

HOLY WEEK: THE MOST SACRED TIME OF THE YEAR

Holy Week begins with **PALM SUNDAY**. The liturgy of this day begins with the joy of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but then it also includes the solemn



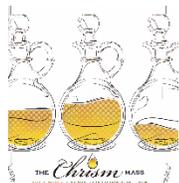
proclamation of his Passion and Death. Our participation in Palm Sunday is our entrance into Holy Week and an

expression of our desire to accompany Christ in a closer, more intimate way. We take home palm branches as reminders of this liturgy. Later, according to an ancient practice, those same palm branches are burned to become the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday.

At some time during Holy Week, often on Tuesday or

*Wednesday, most dioceses will celebrate the **Chrism Mass**. At this*

celebration—usually at the diocesan cathedral—the bishop will bless and distribute the three holy oils used at churches throughout the year: The oil used to anoint the sick, and the oil of Catechumens and Sacred Chrism used when new members are initiated into the church.



Easter Triduum



ONE LITURGICAL CELEBRATION!

The Triduum consists of three twenty-four periods that stretch over four calendar days. Therefore, the Easter Triduum begins at sundown on **Holy Thursday** with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, continues with **Good Friday** and concludes with Easter Sunday celebrations of the Resurrection. Its high point is the celebration of the **Easter Vigil**.

- On **HOLY THURSDAY**, we reenact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. This is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the entire liturgical year. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve disciples, just as Jesus did. Also on this night, priests all over the world will renew their sacred vows. This is because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood.
- On **GOOD FRIDAY**, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the **Veneration of the**

Cross. A service is held at three o'clock in the afternoon (the hour He is believed to have died). We go forward and kiss the Cross in order to show honor and respect for Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

- **HOLY SATURDAY** we celebrate the **EASTER VIGIL**. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior. This was the day He went down into the netherworld in order to bring back up with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed and no one could go there because of the original sin of Adam. Jesus changed all that. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, He gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. Also on this night, persons who have spent months of preparation will be received through Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. It is a joyous occasion!



Join us!

<p>Sunday, March 20, 2016 Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord Vigil Mass: Saturday, 5 PM. Sunday Masses: 7:30 AM, 9 AM (Procession at 8:45 AM), 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM</p>	<p>March 24, 2016 Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM</p>	<p>March 25, 2016 Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion 3 PM</p>	<p>March 26, 2016 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, 8 PM March 27, 2016 Easter Sunday Masses 7:30 AM, 9AM, 10:30AM & 12:15PM</p>
--	--	--	--

... OTHER HAPPENINGS AT ND!

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES: Wednesday, March 16, at 12:30 PM (*following our 12:10 PM Mass*) and at 7:30 PM (*a meditative service with music and Benediction*).



EASTER EGG HUNT: Saturday, March 19, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, on our church grounds. Ages 5 to 8 will have their own space. Isn't that great?! Ages 4 and under will laugh, cheer & create such a thunder!

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT: Monday & Tuesday evenings, March 21 & 22, at 7:30 PM. Fr. Tony will provide great spiritual fuel as we journey toward the Cross and Resurrection during the holiest of weeks!



OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, March 25, at 1:30 PM. Join Fr. Paddy as he leads us in prayer and reflection on an outdoor walk of the Stations of the Cross.

LENTEN SOUP & FELLOWSHIP: Friday, March 25, 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Enjoy a bowl (or more!) of homemade soup and some crusty bread – and the warmth and companionship. Free will donations are forwarded to help those in need.



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, March 25, 8 PM. A group of faith-filled parishioners bring this special presentation of the Lord's journey to the Cross.