



# Lent and Easter Schedule 2026

## St. Cecilia and Mary Immaculate

### Ash Wednesday Mass

#### **February 18:**

8:30 a.m. MASS - Mary Immaculate  
6:00 p.m. MASS - St. Cecilia (w/Religious Ed)

### Stations of the Cross

#### **February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 (Fridays):**

9:00 a.m. - Mary Immaculate (after Mass)  
6:00 p.m. - St. Cecilia

### Youth & Family Soup Suppers/Stations of the Cross

#### **February 25, March 11, 18, 25 (Wednesdays):**

5:30 p.m. - Soup Supper - St. Cecilia  
6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - St. Cecilia  
**\*\*\*All parishioners are welcome!\*\*\***  
Gluten free options available.

### Ecumenical Soup Supper & Lent Worship

#### **March 11 (Wednesday):**

5:00 p.m. - Supper - Mary Immaculate  
6:00 p.m. - Worship - Mary Immaculate

### Forty Hours Devotion

#### **March 13-15 (Friday to Sunday):**

Held at St. Joseph's in Grand Rapids

### Grow in Faith - Walk with the Saints

On Wednesday morning, immediately following Mass, we will meet in the small club room and study saints from the PIVOTAL PLAYERS series by Word of Fire Ministries and Bishop Robert Barron.

**Feb 25:** St. Francis  
**Mar 4:** St. Catherine of Sienna  
**Mar 11:** St. Augustine  
**Mar 18:** St. John Henry Neumann  
**Mar 25:** Fulton Sheen

### Prayer Service, Adoration & Confessions

#### **March 19 (Thursday):**

6:00-7:00 p.m. - Mary Immaculate

#### **March 26 (Thursday):**

6:00-7:00 p.m. - St. Cecilia

### Additional Confession Times During Lent

(These are in addition to the regularly scheduled times in the bulletin)

#### **March 12 (Thursday):**

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Mary Immaculate

#### **March 13 (Friday):**

5:00-6:00 p.m. - St. Cecilia

#### **March 20 (Friday):**

5:00-6:00 p.m. - St. Cecilia

#### **March 26 (Thursday):**

9:00-10:00 a.m. - Mary Immaculate

#### **April 1 (Wednesday):**

5:00-6:00 p.m. - Mary Immaculate



### **March 29: Palm Sunday Masses**

4:15 p.m. - St. Cecilia  
8:30 a.m. - St. Cecilia  
10:30 a.m. - Mary Immaculate

### **Paschal Triduum - St. Cecilia**

#### **April 2: Holy Thursday**

*(includes washing the feet of the disciples)*  
7:00 p.m. - Mass  
After Mass until 10:00 p.m. - Adoration

#### **April 3: Good Friday Service**

3:00 p.m.

#### **April 4: Easter Vigil Mass**

9:00 p.m.

### **April 5: Easter Sunday Masses**

8:30 a.m. - St. Cecilia  
10:30 a.m. - Mary Immaculate

# The Events of Lent and Holy Week

**Lent** is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning *spring*. The season lasts from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

## **Ash Wednesday**

beginning of Lent, often observed by receiving a cross of ashes on the forehead at Mass.

**Holy Week** includes the days from Palm Sunday through Easter.

## **Palm or Passion Sunday**

has contrasting names, one because of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (to the waving palm branches), the other because this Sunday begins our focus on Jesus' days of suffering and death.

**Paschal Triduum**, from the Latin for "three days," extends from evening Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday.

**Maundy (Holy) Thursday** gets its name from Jesus' "new commandment" (*mandatum* in Latin) to love one another, which he spoke during the passover meal when he washed his disciples' feet and instituted the Holy Eucharist. Typically the Catholic Church now refers to this day as **Holy Thursday** and it is also notable for being the day on which the *Chrism Mass* is celebrated.

**Good Friday** marks the events of Jesus' trial, crucifixion, death and burial, sometimes with special *Tre Ore* (*three hour*) observances. The altar is stripped of all decoration and the church darkened until Saturday's Easter Vigil.

**Easter Vigil** is celebrated on Holy Saturday evening after sundown; traditionally a time for baptizing, confirming and receiving new members.

**Easter**, named after an ancient spring festival, is the "great Sunday," on which each Sunday Eucharist is modeled.



"My soul is sorrowful even to death.  
Remain here and keep watch."

Mark 14:34