

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM

Good Friday commemorates the day Jesus’s death on the Cross. It’s a day of quiet and reflection, particularly between noon and 3:00 PM when Christ was crucified until his death. During the liturgy, we venerate the cross with a kiss, or touch, or genuflection. This is not a Eucharist, but Holy Communion consecrated the night before will be distributed. *Please enter and leave the church in silence.*

Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday: Masses of the Resurrection

Easter Vigil at 5:30 PM

Easter Vigil at Night with Liturgy of Light at 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday at 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 AM

These Masses commemorate Jesus’s triumph over sin and death. At the 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass, we recall the darkness of the tomb as the Mass begins in darkness, and then we join in spreading the lighting of the Paschal Candle with devotional candles that illuminate the church. At the vigil Masses, readings from the Old Testament foretell Jesus’s death and resurrection and salvation history. The “Alleluia” returns to the church, and we share in the amazement of an empty tomb.

The **5:30 PM Mass** is similar to the 8 PM, but does not have the lighting of candles.

Easter Sunday continues our celebration of the Resurrection, acknowledging the most important teaching of our Catholic faith: Jesus died and rose from the dead so we could have forgiveness of sins and a blessed assurance that we will share eternal life with him and the Communion of the Saints in heaven.

Help Appreciated: On Holy Saturday morning at 9 AM we will prepare the church for the Easter celebrations by decorating the sanctuary, planting flowers outside and gathering the materials needed for the weekend. **All are welcome to help with this community effort.**

