

The Easter Triduum

The Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year. The Easter Triduum officially begins with the celebration of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and continues through the Easter Vigil on Saturday. It is during this most solemn "moment" of the church year that we keep vigil--watching and waiting in prayer and fasting--for that moment which commemorates the greatest event of all history. These three days, which really are one liturgical act, serve as the most opportune time for our gathering as the one Body of Christ. These are the high holy days; these are the foundation of our faith. Nothing could be more important! Please celebrate with us!

Holy Thursday

During the celebration of the Last Supper, which begins at 7 p.m., we bring to the altar the blessed oils, which have been blessed by our Bishop Mark, to use for our sacraments throughout the year. As an act of service and ministry, Father will wash the feet of several of our parishioners, just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. Within this celebration we initiate our remembering of Jesus' "passing-over" from death to new life. Please join us for Eucharistic adoration which follows the procession into the parish hall and continues until 11 p.m.

Good Friday

Our waiting for the Resurrection is symbolized in our fast. While it is required only during Good Friday itself, it is highly recommended that the Paschal Fast continues up to the Easter Vigil. Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church at noon, and the church will be open for private prayer from 12-3 p.m. We

remember the passion and death of Christ and we pray for all people during our evening liturgy. Our prayer focuses on the cross, a sign of our death and of our hope. Our liturgy and adoration of the cross begins at 7:00 p.m.

Blessing of Food

The custom of blessing baskets of Easter food will be observed on Saturday morning at 11 a.m., before the Easter Vigil. If you would like to have your Easter food blessed, please contact Father Ed.

The Easter Vigil

This 8 p.m. service begins outside with the lighting of our Paschal Candle, and continues with several Scripture readings which proclaim the history of our salvation. We are a people brought out of darkness and into the light of Christ. We recall our own Baptism and renew our Baptismal promises. As we recall the events of our salvation history, we are transformed into a new people--the Body of Christ--and our Easter Triduum comes to a glorious end and the Easter Season is ushered into our lives.

Holy Water Bottles

During the Easter Vigil and at the Easter Sunday liturgy, Father Ed will bless our holy water. If you would like to bring a container of water to be blessed for your home, please bring your filled containers up to the front and place them by the baptismal font before mass. They will be blessed during mass and you may take them home after mass.

Easter Sunday

The celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ continues with a 9 a.m. liturgy in the church. May the peace of the Lord be with you always!



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Weekday Liturgies

Wednesday, March 27th
7 p.m. Mass in the church
Holy hour begins at 6 p.m.

Holy Thursday

March 28, 2024

Mass of the Lord's Supper
7 p.m.

Good Friday

March 29, 2024

Holy Rosary Church will be
open for private prayer
noon - 3 p.m.
Stations of the Cross
noon

Liturgy of the Word, Adoration
of the Cross, and Communion
Service, 7 p.m.

Blessing of the Easter Food

Saturday, March 30 - 11 a.m.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30, 2024

8 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Eucharistic Liturgy
9 a.m. - Holy Rosary
Noon - Sacred Heart