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## **The Sacred Triduum and Easter Mass Schedule**

**Thursday, April 1, 2021 - Sunday, April 4, 2021**

### **Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper**

5:30 PM at St. Patrick

7:00 PM at St. Hyacinth (Bilingual)

### **Good Friday Services**

3:00 PM at St. Hyacinth

3:00 PM at St. Patrick

7:00 PM at St. Hyacinth (Spanish)

### **Holy Saturday Blessing of Food/Easter Baskets**

1:00 PM at St. Hyacinth

### **Live Stream Schedule**

St. Patrick Church: All Masses and Services of Holy Week & Easter Sunday

St. Hyacinth Church: 7pm on Holy Thursday, 7:00pm Good Friday Service ,  
and 12:15pm Mass on Easter Sunday

### **Easter Vigil Mass**

8:00 PM at St. Patrick

### **Easter Sunday Masses**

7:00 AM at St. Patrick

9:00 AM at St. Hyacinth

10:00 AM at Holy Rosary (Latin)

10:30 AM at St. Patrick

11:00 AM at St. Hyacinth

12:15 PM at St. Hyacinth (Spanish)

5:30 PM at Holy Rosary

Dear Parishioners of the LaSalle Catholic Parishes,

I am so excited that we are nearing the end of Lent and fast approaching Holy Week and Easter, which are the most sacred days of the year. These days overflow with grace, and quite frankly, are days that can and will change our lives if we allow them! They remind us that our faith – our deepest convictions about the meaning of life and death – are not just abstract thoughts, but are founded on real events, and ultimately, on a real person: Jesus Christ, God made man, the Risen Savior, who lives TODAY. These days are not just a remembering of past events, however, but an encounter with Our Risen Savior and a renewing of the JOY His new life brings. I want to invite each and every one of you to immerse yourself in the grace of these sacred days. Attend the various Masses and Liturgies in person or via live-stream, visit one of the Altars of Repose on Holy Thursday Night, fast and pray with abandon on Good Friday, experience the beauty of the candle-lit Easter Vigil, and hear the joyful music of Easter Sunday. To really receive the powerful graces Our Lord wants to give us, I encourage you to have special prayer intentions on your heart each day (particular persons or life circumstances in need of God's grace and healing). You are invited to write them below and then keep them on your dresser, refrigerator, or kitchen counter to reference each day:

### **Holy Thursday prayer intentions**

Person in need of healing: \_\_\_\_\_

A virtue I want to grow in: \_\_\_\_\_

Someone to return to the faith: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Good Friday prayer intentions**

Person in need of healing: \_\_\_\_\_

A virtue I want to grow in: \_\_\_\_\_

Someone to return to the faith: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Holy Saturday prayer intentions**

Person in need of healing: \_\_\_\_\_

A virtue I want to grow in: \_\_\_\_\_

Someone to return to the faith: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Easter Sunday prayer intentions**

Person in need of healing: \_\_\_\_\_

A virtue I want to grow in: \_\_\_\_\_

Someone to return to the faith: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to wish all of you special Easter joy and blessings!

Father Tom

# Holy Thursday: The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 1, 2021

5:30 PM at St. Patrick Church

7:00 PM at St. Hyacinth Church (Bilingual)



Holy Thursday is a feast day of the Blessed Sacrament; during the Last Supper when Jesus celebrated the Jewish Passover with His Apostles, he offered Himself as the Passover sacrifice, the new sacrificial lamb which we now find present in every Mass in the consecrated Host. The Holy Thursday Liturgy takes place after sundown – because Passover began at sundown - and marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the sacred "Triduum," or three days, of Holy Week. These are the three holiest days in the Catholic Church.

Except for the resurrection on Easter, Holy Thursday is possibly one of the most important, complex, and profound days of celebration in the Church. It is a beautiful and joyful celebration of not only the first Eucharist, but also the institution of the sacrament of the priesthood.\* During the singing of the Gloria (which has been omitted during Lent), the church bells are rung out in joy of this special day, but they do not ring again until the Easter Vigil of Holy Saturday night. In the readings we hear the story of the Passover, listen to St. Paul proclaim the mystery of our faith, and in the Gospel we hear St. John tell how Jesus stresses the importance of humility of service in the washing of the feet of His apostles. You may have heard Holy Thursday called Maundy Thursday; "Maundy" comes from the Latin word mandatum, or commandment, reflecting Jesus' words "I give you a new commandment. As I have done for you, you should also do." After the homily, some parishes have a washing of the feet of select parishioners by the Priest.

At the conclusion of the Mass, there is a procession of the Eucharist to an altar of repose set up for the occasion: then the

main altar is stripped bare. After Holy Thursday, no regular Mass will be celebrated again in the Church until the Easter Vigil celebrates and proclaims the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The faithful are invited to continue Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night, just as the disciples were invited to stay up with the Lord during His agony in the garden before His betrayal by Judas.

\*Around the world, Bishops and priests come together at their local Cathedrals on Holy Thursday morning to celebrate the institution of the priesthood. During the Mass, the bishop blesses the Oil of Chrism that will be used for Baptism, Confirmation, and Anointing of the sick or dying. At this Mass, the bishop washes the feet of twelve priests to symbolize Christ's washing of his twelve Apostles, our first bishops and priests.



# Good Friday: The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ

Service Schedule - Friday, April 2, 2021

3:00 PM at St. Hyacinth & 3:00 PM at St. Patrick

7:00pm at St. Hyacinth (Spanish)

Good Friday is Christendom's great day of mourning. In ancient times on this day no public services were held as a sign of mourning. Our Good Friday liturgy today is in part borrowed from the Eastern Church.

The Good Friday's service takes place spiritually on Mount Calvary. We enter the church and all is empty and bare; the tabernacle is open. All of this is an expression of silent, interior grief. The liturgy begins in mid-day and in solemn silence. No candles are lighted, the altar is bare, and the usual adornments are removed. The priest enters, wearing the color red, symbolizing the blood of Christ to be shed on the cross. The celebrant prostrates himself at the altar steps, and all kneel in silence. Our humble prostration expresses our powerless and desolate state before redemption. The service that follows is composed of 4 parts, the Liturgy of the Word, the Solemn Prayers, the Veneration of the Cross, and the Communion Service.

The Good Friday Liturgy of the Word presents the lessons from the Prophet Isaiah (52, 13 - 53, 12), which tell us of the suffering servant who bears the sins of his people. Then, Psalm 31 echoes the words of Jesus on the cross, "Father, I put my life in your hands." The Letter to the Hebrews (4, 14 - 16; 5, 7-9) speaks of Jesus as the great High Priest whose suffering and self-sacrifice become the "source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." Finally, there is the Passion Narrative according to Saint John (18, 1 - 19, 42), with the various parts of "Speaker," "Narrator," and "Jesus," and "Chorus" (the people) who reenact in symbolic fashion the trial and crucifixion of the Lord.

Following the homily, the celebrant leads the faithful in a litany of Solemn Intercessions for the Universal Church; before each of these prayers, all are invited to kneel. Then, after a moment of silent prayer for the intention announced, all are invited to stand. These ten orations and intercessions are particularly appropriate on Good Friday, since Jesus, our King, is "lifted up" and seeks to "draw all things to Himself." No salvation can come apart from the perfect sacrifice of Christ on the cross; therefore, the entire world is remembered in prayer.

The drama of the Good Friday liturgy continues to unfold with the Veneration of the Cross, the sign of our redemption. This rite is likewise very ancient. It originated in Jerusalem in the 4th century where the authentic wood of the Cross was honored and kissed. Now, in solemn drama, the priest unveils the cross in the three stages of Christ crucified. At the same



time, in three ascending tones, the following chant is sung: "Behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the salvation of the world." All then respond, "Come, let us adore," and kneel in adoration. The Cross is then taken and held by the servers, while the clergy and ministers kiss the foot of the Cross. The kiss is the sign of our contrition, our sympathy, and our love. During the veneration of the Cross, the choir sings a number of heartrending antiphons, called the Reproaches. Jesus is reproaching his faithless people; with the gentle force of tearful complaints, he reminds them of the benefits he conferred during the old dispensation and chides them for their ingratitude. His accusations are pointed toward us and should be accepted as an urgent call to true conversion. Again and again we hear the refrain, "My people, my people, what have I done against you", or "in what have I offended you? Answer me."

The Cross is then taken in solemn procession through the church, and all the faithful kneel in adoration. At some Good Friday liturgies, the faithful are invited to come forward to make their private reverence of the Cross.

The final part of the liturgy is a Eucharistic service. Since the earliest times, the Sacrifice of the Mass has been omitted on Good Friday, but Christians remained unwilling to forego the reception of Holy Communion. Therefore, at the solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, a sufficient number of hosts are consecrated and reserved for the Good Friday service. The altar is covered with a cloth, and the corporal and ritual book are placed on it. Then the ciborium containing the blessed Sacrament from the chapel of reposition is brought to the main altar, while all stand in silence. Two servers accompany the procession with lighted candles and place their candles on the altar. The celebrant introduces the Lord's Prayer, as at Mass. Holy Communion is then distributed under the one sacred Species of Bread. There follows a Closing Prayer, and all depart in silence.

All parts of this liturgy present our Lord as Redeemer, yes, even a king upon the throne of the Cross: first, in the scripture readings and in the Passion Narrative; next, in the ten solemn intercessions; then, in the unveiling and adoration of the Cross; and finally, as the slain and yet transfigured Lamb of God in the Communion Service. Note the progression here: the Redeemer's death on the Cross is depicted first by words, then by action and symbol, and finally by Sacrament.

# Easter Vigil - Reception of Sacraments for RCIA Candidates

Saturday, April 3, 2021

8:00 PM at St. Patrick Church

On Holy Saturday during the day the Church meditates on the suffering and death of Jesus. Then the Church gathers to celebrate the Easter Vigil Mass; it should take place at night, beginning after nightfall or ending before the dawn of Sunday. The Easter Vigil has four parts: The Service of Light; the Liturgy of the Word; the Liturgy of Baptism; and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

During the Service of Light, all the lights in the church are turned off and a fire is prepared outside the church. Then the fire is blessed and the Paschal Candle is lit from this new fire. The candle is carried into the dark church. It is a sign of Christ, the Light of the World, who has overcome the darkness of sin and death. As we process back into the church following the Paschal Candle, the Deacon or Priest sings out repeatedly, "This is the Light of Christ" and we respond, "Thanks be to God". The lighted Paschal Candle provides the only illumination. Then, from the flame of the Paschal Candle, each of the members of the congregation light the small candles provided in the vestibule that they are holding. The flame is passed from person to person until everyone is holding a lighted candle. The light from the Paschal Candle and all the small candles provides the only illumination in the church during this portion of the liturgy. This part concludes with the singing of the Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet.

During the Liturgy of the Word, the story of God's great love for us is proclaimed in readings from the Old and New Testaments. The readings recall the great events of our



salvation, beginning with creation itself. They were specially selected to make ready the RCIA candidates to celebrate the sacraments of Christian initiation with great faith. There are seven Old Testaments texts. Although it would be preferable that all seven Old Testament readings be proclaimed, the number of readings may be reduced if the circumstances necessitate. However, three Old Testament readings should be proclaimed. There is a corresponding Responsorial Psalm after every reading.

During the Liturgy of Baptism, those who have been preparing for Baptism and Confirmation and their sponsors are called forward. **This year we are**

**blessed to have more than 10 men and women receiving sacraments for the first time and coming into full communion with the Catholic Church!** After the candidates are baptized and confirmed, all present stand and renew their baptismal promises as a sign that they also share the new life of Jesus through his resurrection. The newly baptized and confirmed then await their first sharing in the Eucharist at Communion time.

The Easter Vigil concludes with the celebration of the Eucharist. This is a joyous sharing in the sacrificial meal of Jesus Christ, Lord and Risen Savior.



## Sugerencias para vivir plenamente la Semana Santa



Elige una de las siguientes penitencias para la expiación del pecado y para aceptar la misericordia de Dios.

### Para adultos

Ora los Salmos 31, 50, 95, 103, o 103 y reflexiona sobre el sentido de tu vida.

Llama por teléfono a alguien que está enfermo o se siente solo. Planifica una visita y lleva una comida.

Escoge una de las Estaciones del Via Crucis y pasa media hora en meditación sobre ella.

Comprométete a traer comida para la despensa parroquial. Piensa en algo que comes o bebes que es malo para tu salud. Elimina eso por un mes y dona eso a un comedor para los sin techo el dinero que hubieras gastado.

Identifica a una persona a quien has ofendido con tus palabras poco amables o crueles y ora por él o ella cada día por una semana.

Refleja sobre la Obras Corporales de Misericordia. Pon en acción una de ellas dar de comer a los hambrientos, de beber a los sedientos, refugio a los sin techo, visitar a los enfermos y a los presos, sepultar a los muertos, y dar limosna a los pobres.

### Para jóvenes

Elimina la televisión por una noche. Lee la Biblia o tu texto de religión.

Acércate a una persona sola en tu clase y anima a otra persona a que haga lo mismo. Tomen su almuerzo en conjunto.

Dona a los pobres el pago que recibas por cuidar a niñitos chicos. (u otro trabajo)

Por una semana entera, lava los trastes/platos o pon la mesa sin que te tengan que pedir. Dona al ministerio parroquial de asistencia el dinero que hubieras gastado en una comida rápida. Mándalo anónimamente .

## ¿Sabias que? La palabra "TRIDUO" significa tres días

### ¿Cuales son los tres días del Triduo?

Los tres días del Triduo Pascual Sagrado son el jueves, viernes y sábado. Este período de setenta y dos horas es la celebración más importante de todo nuestro calendario litúrgico; comienza la noche del Jueves Santo y concluye con las Vísperas el Domingo de Pascua. El Triduo Pascual Sagrado es en realidad UNA sola liturgia repartida en tres días. Podemos ir a casa y volver a la iglesia de nuevo, pero en realidad no "comenzamos" ni "terminamos" nuestras celebraciones diarias durante este tiempo.

Sábado Santo, Según una tradición muy antigua, esta noche es una vigilia para el Señor, y la Vigilia que celebramos durante ese momento, para conmemorar aquella noche santa en la que el Señor resucitó de entre los muertos, es considerada como la madre de todas las vigencias santas. Puesto que en aquella noche la Iglesia se mantiene en vigilia, esperando la resurrección del Señor y celebra los sacramentos de la iniciación cristiana. El sábado por la noche, ya es considerado litúrgicamente Domingo y es allí donde inicia el día de la Resurrección que se prolonga por ocho días, por medio de la Octava de Pascua.

Cirio Pascual El cirio pascual es un símbolo de Cristo, "la luz de la gloria esparciendo la oscuridad de nuestros corazones y mentes". Se trata de una vela genuina, y su diseño y tamaño debe ser proporcional al santuario en el que se colocará. Durante la Vigilia Pascual y a lo largo de la Pascua, el cirio pascual debe ser colocado en el santuario, cerca del altar o del ambón. Colocada en el ambón, es como si Cristo nos estuviera enseñando a nosotros y a los nuevos confirmados.

Después de la Pascua se la traslada a un lugar de honor en el baptisterio, para uso en la celebración del bautismo.

Durante un funeral, el cirio pascual se coloca cerca del ataúd para indicar que la muerte de un cristiano es su propia pascua.

Resurrección significa que Cristo triunfó sobre la muerte y con esto nos abrió las puertas del Cielo. En la Misa dominical, por medio de la liturgia, hacemos presente de una manera especial este gran misterio de la Resurrección. Cuando celebramos la Resurrección de Cristo, estamos celebrando también nuestra propia liberación. Celebramos la derrota del pecado y de la muerte.

En la Resurrección encontramos la clave de la esperanza cristiana: si Jesús está vivo y está junto a nosotros ¿Qué podemos temer? ¿Qué nos puede preocupar? San Pablo nos dice: "Si Cristo no hubiera resucitado, vana sería nuestra fe"





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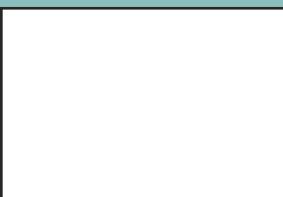


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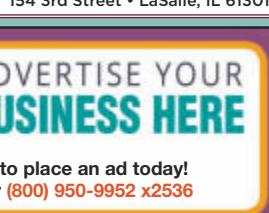
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