

Holy Sunday

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Sunday, “the first day of the week,” is the Lord’s Day; it *should be the Christian’s favorite day of the week.*

As Christ rose from the dead on Sunday, so all Sundays of the year celebrate this Victory & our future victory too, if we are faithful. Again, the only day of the week the Church calls “holy” is Sunday; just so, she obliges her children, under pain of mortal sin, to “keep holy” this day by “rest from servile labor” & “worship at holy Mass.” In his Apostolic Letter, “On Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy” (*Dies Domini*, 6/31/98), Pope St. John Paul II recalls the doctrinal foundations for this precept of the Church. (Here are 92 pages in 1.):

On “the first day”, Almighty God: created light & separated it from darkness (Gn 1:5); ended the Flood & separated waters from land (Gn 8:13); resurrected Himself, taking Life from death; descended upon His Apostles, giving His Life to men. When the Blessed Trinity does a *new thing* He does so on “the first day.”

Although God “rested” from His creative work on the *Sabbath* or “7th day” (Saturday), & commanded the Jews to “keep holy” this day, since apostolic times the Church has observed “the first day” as her Sabbath in virtue of her central mystery: **the Resurrection**. This is the day of “the new creation” (2 Cor. 5:17); moreover, Sunday, being also the 8th day, symbolizes the *Day* outside of time, Eternity.

The early Christians kept holy the Lord’s Day at the risk of their lives, attending Holy Mass under penalty of death (& we want to sleep-in!); after the persecutions subsided, however, Catholic fervor diminished, forcing the Church to legislate Sunday worship which, in the 1917 Code of Canon Law, read:

“On feast days of precept, **Mass is to be heard; there is an abstinence from servile work, legal acts**, and likewise, unless there is a special indult or legitimate customs provide otherwise, **from public trade, shopping and other public buying and selling.**” (#1248)

The new 1983 Code states less oppressively or more laxly, (you decide):

“On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. They are also to abstain from such work or business that would inhibit the worship to be given to God, the joy proper to the Lord’s day, or the due relaxation of mind and body.” (#1247)

The 1992 Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches the moral gravity of Sunday Mass: “...the faithful are bound to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (e.g., illness, care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. **Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.**” (#2181); & “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord’s day, the performance of works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body.” (#2185)

To end, in his day, the prophet Jeremiah lamented Israel’s condition: “enemies saw her & mocked her Sabbaths.” (Lam 1:7) In our day, is this not true of the Church & our “keeping holy” her Sabbaths? Alas, what would Jeremiah say of us?



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Easter Sunday

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Daily Mass Times

Mon. & Wed.: 6:30 am & 9 am.

Tues. & Thurs.: 6:30 am & 12 noon.

Fri.: 6:30 am & 7 pm (followed by Holy Hour).

Sat.: 7 am & 9 am.

Sunday Mass Times

7 am low Mass

9 am low Mass

10:30 am high Mass

1 pm low Mass

Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before each Mass.

Church Hours

Mon.-Thurs.: 6 am - 7 pm

Fri.: 6 am - 9 pm

Sat.: 6:30 am - 7 pm

Sun.: 7 am - 7 pm

Office Hours

Monday - Friday:

8:15 am – 4:15 pm.

Closed on Holy Days

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 04-05	Easter Sunday	1/W	
Mon 04-06	Easter Monday	1/W	
Tues 04-07	Easter Tuesday	1/W	
Wed 04-08	Easter Wednesday	1/W	
Thu 04-09	Easter Thursday	1/W	
Fri 04-10	Easter Friday	1/W	
Sat 04-11	Easter Saturday	1/W	
Sun 04-12	Low (Divine Mercy) Sunday	1/W	



Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

Sun 04-05	(7 am) <i>No Mass</i> (8 am) Mr Dominic Rumore (frh) (10:30 am) Adeline Maria Hdez Sanchez (frf) (1 pm) <i>No Mass</i>	rb Tate family rb J Sanchez
Mon 04-06	(6:30 am) Anna Fender (9 am) Special Intention	rb K Fender rb L Le
Tues 04-07	(6:30 am) Mrs Angela O'Callaghan (12 pm) Alberto Contero	rb H Hagan rb M C Correa
Wed 04-08	(6:30 am) Hoan Dolci (9 am) Chris Kidd	rb S Calta rb JA Kidd
Thu 04-09	(6:30 am) Ines Lucia Garcia + (12 pm) St Gerard Ministry	rb M Diaz rb same
Fri 04-10	(6:30 am) Augustin Benson (7 pm) Carol McGann	rb S Binggeli rb Severson family
Sat 04-11	(7 am) All Priest (9 am) Ahmed Jackson	rb L Le rb C Jackson
Sun 04-12	(7 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (9 am) Fr Austin's intention (10:30 am) Junior Fender + (1 pm) John Stephens	rb K Fender rb V Stephens

This Easter Week, (Fr Favole will be away until April 11th), **Easter Monday**, Fr Favole departs after offering the 6:30 am Mass; **Easter Tuesday**, 12 noon Mass only; **Easter Wednesday**, 6:30 am Mass only; **Easter Thursday**, 12 noon Mass only; **Easter Friday**, 7 pm Mass with Holy Hour only, Wedding rehearsal (3 pm); **Easter Saturday**, 9 am Mass only, Wedding (2 pm).

Next Sunday, the Craft Fair will be held outside after the 10:30 am Mass.

We have just finished one more Lent in our lives. Did we finish the journey a better man; a more finished man? Archbishop Fulton Sheen may help our diagnosis: "By what signs will you know whether your life is unfinished? Among others we mention these: First, the habit of criticism is the best indication of an incomplete life. Our sense of justice is so keen and deep that we do not have it ourselves, we compensate for the lack of it trying to make everyone else just. Criticism of others is thus an oblique form of self-commendation. We think we make the picture hang straight on our wall by telling our neighbor that all his pictures are crooked. Like the lark who flutters with great agitation over her nest, we exhibit most flagrantly the very things we wish to hide.

"When you say of another's failing, "That is one thing I cannot stand," you reveal the very thing to which you are most unconsciously inclined. We personalize and objectify our unrecognized failings by talking of the failings of others. We hate in others the sins to which we are most likely addicted. When Our Lord said, "Judge not, that you may not be judged" (Mt 7:1), he also meant that you are judged by your judgment of others! You have given yourself away!" ~ Fulton Sheen, Seven Words of Jesus and Mary, Lessons on Cana and Calvary, p. 81; on Our Lord's 6th sermon from the cross, "It is consummated."

Next Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12), a plenary indulgence is granted to those who take part in prayers & devotions held in honor of the Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or in the tabernacle, recite the *Our Father* & the *Creed*, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus. Those who (for a just cause) cannot get to church can gain the same indulgence by reciting one *Our Father*, the *Creed*, & a devout prayer to the Lord before an image of the Divine Mercy.

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Maxim of St Francis de Sales
The repugnance you feel testifies no want of love; for it seems to me that, if we believed that, being flayed, God would love us more, we would flay ourselves, not without repugnance, but in spite of repugnance.

Happy Easter, Alleluia! Thank you to all who assisted at the Holy Triduum, including the choir, servers, sweepers & cleaners & altar of repose decorators. Also, the Fathers thank you for your Easter cards & gifts. God reward you!

Today, Easter Sunday, only two Masses, 8 am low & 10:30 am sung. (The Easter Egg Dash follows the 8 am Low Mass.) **Also, after today, the 8 am Mass time will be changed to 9 am.**

Last week's collection: cash \$5,802.00; online \$4,725.00 total: \$10,527.00.
Attendance: 7 am-170; 8 am-109; 10:30 am-184; 1 pm-147; 610 total souls.