



Holy Week at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate 2024

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!**”

Liturgies and Confessions During Holy Week

Palm Sunday		March 23/24
Saturday, March 23	Confessions	8:00am – 8:45am
	Mass	9:00am
	Confessions	11:00am – 12:00pm
		3:00pm – 5:00pm
	Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	5:15pm
Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday Mass	9:00am
	Solemn Mass	11:00am
	Lamentations for Holy Week	7:00pm *

***Lamentations for Holy Week**

Once again this year we welcome alumnae from St. Michael's Choir School, under the direction of Philip Sarabura, for a Service of Lamentations. This service, adapted from the ancient Office of Tenebrae, features reflections on Holy Week from Sacred Scripture, and the beautiful setting of the Tenebrae Responsories composed by the Choir School's founder, Monsignor Ronan. All are welcome.

Monday of Holy Week

The Office of Lauds (*Morning Prayer*)

Parish Mass

Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral of Christ the King

March 25

8:30am

9:00am

2:00pm

Tuesday of Holy Week

The Office of Lauds (*Morning Prayer*)

Parish Mass

March 26

8:30am

9:00am

Wednesday of Holy Week

The Office of Lauds (*Morning Prayer*)

Parish Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

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Confessions (***Last Confessions before Easter***)

Mass for the Forty Days for Life

March 27

7:00am

7:30am

8:30am – 12:00pm

12:15pm

4:00pm - 7:00pm

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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.

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*)

March 28

7:30pm

8:30pm - 11:00pm

11:00pm

Good Friday

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

March 29

11:00am

3:00pm

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Food

The Solemn Easter Vigil

(Reception to follow the Easter Vigil in the Parish Hall)

March 30

11:30am

7:30pm

Easter Sunday

Easter Mass at Dawn

Mass of Easter Day

Solemn Mass of Easter

March 31

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 2***

**May You, And Your Loved Ones,
Have A Blessed Easter**