



## Holy Week at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate 2026

Holy Week is the very heart of the entire Church year. The very word “Holy” highlights this week as unique among weeks of the year, as it is the week when we 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, including the institution of the Eucharist, are like a refreshing pause, a few hours of rejoicing before the full reality of Jesus’ suffering envelopes us on Good Friday. Then there is a quiet waiting until the glory of the Resurrection dawns upon us at the Easter Vigil, and again on Easter Sunday.

Once again this year, we will celebrate the ***Office of Tenebrae*** on Palm Sunday evening, and in the mornings on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. “Tenebrae”, the Latin word for “Darkness”, is a combination of the Liturgies for the Hours of Matins and Lauds from the Divine Office for the final days of Holy Week. On Palm Sunday evening Tenebrae will be sung by alumnae of St. Michael’s Choir School. This year we will welcome our brothers and sisters from St. George’s Anglican Church to join us for Tenebrae on Palm Sunday.

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. Truly, we ought to feel that way, for indeed there is more. 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 28/29**

Confessions      Saturday, March 28

8:00am – 9:00am

*Mass at 9:00am*

10:00am – 12:00pm

3:00pm – 5:00pm

Masses            Saturday, March 28

5:15pm

                      Sunday, March 29

9:00am

11:00am

Tenebrae         Sunday, March 29

7:00pm

### **Monday of Holy Week**

**March 30**

The Office of Lauds

8:30am

Parish Mass

9:00am

Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral in Hamilton

2:00pm

*All are welcome to attend the Chrism Mass.*

### **Tuesday of Holy Week**

**March 31**

The Office of Lauds

8:30am

Parish Mass

9:00am

Confessions

4:00pm – 7:00pm

The Office of Vespers

4:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration

4:00pm – 7:00pm

### **Wednesday of Holy Week**

**April 1**

The Office of Lauds

7:00am

Parish Mass

7:30am

Perpetual Help Devotions

8:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

8:30am – 12:00pm

Parish Mass

12:15pm

The Office of Vespers

4:00pm

Confessions

4:00 – 7:00pm

## **The Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum**

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>April 2</b>
The Office of Tenebrae ( <i>In the Crypt</i> )	8:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00pm
<i>Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament after Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	
The Office of Compline ( <i>Night Prayer</i> )	10:45pm

<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>April 3</b>
The Office of Tenebrae ( <i>In the Crypt</i> )	8:00am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	11:00am
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	3:00pm

<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>April 4</b>
Blessing of Easter Food	11:30am
The Solemn Easter Vigil	7:00pm
<i>Reception to follow the Easter Vigil in the Parish Hall</i>	

<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>April 5</b>
Mass at Dawn	8:00am
Mass of Easter Day	10:00am
Solemn Mass of Easter Day	12:00 noon

***Please note that the Parish Office will close at 12:00noon  
on Holy Thursday, and will open at 9:00am on Tuesday, April 7.***

**Have A Blessed Easter**