

Holy Week 2020

TOGETHER IN FAITH (WHEN WE'RE APART)

Celebrating the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ Together with our St. Joseph Parish Community

DAY	WHAT WE ARE OBSERVING	HOW WE CAN CELEBRATE TOGETHER
<p>Palm Sunday APRIL 5</p> 	<p>On Palm Sunday, we commemorate and celebrate Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. He is our king, whose power is ultimately shown in his passion, death, and resurrection.</p> <p>Readings can be found here.</p>	<p>Between 10am and noon: Walk with your family while carrying palms (use last year's palms if you have them) or other plants that are similar. After your walk, place the palms on your front door or in a window.</p> <p>Suggested hymns: <i>Hosanna, All Glory, Laud, and Honor.</i></p>
<p>EASTER TRIDUUM</p>	<p>The Easter Triduum marks the three holiest days of the year, beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. Liturgically, it is one continuous celebration from Mass on Thursday, through the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Friday, concluding with the Easter Vigil.</p>	
<p>Holy Thursday APRIL 9</p> 	<p>On Holy Thursday, we celebrate Jesus sharing the Last Supper (the Passover meal) with his disciples, during which Christ washed the disciples' feet and instituted the Most Holy Eucharist, in which he gives us his own Body and Blood. Traditionally, after this liturgy, we process to a place of adoration, keeping watch with Christ as he prays in the garden.</p> <p>Readings can be found here.</p>	<p>Between 6 and 8pm: Hold a foot washing ceremony with your family, read the Gospel account of the Last Supper, and then keep a silent, prayerful vigil to signify the watch Christ asked his disciples to keep in the Garden of Gethsemane. Consider meditating on traditional hymns from the Holy Thursday liturgy.</p> <p>Suggested hymns: <i>Glory in the Cross, Love is His Word, Pange Lingua, Stay with Me.</i></p> <p>Have a special dinner and adorn the table with candles and flowers, then strip everything until Easter Sunday morning. Place a red ribbon on your crucifix until Sunday, exchanging it then for white.</p>
<p>Good Friday APRIL 10</p> 	<p>On Good Friday, we commemorate the passion (the suffering and crucifixion) and death of Christ. Traditionally this liturgy consists of three parts: a reading of the passion of Christ, veneration of the cross with the Solemn Intercessions, and distribution of communion. The Church typically remains in solemn silence throughout the service.</p> <p>Readings can be found here.</p>	<p>Throughout the day: Fast from food, music, devices, or whatever you're able to do. This is a day unlike any other during the year.</p> <p>At 1:30pm: Pray the Stations of the Cross with your family. You can do this in your home or on a walk through your neighborhood.</p> <p>At 3pm: Read the story of the passion with your family, find a cross or crucifix to venerate (kiss or touch), and silently reflect on Christ's death.</p> <p>Suggested hymns: <i>O Sacred Head, Surrounded, Behold the Wood, Crux Fidelis, Were You There?</i></p>
<p>Holy Saturday APRIL 11</p> 	<p>On Holy Saturday, we remember Jesus buried in the tomb. It is a day of waiting, of mourning and grief, of stillness.</p> <p>The Easter Vigil is held at night. Christians hold this vigil of light by processing into the church with candles, listening to Scripture readings from throughout salvation history, welcoming new members into the Body of Christ, and singing a triumphant "Alleluia" as we leave the church, in celebration of Christ's resurrection.</p> <p>Readings can be found here.</p>	<p>During the day: Pray and fast, quietly remembering Jesus in the tomb, his descent into hell, and the grief of Mary and the disciples. Find an image of the Pietà to inspire your prayer.</p> <p>Between 7 and 9pm: Find candles in your home for everyone present. Light them and take a processional walk through your neighborhood. Consider leaving a candle on your front step throughout the night in celebration of Christ, the light of the world that darkness will never overcome.</p> <p>Suggested hymns: <i>Alleluia, All Creatures of Our God and King, I Am the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ Is Risen Today.</i></p>
<p>Easter Sunday APRIL 12</p> <p>ALLELUIA*</p>	<p>The Easter liturgy is the most joyful and important celebration of the year. Christians will often use the greeting, "He is risen," and response, "He is risen, indeed," to mark this special day in the life of the Church.</p> <p>Readings can be found here.</p>	<p>In the morning: Decorate a cross or crucifix with flowers or images of butterflies and display it in your home or on your front door. If you have children, consider drawing flowers with chalk on your sidewalk. If you have them, light family member's baptismal candles and share the stories of those special days.</p> <p>Suggested hymns: <i>Hallelujah, My Father, Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Three Days.</i></p>