



**HOLY WEEK 2023
AT THE
BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE
GUELPH, ONTARIO**

Holy Week is the heart of the entire Church year. The very name “Holy Week” highlights this time as unique among weeks of the year, as it is the week in which we solemnly recall the events that brought about our salvation. The rituals of the Church throughout this week both remember and make present the passing of Jesus from death to new life. Bold signs and symbols are everywhere during this week, as they tell a powerful story of faith.

The spiritual journey of Holy Week moves quickly and dramatically from Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to His Passion and Death. Holy Thursday rituals are like a refreshing pause, a few hours of rejoicing before the full reality of Jesus’ suffering envelops us on Good Friday. Then there is a quiet waiting until the glory of the Resurrection dawns upon us at the Easter Vigil, continuing on Easter Sunday, and throughout the Octave of Easter.

Many of the liturgies of Holy Week do not feel like they are finished, as we get up and walk out without music or ceremony. We are left to feel as if there should be something more, and truly we ought to feel that way, for indeed there is more. The best way to truly enter into the experience of Holy Week is to come to the liturgy of each day. Please consider doing that, even if you have never done it before. All of Holy Week should be experienced as one great liturgy, culminating in the Easter Proclamation, **“He Is Risen, Alleluia!”**

NOTE

Much of the description of Holy Week is lifted from the book “Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year According to the Modern Roman Rite” by Bishop Peter Elliott. Bishop Elliott’s books are highly recommended to anyone who desires a better understanding of the rites and ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church.

Liturgies and Confessions During Holy Week

Palm Sunday

April 1 / 2

Saturday, April 1	Confessions	8:00am – 8:45am 10:30am – 12:00pm 3:00pm – 5:00pm
	Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	5:15pm
Sunday, April 2	Palm Sunday Mass	9:00am
	Solemn Mass	11:00am
	A Walk Through Holy Week	7:00pm *

A Walk Through Holy Week

On the evening of Palm Sunday, April 2, you are welcome to take part in an evening with Bishop Wayne Lobsinger as he takes us on a liturgical walk through the ceremonies of Holy Week. The Bishop's talk will be preceded by a Service of Lamentations by alumnae of St. Michael's Choir School.

Monday of Holy Week

April 3

The Office of Lauds (<i>Morning Prayer</i>)	8:30am
Parish Mass	9:00am
Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral of Christ the King	2:00pm

Tuesday of Holy Week

April 4

The Office of Lauds (<i>Morning Prayer</i>)	8:30am
Parish Mass	9:00am
Eucharistic Adoration	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Confessions	5:00pm – 7:00pm
The Office of Vespers (<i>Evening Prayer</i>)	6:30pm
Parish Mass	7:00pm

Wednesday of Holy Week

April 5

The Office of Lauds (<i>Morning Prayer</i>)	7:00am
Parish Mass	7:30am
Eucharistic Adoration	8:30am – 12:00pm
Parish Mass	12:15pm
Eucharistic Adoration	5:00pm - 7:00pm
Confessions (<i>Last Confessions before Easter</i>)	5:00pm – 7:00pm
The Office of Tenebrae	7:30pm (this has been corrected from 7:00 pm)

The Office of Tenebrae

Traditionally the evening before the Paschal Triduum begins the Church would celebrate the noble, solemn and very moving **Office of Tenebrae**. "Tenebrae", the Latin word for "Darkness", is a combination of the Hours of Matins and Lauds from the Divine Office for the final days of Holy Week. This year we are pleased to welcome the ***Hamilton Schola Cantorum***, under the direction of The Rev'd Dr. William Renwick, to sing the Office of Tenebrae, with Responsories by the Canadian composer Healey Willan, and the haunting ***Miserere*** by Vittorio Allegri. All are welcome on Wednesday of Holy Week (*Spy Wednesday*), April 5 at 7:30pm

The Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper
Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament
The Office of Compline (*Night Prayer*)

April 6

7:30pm
8:30pm - 10:30pm
10:30pm

Good Friday

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

April 7

11:00am
3:00pm

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Food
The Solemn Easter Vigil
(*Reception to follow the Easter Vigil in the Parish Hall*)

April 8

11:30am
8:00pm

Easter Sunday

Easter Mass at Dawn
Mass of Easter Day
Solemn Mass of Easter

April 9

8:00am
10:00am
12:00 noon

***The Parish Office will close at 4:00pm on Holy Thursday,
and will re-open at 9:00am on Tuesday, April 11***

**May you and your loved ones
have a Blessed Easter**