



## Holy Week Schedule 2019 ~ St. Peter Catholic Church

### ***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***

**Saturday, April 13th, Confession ~ 3:00 - 4:00p.m., Vigil Mass ~ 4:30p.m.**

**Sunday, April 14th, Confessions ~ 7:00 - 7:30a.m. ~ Masses: 8:00a.m. and 10:30a.m.**



Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week and recalls the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. This is the sacred day we gather with the whole Church to begin the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery. The palms are blessed in the Parish Hall followed by a solemn procession into the main Church.

**Rice Bowls are due back this weekend. Please return rice bowls to the basket in the Narthex.**

### ***Monday of Holy Week ~ April 15th***

**Morning Mass ~ 7:15a.m., Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

The psalms can open our hearts to a deeper understanding of the readings. Today's psalm reminds us to be patient as we make our pilgrimage to Easter. *"I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord."* Psalm 27



### ***Tuesday of Holy Week ~ April 16th***

**Morning Mass ~ 7:15a.m., Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

The Gospel reading at Mass today focuses on the betrayal of Christ.

**Adoration ~ 8:00a.m. to 6:00p.m., Blessed Sacrament Chapel**



### ***Wednesday of Holy Week ~ April 17th***

**Morning Mass ~ 7:15a.m. Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Weekly School Mass (all are welcome) ~ 9:00a.m. Church**

**Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00p.m.**

**Tenebrae ~ 7:00 - 8:00p.m. Main Church**

This is the last full day of Lent, the eve of the Paschal Triduum, when the forces of darkness are closing in on the Light of the world. It is also referred to as *Spy Wednesday*, meaning exactly what we think it means. It is a reference to Judas' action in Matthew 26:14-16, *"One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What are you willing to give if I hand Him over to you?' They paid thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand Him over."* The liturgical season of Lent ends midday. The Church then enters into the *Paschal Triduum* of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. The three part drama of *Christ's redemption: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.*

Tenebrae, (Latin for darkness or shadows, the name given to the service of Matins and Lauds) belonging to the last three days preceding Easter is celebrated in the hours of darkness in anticipation of the day to come. Please join Fr. Lewis and fellow parishioners for this profound and moving prayerful remembrance of our Savior's death.

## *Easter Triduum*

### *Holy Thursday ~ April 18th*

**Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00p.m. ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7:00p.m. Main Church**

Holy Thursday is also known as Maundy Thursday. The word maundy comes from the Latin word mandatum (commandment). *"I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you."* (John 13:34) These are the words spoken by our Lord to His apostles at the Last Supper, after He completed the washing of the feet. On this beautiful feast day let us remember with gratefulness the gifts of the Priesthood, the institution of the Most Holy Eucharist and the call to be a servant to all through the reminder of the washing of the feet. After the prayer of Communion a procession is formed and the Most Blessed Sacrament is carried through the church to a place of repose.



### *Good Friday ~ Friday of the Passion of The Lord ~ April 19th*

**Obligatory Day of Fasting and Abstinence from Meat**

For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 on. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

**Fourth Grade Living Stations of the Cross ~ 2:00p.m. Main Church**

All Saints Catholic School Fourth Grade Class reenacts the Stations of the Cross

**Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00p.m.**

**Commemoration of the Lord's Passion ~ 7:00p.m. Main Church**

According to ancient tradition the sacraments are not celebrated on Good Friday. The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion is divided into three parts: Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.



### *Holy Saturday ~ April 20th*

**Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00p.m.**

**Easter Vigil in the Holy Night ~ 8:00p.m. Main Church**

On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating on His Passion and Death. Christ lies in the grave, resting in peace after the great battle. This is a day of great calm and quiet, a day one might be working on final preparations for the great feast of the resurrection. As on Good Friday there is no Mass offered on Holy Saturday. The Easter Vigil Mass takes place after sundown and properly belongs to Easter Sunday, since liturgically, each day begins at sundown on the previous day.

## *☞ Easter Sunday ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ☜*

*April 21st*

**Morning Masses 8:00a.m. and 10:30a.m.**

(Easter Egg hunt to follow 10:30a.m. Mass.)

*"Let us sing to the Lord glorious His triumph."*

Easter is the great feast of purest and most complete joy. Joy is at the very heart of the Mass this day.