

**HOLY WEEK
MASS SCHEDULE
2026**

TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST, 2026 : 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2026 : 9:00 AM

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

**APRIL 2ND, 2026
(NO MORNING MASS)**

**7:00 PM
MASS OF THE LORD SUPPER
PRAYER IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT UNTIL 10:00 PM**

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

APRIL 3RD, 2026

**11:00 AM
3:00 PM**

Holy Saturday

APRIL 4TH, 2026

**1:00 PM (BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD)
7:00 PM (EASTER VIGIL)**

Easter Sunday

APRIL 5TH, 2026

**9:00 AM
11:00 AM**

LORD JESUS CHRIST,

as we enter this Holy Week, draw
our hearts close to yours.

On Palm Sunday, help us to
welcome you with sincere praise and
to follow you faithfully, even when
the path leads through suffering.

On Holy Thursday, deepen our love
for the gift of the Eucharist and
teach us to serve one another with
humility and compassion.

On Good Friday, keep us near your
Cross. When we face sorrow, doubt,
or pain, remind us that your mercy is
stronger than sin and your love
stronger than death.

In the quiet of Holy Saturday, grant
us patient hope. When we wait in
darkness or uncertainty, help us to
trust that you are at work, bringing
life where we cannot yet see it.

And on Easter morning, fill us with
the joy of your Resurrection. Renew
our faith, strengthen our hope, and
send us forth as witnesses to your
saving love.

Amen.



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Dear Parishioners,

Holy Week is the heart of the Church's year. In these sacred days, we do not simply remember events from long ago; we enter into the saving mysteries of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. The liturgies move with deliberate care, drawing us step by step into the deepest truth of our faith: that God's love is stronger than sin and death.

We begin with Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. With palms in our hands, we join the joyful crowd that welcomes Jesus into Jerusalem. Yet the mood quickly shifts as we proclaim the Passion. In a single liturgy we experience both praise and betrayal, glory and suffering. Palm Sunday teaches us that discipleship is not only about acclaim, but about following Christ even when the road leads to the Cross.

On Holy Thursday, we gather for the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Here we recall the gift of the Eucharist and the institution of the priesthood. Jesus kneels to wash the feet of his disciples, revealing that true authority is expressed in humble service. As the altar is stripped and the Blessed Sacrament carried in procession, we keep watch with the Lord in the garden, learning to remain with him in love and fidelity.

Good Friday is stark and solemn. We listen again to the Passion and venerate the Cross. There is no Mass; the Church stands in silence before the mystery of Christ's sacrifice. In the wood of the Cross, we see both the depth of human sin and the immeasurable mercy of God. We are invited to bring our own sufferings and unite them with his.

Holy Saturday is a day of waiting. The Church is quiet, resting at the tomb. Then, after nightfall, the Easter Vigil bursts forth with fire and light. Salvation history unfolds, and we renew our baptismal promises, rejoicing that Christ has conquered death.

Easter Sunday proclaims the triumph of life. The empty tomb is not an ending, but a beginning. As we move through Holy Week, we are invited not only to observe these mysteries, but to allow them to transform us, so that we may live as people of the Resurrection.

Yet the celebration of Easter Sunday is not the end of the Church's meditation on the Resurrection. Instead, it opens into fifty days of rejoicing in which we begin to unpack what this rising from the dead truly means. During the Easter season, the Scriptures proclaim the appearances of the Risen Lord his encounters with Mary Magdalene, with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, with Thomas in his doubt, and with the apostles gathered in fear.

Again and again, the Lord comes into the midst of his people, speaks peace, opens the Scriptures, breaks the bread, and sends them forth. These weeks teach us that the Resurrection is not merely a past event, but a living reality that reshapes fear into courage, doubt into faith, and despair into mission.

At the same time, we begin to hear from the Acts of the Apostles about the birth of the early Christian community. The Resurrection does not remain a private consolation; it forms a people. We see believers devoted to prayer, to the breaking of the bread, and to fellowship. This great fifty-day celebration culminates in the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the Church. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead now fills his followers with boldness and joy, sending them into the world to proclaim the Gospel. In this way, the Church comes to understand that the Resurrection is not only something Christ experienced, but something into which we are drawn, a new life that continues to unfold in the community of faith.

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