

**HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>:**

**9:00 p.m. VIGIL MASS OF THE RESURRECTION - Holy Trinity Church**



The Church is as it were at the Lord's tomb, mediating on His passion, His death, and His descent to the dead, and awaiting His resurrection with prayer and fasting.

On this most holy night when Our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church calls all of us together to watch and pray as we await the Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour.

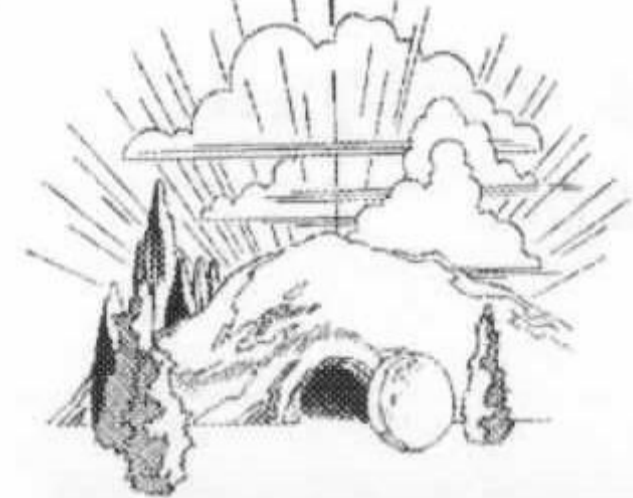
**During The Easter Vigil Celebration, The Church Celebrates:**

1) Christ, as the light of the world and the Easter Proclamation, 2) meditates on the wonderful works which the Lord God wrought for His people from the earliest times, 3) celebrates together with any new members reborn in Baptism, and 4) commemorates Christ's death and resurrection at the table prepared by the Lord for His Church, until He comes in glory at the end of time. The Easter Vigil Celebration is the culminating moment for many adults throughout the world who have been preparing to be received into the Roman Catholic Church through their reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. United with them in prayer, we share their joy and welcome them. Our celebration of concludes with a reception in our parish hall. If there are any new members to our community, we welcome those who have been received into our Church during the Easter Vigil celebration.

**EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>:**

**9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass - Holy Trinity Church**  
**11:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass - St. Joachim's Church**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!*



Easter has 50 days. It begins on Easter Sunday and ends on Pentecost. It is the time to reflect on and delight in the wonders we celebrated at the Easter Vigil: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

**Jesus Christ Is Risen !**

**Alleluia ! Praise The Lord !**

**A Happy And Blessed Easter To Everyone !**

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**SUN. APR. 1<sup>ST</sup> - SUN. APR. 8<sup>TH</sup>**

As a reminder, please place this Holy Week schedule in a prominent place in your home. Included in the following Holy Week schedule you will find a brief description of each celebration which will help us understand, prepare for, and enrich the experience we have of each celebration. All parishioners are encouraged to arrange their schedules so they will be able to attend the 3 principal celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the most important and central mysteries of our faith. On those three most holiest days of the year we celebrate "the triduum of the crucified, the buried and the risen". It is also called the "Easter Triduum" because during those three days we celebrate the "Paschal Mystery", the passing of our Lord from this world to His Father.



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION / PENANCE ( CONFESSIONS ):**

Tues. Apr. 3<sup>RD</sup> 11:00 - 12:00 noon - Holy Trinity  
Wed. Apr. 4<sup>TH</sup> 11:00 - 12:00 noon - St. Joachim's  
Thurs. Apr. 5<sup>TH</sup> 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Holy Trinity  
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**PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY - SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> & APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>:**

Saturday March 31<sup>ST</sup> 4:00 p.m. Mass - St. Joachim's Church  
Saturday March 31<sup>ST</sup> 6:00 p.m. Mass - Holy Trinity Church  
Sunday April 1<sup>ST</sup> 9:30 a.m. Mass - Holy Trinity Church  
Sunday April 1<sup>ST</sup> 11:30 a.m. Mass - St. Joachim's Church



In Biblical times, palms were laid on the ground to keep dust from flying up in the faces of royalty or government officials as they rode in their processions. With the use of palms, Mass today recalls the messianic entrance of the Lord Jesus into Jerusalem which leads to His Paschal Mystery, his passion, death and resurrection. Palms are blessed and everyone is invited to take one and place it in their home as a reminder of the victory of Christ and of these holy days of the Lord's blessings upon us.



**TUESDAY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>:**

11:00 - 12:00 noon Confessions - Holy Trinity Church  
12:00 noon Mass - Holy Trinity Church

**6:30 p.m. Mass Of Chrism - Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**

The Bishop celebrates Mass with his priests, consecrates the Holy Chrism and blesses the oils for use in administering the Sacraments throughout the year in all churches of the diocese. The Chrism Mass shows the communion of the priests with their Bishop in the same priesthood and ministry of Christ. The priests who concelebrate with their Bishop show in the consecration of the Chrism to be his witnesses and cooperators, just as in their daily ministry they are his helpers and counsellors. For all priests of the diocese the "Renewal Of Commitment To Priestly Service" takes place during this celebration. They publicly renew their priestly promises of obedience to their Bishop and to be faithful in fulfilling their office in the Church.

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>:**

11:00 - 12:00 noon Confessions - St. Joachim's Church  
12:00 noon Mass - St. Joachim's Church

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

**( HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, HOLY SATURDAY )**

The greatest mysteries of our redemption are celebrated yearly by the Church beginning with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until Easter Sunday. This time is called "the triduum of the crucified, the buried and the risen". It is also called the "Easter Triduum" because during these three days the Church celebrates the "Paschal Mystery", the passing of our Lord from this world to His Father. The Church celebrates this central mystery of our faith through liturgical and sacramental signs, and is united to Christ, her spouse, in intimate communion.

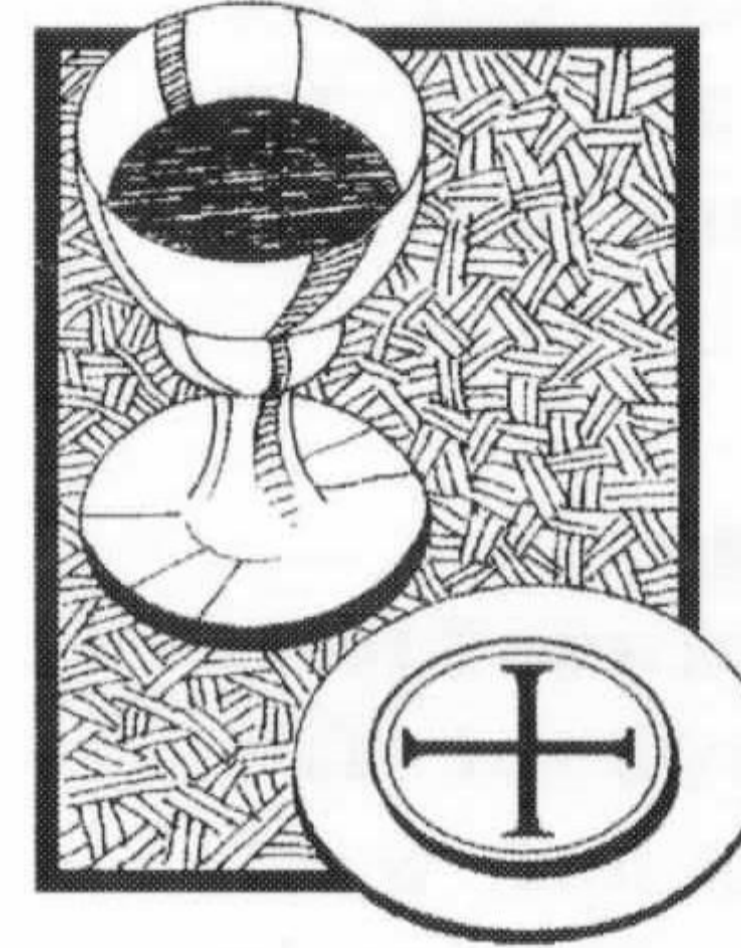
**HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>:**

7:00 p.m. Mass Of The Lord's Supper - Holy Trinity Church  
7:00 p.m. Mass Of The Lord's Supper - St. Joachim's Church  
- Confession after Mass at both churches.  
- Blessed Sacrament Adoration after Mass at both churches.

**The Mysteries Commemorated On Holy Thursday**

**During The Mass Of The Lord's Supper Are:**

1) the institution of the Eucharist, 2) the institution of the Priesthood, 3) Christ's command for us to follow his example of loving service to others, expressed through the washing of the feet of the apostles which represents the service and charity of Christ,



who came "not to be served, but to serve". Following this Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper everyone is encouraged to spend a suitable period of time in the Church in adoration with the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the Tabernacle, recalling how alone our Lord was in His anguish and suffering as He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. What better time to be with our Lord in His suffering for us, as we recall Jesus' question to His disciples: "Could you not keep awake one hour with me"?

**GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>:**

1:00 p.m. Passion Of Our Lord - Holy Trinity Church  
3:00 p.m. Passion Of Our Lord - St. Joachim's Church



The Paschal Fast (fasting and abstinence from meat) is sacred on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, in which according to sacred tradition, the Church fasts "because Christ, the Spouse, has been taken away". On this day of extreme mourning in the Church the faithful are encouraged to make the "Paschal Fast" today and tomorrow to honour the suffering and death of Jesus and to prepare more fully to celebrate with uplifted hearts in the joy of His Resurrection. Those unable to fast are encouraged to do some other form of meaningful penance.

**On Good Friday when "Christ, Our Passover, was Sacrificed",**

**The Church:**

- 1) meditates on the Passion of our Lord,
- 2) venerates the Cross, 3) commemorates the Church's origin from the side of Christ asleep on the Cross, and
- 4) intercedes for the salvation of the whole world.

**7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Movie "Jesus of Nazareth" - St. Joachim's**  
Jesus' final days - the last 2 hours of Franco's Zeffirelli's over 6 hour masterpiece will be shown in the parish centre.