



HOLY WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE 2024

Palm Sunday – March 24 / 25, 2024	
	Saturday March 24, 2024 4:30 p.m. Holy (Sunday) Mass
	Sunday March 25, 2024 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass
	Blessing and distributing the palms at mass 
Holy Thursday – March 28, 2024	
	7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Last Supper
	Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	The church will remain open until midnight (12:00 a.m.)
Good Friday – March 29, 2024	
	2:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross
	3:00 p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Easter Vigil – March 30, 2024	
	7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday: Is a time of reflection and waiting Service of Light: Blessing of the Fire, the Paschal Candle, Readings from the Sacred Scripture, and Blessing of the Baptismal Water.
Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024	
	9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass (Resurrection Sunday) Commemoration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ



The Parish of Saint Malachy invites everyone to join us in **The Holy Week** services. The worship during The Holy Week and Easter is an annual invitation to renew our Christian life.

At the heart of our faith stands: **Jesus Christ** crucified and risen. Centuries of Christian experience have proved that the Liturgy of this week has power, *through the Holy Spirit*, to draw us to **Him** anew. The services of this week commemorate the various events of the last week in Jesus' earthly life. But, taken together as a whole, they form an extended celebration of the victory **He** won over death, because the cross and resurrection are inseparable. The services and ceremonies of The Holy Week enable us to, wholeheartedly, share the celebration and experience of Easter.



The Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday**. On this day, we celebrate the triumphant entry of **Our Lord, Jesus Christ**, into Jerusalem, lowly riding on a donkey. At that time, the celebrating people laid

down palm branches before **Him**, a gesture reserved for victorious leaders. Nowadays, we celebrate this event at Mass by blessing and distributing the palms to the faithful who may keep them for a time for use as devotional objects.



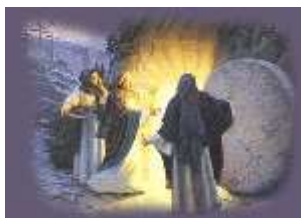
Then, three very significant events in The Holy Week happened on **Holy Thursday**. On this day, **Jesus** celebrated the Passover feast with **His** disciples—it transpired as the **Last Supper**— when **Jesus** washed the feet of his Apostles.

It is during this meal that **He** establishes *the Sacrament of the Holy Communion* prior to his arrest and crucifixion. And it is also then that **Jesus** commemorates the *Sacrament of Priesthood* for his Apostles. This day, also known as **Maundy Thursday**, is when at the end of the **Lord's Last Supper**, the disciples went with **Him** to the Mount of Olives, where **He** would be betrayed by Judas.



Coming next is **Good Friday**, the day when we commemorate the trial, the punishment, the crucifixion, and the death and burial of **Our Lord**. It is a day of solemn remembrance of the great sacrifice **Jesus** made for us.

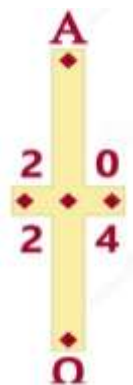
In our churches, the *Tabernacle* is left empty, to show that **Christ** has departed. It is a day of mourning... The altars are stripped and their candlesticks and crosses are removed or covered with a purple veil. No candles, lamps or votive lights would be lit before the images of saints or side altars. Something that sets **Good Friday** apart is that **it is a day of fasting, abstinence and prayer**.



This culminates in the **Easter Vigil** which takes place on **Holy Saturday** evening; thus, providing a transition to the Easter season. It marks the **Resurrection of Jesus** three days after his death by crucifixion.

We recall Jesus body in the tomb, with the stone rolled in sealing its entrance and Roman soldiers guarding it. While **His** Apostles and followers are grieving, early before sunrise, the women arrive at the tomb to finish embalming **Jesus**; but, they find that the stone has been rolled back and **His** body is not there. —Jesus rose from the dead— the Light of the World returns, conquering death and sin forever. It is a message of hope that brings us the victory of light over darkness.

Rev. Fr. L. John Charles



Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
Radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes forever!



Divine Mercy Sunday – April 7, 2024

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|  | 2:15 p.m. | Stations of the Cross |
|  | 3:00 p.m. | Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and
Benediction of the Holy Sacrament |
|  | 3:15 p.m. | Holy Mass |

