

Our Mother of Consolation Parish

Holy Week 2024

Passion/Palm Sunday – March 24

Most people call today Palm Sunday. It is a day for processing. The Gospels tell us that the people waved branches to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. So today, we also wave branches. The 40 days of Lent have been a time to travel in spirit to the holy city of Jerusalem. Today, we enter the city. Before each of the Masses, we will gather for the Blessing of Palm and Procession.



Wednesday of Holy Week – March 27~ Tenebrae ~ 7:30 PM

The word Tenebrae is Latin for “shadows” or “darkness.” A combination of the psalms, readings, prayers, and extinguishing of candles, allows us to experience the darkness of the earth at Jesus’ death.

Holy Thursday – March 28 ~ Mass of the Lord’s Supper ~ 7:30 PM



The Paschal Triduum begins this night. It initiates the “one liturgy” of the three days. On this night, we collect the Lenten alms, money, and goods for the poor, which we have been putting aside throughout Lent. We wash feet, celebrate the Lord’s Supper, and then we keep watch with Christ. Everyone is asked to be opened to having your feet washed. Adoration follows the Liturgy until 9:00 PM.

Good Friday – March 29

On this day we call “Good,” we remember the death of Jesus on the cross just outside the walls of Jerusalem. This moment will be completed the following day as the Saturday night hours change into Sunday and death turns into resurrection.



The Way of the Cross ~12:00 PM & The Celebration of the Lord’s Passion ~7:30 PM

These two opportunities, one devotional and one liturgical, help us remember the sorrowful journey that Jesus made with His cross to die on Calvary for the love of us.

Holy Saturday – March 30

Blessing of Easter Food ~ 11:00 AM

It is a custom in various cultures to bless the First food that will be eaten by the family on Easter. Those who wish to have a sampling of their family’s Easter dinner blessed are welcome to gather on the rectory porch at 11:00AM.



The Easter Vigil ~ 7:30 PM

In the midst of the early dark of night, a fire begins to flicker outside the church. An Easter Candle, boldly marked with the symbols of the current year and of Christ’s divinity and glorious suffering, is lit from the new fire. Carried prominently into the midst of the people, it is heralded with joyful song: “Christ our Light.... Thanks be to God.” From this one light, the candles of hundreds of assembled believers are lit until the church is ablaze with new light. Our celebration of the Easter Vigil will begin with the lighting of the Easter fire.

Please Note: There are no confessions or 4:30 PM Mass on Holy Saturday.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES – March 31 ~ 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM