

HOLY WEEK READINGS 2026

Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42: 1-7. Song of the Suffering Servant. Victory is achieved quietly, yet it extends to all the earth.

Psalm 27 *“The Lord is my light and my salvation.”*

John 12: 1-11. At the house of Lazarus, Mary anointed the feet of Jesus. Jesus explained “...they prepare me for burial.”

The Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14. This is a description of Jewish ritual for the Passover meal.

Psalm 116: *“Our blessing cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.”*

1 Cor 11: 23-26. Paul, in addressing the factions in the Corinthian community, reminds them that the institution of the Eucharist was handed on by Christ.

John 13: 1-15 Jesus washes the feet of his disciples as he introduces his disciples to the meaning of the Paschal mystery.

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 52:13-53:12. This fourth and most important of the Suffering Servant songs emphasizes the humiliation of the servant in which salvation for the nations is found.

Psalm 31: *“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”*

Hebrews 4:4-16; 5:7-9. Jesus Christ is the great high priest who ministered on the cross once for all.

John 18: 1-19, 42. The passion narrative in John's Gospel portrays Jesus' strength, dignity and freedom in the face of the confusion and denial of his disciples, the leaders and the people. On the cross, his glory is revealed. The church is born.

Holy Saturday, The Easter Vigil and Easter

Genesis 1:1-2:2:2. God speaks, creates the world and its creatures. God sees, declares that it is good. God blesses and rests.

Psalm 104: *“Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.”*

Genesis 22:1-8. The story of Abraham and Isaac. Abraham is put to the test.

Psalm 16: *“You are my inheritance, O Lord.”*

Exodus 14:15-1-1. God’s people pass to safety and freedom through the Red Sea

(Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18). *“Let us sing to the Lord; who is covered in endless glory.”*

Isaiah 54: 5-14. God’s people are carried back from exile like a bride to a beautiful new Jerusalem.

Psalm 30: *“I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.”*

Isaiah 55:1-11. Verses from the section of Isaiah known as the Book of Consolation in which the poor are given the promise of abundant life and invited to seek the wisdom and knowledge of God.

Isaiah 12 ***“With joy you shall draw water from the springs of endless life;
with joy you shall draw water from the living well of God”***

Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4. God’s people who have been scattered among the nations are invited to know the Wisdom of God in nature and in faithfulness to the gift of God’s law.

Psalm 19: ***“Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.”***

Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28. God gathers the exiles back to their land. God cleanses, giving a new heart, new spirit and life.

Psalm 42. ***“Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God; my soul longs for you my God.”***

Romans 6:3-11. Through baptism we die with Christ and rise to a new life in Him, freed from sin, no longer slaves.

Psalm 118: ***“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia!”***

Matthew 28:1-10. Jesus’ resurrection is announced by earthquakes, angelic visitations and the wondrous vision of Jesus Himself. The disciples are to go to Galilee where Jesus will visit them.