

HOLY WEEK 2024

<p style="text-align: center;">PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24th</p> <p>8:00 AM Low Mass (without sermon)</p> <p>10:00 AM Blessing and Distribution of the Palms, followed by Procession and High Mass</p> <p>5:00 PM Rosary followed by Benediction</p> <p><i>This is the glorious mystery which ushers in the great week, the week of dolors. Holy Church would have us give this momentary consolation to our heart, and hail our Jesus as our King. She has so arranged the service of today, that it should express both joy and sorrow; joy, by uniting herself with the loyal hosannas of the city of David; and sorrow, by compassionating the Passion of her divine Spouse.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SPY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th</p> <p>10:00 AM High Mass and Singing of the Passion according to St. Luke</p> <p>5:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae</p> <p><i>On this and the two following days, the Church anticipates the night Office (Tenebrae; she celebrates it on the previous evening of each day, and this in order that the faithful may be present at it. The Matins and Lauds of Maundy Thursday, are, therefore, said this afternoon. The faithful should make every effort to assist at this solemn Office, seeing it is on their account that the Church has changed her usual hours. As to the merit there is in joining in it, there can be no doubt that it is to be preferred to any private devotions.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28th</p> <p>10:00 AM Pontifical High Mass and Consecration of the Holy Oils, followed by Vespers and Stripping of the the Altar</p> <p><i>Adoration at the Altar of Repose continues from after the Mass until tomorrow's Mass of the Pre-sanctified.</i></p> <p>5:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae</p> <p><i>The Mass of Maundy Thursday is one of the most solemn of the year. The Church would have the anniversary of the last Supper to be celebrated with all possible splendor. The priest intones the angelic hymn, Glory be to God in the highest! and the bells ring forth a joyous peal, which continues during the whole of the heavenly canticle: but from that moment they remain silent, and their long silence produces, in every heart, a sentiment of holy mournfulness.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29th</p> <p>11:15 AM The Stations of the Cross</p> <p>12:00 PM Tre Ore begins; Adoration of the Cross; Pontifical Mass of the Pre-sanctified with sung Passion; Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross</p> <p>5:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae</p> <p><i>Filled with holy indignation at the humiliations heaped upon her Jesus, the Church invites us to a solemn act of reparation: it is to consist in venerating that cross which our divine Lord has borne to the summit of Calvary, and to which He is to be fastened with nails. The cross is the trophy of Jesus' victory, and the instrument of the world's redemption. It is worthy of our deepest veneration.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30th</p> <p>9:00 AM Blessing of the Fire, Singing of the Exultet, Prophecies, Blessing of the Font, Litany of the Saints, High Mass, and Vespers</p> <p>4:30 PM Confessions</p> <p><i>The bishop rises and, filled with holy ardor, intones the Alleluia. At this moment all mournfulness is at an end. One feels that God has accepted the expiatory works of our Lent; and that, by the merits of His Son now risen from the grave, He pardons our earth, since He permits us to hear once more the song of heaven.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31st</p> <p>8:00 AM Low Mass Coffee and Doughnuts following Mass</p> <p>10:00 AM Pontifical High Mass Coffee and Doughnuts following Mass</p> <p>5:00 PM Rosary followed by Benediction</p> <p><i>The Feasts of religion should always be kept as feasts by Christian families: but there is not one, throughout the year, that can be compared to this of Easter, which we have waited for so long and in such sorrow, and which has at length come, bringing with it the riches of God's pardon, and the hope of our immortality.</i></p>