Keeping the Triduum

Imagine planning for weeks and may be even months to attend an important event in your life and then missing most of it or getting tickets to the Super Bowl and arriving just in time to see people heading for the parking lot. That's what it might be like for people who don't realize that the rituals and reflections of the Triduum are a significant facet of their faith journey.

On a spiritual level, when we miss the Triduum liturgies we miss the remembering of the stories and events that form us as a baptized faithful community living out the paschal mystery-the **<u>dying and rising of Christ</u>**.

The Triduum, which includes Easter, is the highpoint of the liturgical year. It begins with the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. It is time for the faithful to stop and reflect on their Baptism, in order to become renewed in their own baptismal calling.

In the early Church, the Easter Vigil was the only Annual Celebration of Christians. Later through the centuries focusing on the historical unfolding of the events of Christ's passion the celebrations around these great events developed into a longer celebration called the "The Holy Week" what we now call "The Triduum" as reenactment of the historical events in Jesus's life. Vatican II restored the catechumenate- the connection between the Paschal Mystery and the renewal of the Baptismal promises by the faithful, known in most parishes today as the RCIA. With this change, the focus on the Baptismal character of the Triduum and the Easter season reemerged with an emphasis on the already baptized assembly. That focus continues today as the baptized are called to consider more deeply what it means to be baptized into the dying and rising of Jesus and to live as the body of Christ in the world. Renewal in Christ comes with Baptism, which frees people from sin and welcomes them as children of God and members of Christ d of His Church.

Questions for Reflection:

<u>Holy Thursday</u>: How does Jesus' example of *"washing the feet"* translate into action for Christians today? Reflect on the words of Jesus" *"I have given you an example. What I have done, you also must do"*.

<u>Good Friday</u>: Jesus gave his life for our salvation. *For what am I willing to lay down my life?* Jesus entrusted His spirit into the hands of His Father. How willing am I to put my trust in God?

Holy Saturday: On this night, we are asked to reject sin and renew our faith in God and the Church. <u>How does this</u> <u>renewal of baptismal promises help me to live a life of faith</u>?

Actions To Take:

Attend the Triduum services with family or friends

Plan ways to fast from food and activities during the Triduum in order to experience it as a <u>kind of Retreat</u>. With Family or faith-sharing group, talk about what difference your own Baptism makes in your life? Scripture Corner: Jn 13: 1-15; Heb: 4: 14-16; Rom 6: 3-11(Read and reflect on these passages. How are they calling you to prepare to *renew your baptismal promises*?

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Last Week's Offertory- Thank you for your gifts	
Envelopes and Checks	\$1985.00
Loose Cash	\$704.00
Candles	\$30.00
Children's Jar Donations	\$8.35
Mass intentions	\$10.00
Debt Reduction	\$0.00

Easter Flowers



Please consider donating an Easter Flower in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please fill out a request form, found in the vestibule, and return it with a donation of \$25 to the office or the collection basket by March 24, 2024.

<u>Women's Guild Bake Sale</u>



Saturday, March 23 & Sunday, March 24 2024 after Mass in the Memorial Hall If someone in your house likes to bake, we would appreciate your offering.



Quilling Club—March 26

The Quilling Club will meet **Tuesday, March 26 at 5:00—8:00 p.m.** in the Memorial Hall Everyone is welcome!

Easter Egg Hunt

Our Eater Celebration & Easter Egg Hunt will be held directly after Easter Mass on **Sunday, March 31**. Cake, coffee & punch will be served for all in **St. Joseph Hall** and then send all your children to hunt for prize-filled & candy filled eggs. **Candy donations/ pre-filled eggs would be appreciated** & can be left in the vestibule near the donation basket. *Thank you, & Happy Easter. Family chairperson– Amy Star*





Holy Thursday Mass, March 28 at 8:00pm Good Friday Service, March 29 at 7:00pm Easter Saturday Vigil Mass, March 30 at 7:30pm Easter Sunday Mass, March 31 at 8:30am

Join us <u>Sunday, April 7, 2024</u>

after 8:30am Mass for cake & punch to celebrate our parishioners who are turning 90th this year Mary Zalenenski - February 18 Joyce Shankin - February 25

Don Keib - April 26 Bettye Abernathy - May 20 Geri Jones - July 17

Lets wish them all A Happy Blessed Birthday!



Feast of the Divine Mercy

Sunday, April 7th, 2024 at 3:00pm Novena to Divine Mercy will begin March 29, Please pray privately for the next nine days at 3:00pm (Hour of Mercy) Please pick up your copy of the

Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet pamphlet in the vestibule.

Happy Birthday, God Bless You March 24 Elliot Adams March 25 Tommy Wilson, Katie Slater March 26 Kaelyn Johnson March 29 Jonna May Ostulano, Makayla Welch March 30 Alex Suszczynski, Salvador Ruiz, Jonhatan Espino

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MARCH 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 9:00am—12:00pm

Mass Schedule Tuesday—Friday: 9:00am Saturday: 5:30pm (Rosary at 5:00pm) Saturday: 7:00pm Spanish Sunday: 8:30am (Rosary at 8:00am)

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:00pm or By Appointment Marriage: Contact the Office 6 Months in Advance Baptism: By Appointment First Friday Adoration and Benediction 7:00pm

First Saturday Mass and Devotion 9:30am, Brunch to follow

Religious Education Classes: Sunday: 10:00am—11:00am

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Ministry Schedule

<u>Saturday, March 23</u>

Lector: Donnie Keib & Richard Paladino Eucharistic Minister: Mary Frame, Julie West-Troy & Volunteer Servers: Wyatt Prince Gifts: Volunteer Family Ushers: David Testin & Julie West Troy

Saturday Mass March 23 Spanish Mass

Sunday, March 24 Lector: Dennis Morgan & Billy Pace Eucharistic Minister: Patty Wright, Mary Krack & Mike Loiacono Servers: Aubrey Schmidt, TJ Wilson & Jovany Ruiz Gifts: Crow Family Ushers: Grad Wright & Alfredo Perez

Altar Linens April Julie West-Troy

<u>Saturday, March 30</u> Lector: SEE SIGNUP SHEETS Eucharistic Minister: Servers: Gifts: Ushers:

Saturday Mass March 30 No Spanish Mass

<u>Sunday, March 31</u> Lector: SEE SIGNUP SHEETS Eucharistic Minister: Servers: Gifts: Ushers:



Stations of the Cross Good Fridays

at 6:00pm





We cordially welcome all our visitors. Please join us in the hall after Sunday Mass for coffee and fellowship.

Prayer Intention Please pray for:

Teresa Jacobs, Ben Cole, Josie Donaldson, Joyce Shanklin, Sherly Gray, Jerry & Jean Benson, Pam Monaghan, Mike Doubler, Reva Heide and all the sick of our parish.



