

Easter Triduum



Let us allow ourselves to be touched by this love, to be transformed, so that the resurrection may really be realized in us. I invite you, therefore, to live the Paschal Triduum intensely.

- Pope Francis

Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

The Triduum begins at sundown on Holy Thursday with the Liturgy of the Lord's Supper. During this liturgy, the oils blessed at the Chrism Mass and used at the Easter sacraments and throughout the coming year are received. The feet of some are washed, recalling that just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, so must we do in service to one another. *We celebrate the Eucharist, and then gather in our Divine Mercy Chapel to pray before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. Hot cross buns will be handed out after the liturgy for consuming on Good Friday as a reminder of Christ's suffering and crucifixion.*

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 3:00pm

The Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross 7:00pm

On Good Friday we gather for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. This is not a Mass but a liturgy where we focus our prayer on the cross of Christ that symbolizes so much of the struggle of life and death, but also represents our salvation. We continue the fast and our waiting in prayer and silence. Today and, if possible, on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, fasting and abstinence is observed everywhere to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more deeply in his resurrection. *The Good Friday collection goes to help support the Christians in the Holy Land. Blessed crucifixes will be handed out to remember the sacrifice of the cross that has shown and sealed God's love for us.*

Holy Saturday

****Easter Vigil 8:30pm****

On Holy Saturday evening, the apex of the Triduum comes when we celebrate the Great Paschal Vigil, beginning in darkness with the lighting of the new Easter fire. It is a true vigil where we stay awake to hear the great stories of salvation, to baptize the Elect, to bring into Full Communion with the Catholic Church those who are already one with us in Baptism, and to feast at the table of the heavenly kingdom. *There is no Saturday 5:30 pm Vigil Mass today nor are there Saturday Confessions. Newly blessed bottles of holy water will be handed out to those who come and celebrate this liturgy of all liturgies.*

Easter Sunday

Masses 9:15 am and 12 pm (only two Masses to emphasize our oneness in the Risen Lord)

On Easter Sunday many people return to celebrate the final day of the Triduum and to rejoice in the splendor of a new day of resurrection. All the baptized are sprinkled with water from the font that was blessed the night before. By this we remember our own baptism through which we share in Christ's own death and life. And so begins the fifty days of rejoicing! *We will bless Easter baskets and have an Easter egg hunt after the Masses — weather permitting.*