



## *St. Clare of Assisi Parish- Holy Week Schedule*

Friday liturgy there is a solemn presence and the sanctuary and church is bare and plain. There is no consecrated Host in the Tabernacle; the eucharist was carried away on Holy Thursday night to the "altar of repose" to signify Jesus' death. The Tabernacle door is open to signify nothing is present. Jesus is gone. For the faithful it is a day of prayer and mourning. At the beginning of Good Friday's liturgy, the priest enters the church in silence and proceeds to the sanctuary where he prostrates in front of the altar. The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass, and the presiding priest will prostrate in front of the altar before beginning the liturgy. Because this is not a mass communion will be distributed with the Eucharist which was consecrated at Holy Thursday mass. The liturgy usually takes place at 3pm, the hour that Jesus breathed and died nailed to the cross. Veneration of the Cross will take place at the end of the liturgy, where the community processes to where the cross is placed venerating it by either touching or kissing it.

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

Jesus is now laid in the tomb. On this day Christ is in the tomb. There is no Mass on Holy Saturday. Again, it is a day of fasting and sorrow, before the Easter Vigil begins that evening. We remember, with Mary and the disciples, that Jesus died and was separated from them for the first time as he lay in the tomb. Jesus descended to the realm of the dead on Holy Saturday to save the righteous souls, such as the Old Testament patriarchs, who died before his crucifixion. The [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#) calls Jesus' descent into the realm of the dead "the last phase of Jesus' messianic mission," during which he "opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before him." Before Holy Saturday, there were no souls enjoying the beatific vision of God in heaven!

### **EASTER VIGIL / EASTER SUNDAY**

This Easter Vigil is a joyous and beautiful and longer lasting liturgy which is divided into four parts: 1) the service of light, *lumen Christi* 2) the liturgy of the Word, 3) the liturgy of Baptism, and 4) the liturgy of the Eucharist. This is also the Mass where many in RCIA are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church.

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Easter Sunday is the day in which the faithful have been preparing for 40 days of Lent with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving culminating in the Pascal mystery of the resurrection. For this reason, Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of feasts', the 'Solemnity of solemnities'. The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him." (CCC #1168, 1169)

### **THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the Easter Triduum, also known as the Sacred Triduum, or Paschal Triduum. Basically, the Sacred Triduum is the great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, which is the events of Jesus Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God gave his life in atonement for our sins.

It is known as the "Paschal Mystery" because it is the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish Passover, which itself was the reminder of how God brought the Jews out of slavery in Egypt. The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the Passover meal and consumed, and that night the angel of wrath "passed over" the homes marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb, and those whose door mantle was covered by the Blood of the sacrificed lamb were spared. This was the Old Testament enactment of Jesus' Last Supper—where now he took the place of the Paschal Lamb—and Calvary, where he was crucified to save us from our slavery to sin. It is for this that when we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, that we eat and consume the victim who died for our sins - Jesus body and blood.

The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan for redemption for fallen humanity through the Passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Easter Triduum is composed of the following three days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday- Easter Sunday.

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

The only mass celebrated on Holy Thursday is in the evening and referred to as the Mass of the Lord's Supper. This is where the Church relives the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood, which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified.

After the homily there is the washing of the feet, where the priest washes the feet of twelve, representing the twelve disciples, also as a sign of how priesthood should be of service to others, just as Jesus did with his disciples. At this mass, a larger number of hosts are consecrated to be used the next day, Good Friday when no Mass will be celebrated.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday ends with a procession in the church proper of the Blessed Sacrament to the "altar of repose," and the community remains in silent prayer usually to the late hours of the night.

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Good Friday is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is the day of the crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world. At the Good

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### Palm Sunday Weekend

Saturday, April 13, 2019

5:00 p.m. - English

### Palm Sunday / Domenica delle Palme

Sunday, April 14, 2019

9:00 a.m. - Italian

10:30 a.m. - English

12:00 p.m. - English



### Confessions / Confessioni

Monday, April 15, 2019

8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

### Holy Thursday - Giovedì Santo

Thursday, April 18, 2019

7:30 p.m. - Mass & Adoration

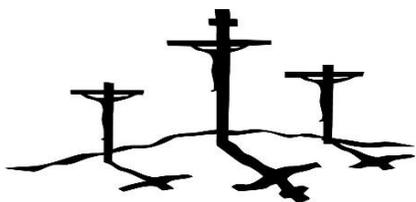
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### Holy Thursday Confessions

8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
until midnight in the chapel



### Good Friday / Venerdì Santo

Friday, April 19, 2019

1:00 p.m. - Italian

3:00 p.m. - English

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross  
English and Italian



### Holy Saturday / Sabato Santo

Saturday, April 20, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Blessing of the Baskets

### There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday

### Easter Vigil Mass / Messa della Vigilia

Saturday, April 20, 2019

7:30 p.m.

English, with some Italian



### Easter Sunday / Pasqua

Sunday, April 21, 2019

9:00 a.m. - Italian

10:30 a.m. - English

12:00 p.m. - English

### Easter Monday / Lunedì di Pasqua

Monday, April 22, 2019

7:30 a.m. - English

There is NO EVENING MASS. Only  
morning mass.

Happy Easter ... Buona Pasqua