

As [Jesus] rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.... They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."

LUKE 19:36, 38

## The Emptying Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e like to fill life with good things—good friends, good times, good jobs, good memories. They are all graced moments of life. Life is also marked by an emptying process. Friends move away, good times come to an end, jobs become boring. Saint Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) once noted how even God can't fill what is already full. The emptying process may very well be the action of God in our lives, emptying us to make room for God's gift of resurrection and life in its fullest.

Holy Week is the story of such a process—one long saga that begins with Palm Sunday as it focuses on how Jesus willingly emptied himself even unto death. The story moves on to Holy Thursday and the gift of the Eucharist to sustain us in the emptying. On to Good Friday, where, once more, a narration in stark liturgical strokes tell of the emptying of Jesus. Finally, the Easter Vigil and the Feast of the Resurrection, the culmination of a journey through death into life. We tell this weeklong story because the story of Jesus is also our story—more of God working in us rather than our own doing. The Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner once noted that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. Our willingness to learn that lesson, again and again, is how we begin to share in the resurrection, even as we live our lives today. ●

### Reflect

***How does my faith help me through times of emptiness?***



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## Holy Mass Schedule : May God Bless You

**Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.:** Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

**Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.:** Wednesday

**Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 p.m.:** Saturday

**Confession 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.** Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday & 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by appointment

\*30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary\*

For more information, please contact the Church Office.



## Sacraments

### ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered the First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is strongly encouraged for those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

**The Sacrament of Marriage** is a wonderful commitment of life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

**The Sacrament of Baptism** presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

(Area code is 870 unless otherwise noted)

### Adoration Chapel Coordinators

Rose Brandenburg (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.) 847-5018

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## NEW PARISHIONERS

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Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.



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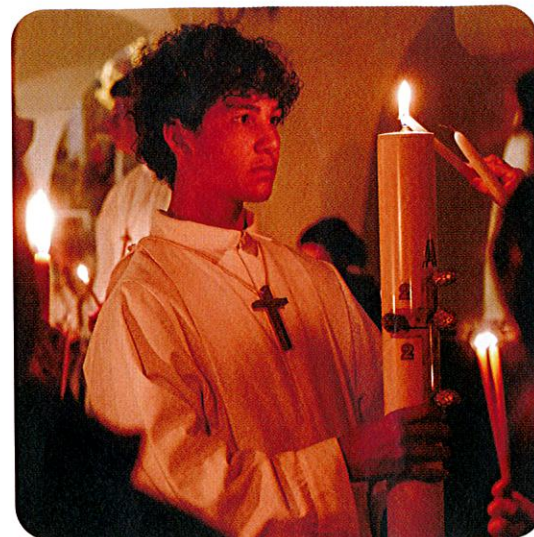
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# Dear Padre,

*I'm thinking about going to the Easter Vigil, but why does it have to be so long?*

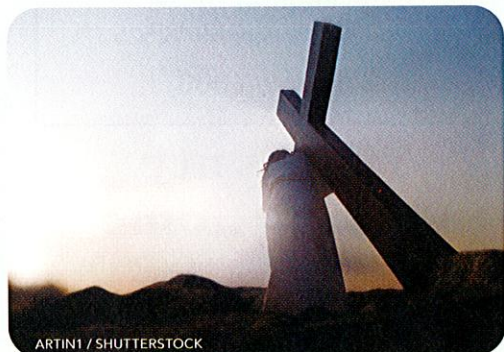
When an event seems long, it may have to do with our expectations. If we go to the Easter Vigil and expect it to be like a Sunday Mass, then it will seem long. The typical parish Easter Vigil lasts two to three hours. There are some communities who vigil all night. Why does it have to be so long? Because this is one night of the year when we Catholics tell our whole story.

There are four parts of the Vigil. Part One is the *Lucernarium* (Light) when we gather around the paschal fire from which the paschal candle is lit. Then follows the passing of the light to members of the congregation, who are holding candles. By candlelight, we hear the Exsultet—the Easter Proclamation, sung only on this night. Part Two is the Liturgy of the Word, when we take our time listening to readings, singing psalms, and reflecting on salvation history. Part Three is the Sacraments of Initiation, when new members are welcomed into the Church, baptized and confirmed, and all renew their baptismal promises. And Part Four is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when new members receive holy Communion for the first time. The Easter Vigil is rich with meaning, solemn as well as joyful, and to fully experience it, we must take our time. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death.... But today, there is a war.... Christ bore his cross to free us from the dominion of evil. He died so that life, love, peace may reign.... What victory is there in planting a flag on a pile of rubble?*

ANGELUS, ROME, APRIL 10, 2022

### Monday

April 14  
*Monday of Holy Week*  
Is 42:1–7  
Jn 12:1–11

### Tuesday

April 15  
*Tuesday of Holy Week*  
Is 49:1–6  
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

### Wednesday

April 16  
*Wednesday of Holy Week*  
Is 50:4–9a  
Mt 26:14–25

### Thursday

April 17  
*Thursday of Holy Week*  
*(Holy Thursday)*  
*Chrism Mass:*  
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9  
Rv 1:5–8  
Lk 4:16–21  
*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:*  
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14  
1 Cor 11:23–26  
Jn 13:1–15

### Friday

April 18  
*Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)*  
Is 52:13–53:12  
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9  
Jn 18:1–19:42

### Saturday

April 19  
*Holy Saturday*  
*(Easter Vigil)*  
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a  
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18  
Ex 14:15–15:1  
Is 54:5–14  
Is 55:1–11  
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4  
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28  
Rom 6:3–11  
Lk 24:1–12

### Sunday

April 20  
*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*  
Acts 10:34a, 37–43  
Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8  
Jn 20:1–9