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Palm Sunday



Join the Holy Family Church Community for Palm Sunday liturgies at Holy Family on Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 9:00am & 5:00pm

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. It celebrates the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem. The readings for this Passion Sunday focus the sacrifice which Jesus Christ made for us. The reading for the procession of the palms tells of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The first reading from Isaiah foretells Jesus' suffering. The psalm sings "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?", which is the Psalm Jesus prayed from the cross. The second reading from Philippians speaks of the how Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. And in the gospel we hear how Jesus first celebrated the Passover, and then became the sacrificial lamb for us.

Holy Thursday The Lord's Supper



Join the Holy Family Church Community for The Lord's Supper celebration at Holy Family on Thursday, 28 March 2023 at 7:00pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday vividly commemorates Jesus Christ's final meal with His disciples, marking the profound institution of the priesthood and the Eucharist. While not a day of obligation, attending this Mass is a deeply enriching experience that families are encouraged to share. It's a time to reflect on the gift of the Eucharist and the calling of the priesthood, foundational elements of Catholic faith. As we prepare for Holy Week during Palm Sunday Year B, it's an opportune moment to remind your community of the significance of this Mass, inviting them to partake in this solemn yet celebratory observance.



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Good Friday *Celebration of the Passion of the Lord*



Join the Holy Family Church Community for Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at Holy Family on Good Friday at 3:00pm

Good Friday marks a solemn day for Catholics, commemorating Jesus Christ's crucifixion and His sacrificial love for humanity. Unlike other days, there is no Mass, but parishes hold special liturgies to reflect on Jesus' passion and death. This day offers a profound opportunity for families to gather, pray, and meditate on the depths of Jesus' love and the cost of our redemption.

Stations of the Cross



Join the Holy Family Church Community for Stations of the Cross at Holy Family on Good Friday at 10:00am

Stations of the Cross are a lovely Lenten tradition. It the devotion, we make the journey to Calvary with our Lord Jesus Christ, focusing on how he suffered for us and his interactions with those he met on the way.

Good Friday: Pergolesi's `Stabat Mater' – L'Estro Armonico String Orchestra



Join the Holy Family Church Community on Good Friday 29 March 2024 at Holy Family Church at 7:00pm

GB Pergolesi's, "Stabat Mater" is a musical meditation on the suffering of Mary on Good Friday inspired by a poem by Jacopone da Todi. It refers to the prophecy of Simeon, that a sword shall pierce the heart of Christ's mother (Luke 2: 35,) describing Mary's intense sorrow at seeing her beloved Son on the cross.

> Program: A selection of GB Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater" L'Estro Armonico String Orchestra George Kowalik – Conductor Anita Kyle – Soprano Cassie Doyle – Alto

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Easter Vigil



Join the Holy Family Church Community for Easter Vigil at Holy Family on Saturday, 30 March 2024 at 7:00pm.

The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy in the Roman Catholic Church. This walks through the Easter Vigil and includes the words to the *Exsultet*. Although celebrated Holy Saturday evening, it is the dramatic Easter vigil liturgy that marks the beginning of Easter. We are awaiting our master's return with our lamps full and burning, so that he will find us awake and seat us at his table (cf. Luke 12:35ff). All Catholics should try to attend this beautiful service. The vigil is divided into four part: Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism, and Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The readings for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday remind us of God's goodness, power, and saving work throughout history. From the Creation Story to the Exodus from Egypt, God has been at work, leading his people to freedom and new life. In the Epistle reading, St. Paul exhorts us to die to sin and live for God, emphasizing the importance of baptism and faith in Jesus. And in the Gospel reading, we hear the amazing news of Jesus' Resurrection, which brings hope and new life to all who believe.

Easter Sunday



Join the Holy Family Church Community for Easter Mass at Holy Family on Sunday 31 March at 9:00am

At the heart of this special time in our Christian calendar is Easter Sunday, a day brimming with the joy of the Risen Lord. The readings on Easter Sunday point to the transformative power of Easter, emphasizing that Jesus' resurrection changes everything, urging us to align our lives with this reality. This resurrection life involves seeking what is above, reflecting our new identity in Christ.

The Easter Octave



Join the Holy Family Church Community for Mass at Holy Family on Monday 1 April at 9am Tuesday 2 April at 7pm Wednesday 3 April at 9am Thursday 4 April at 9am Friday 5 April at 9am Saturday 6 April at 9am.

The Easter Octave is eight days of unbroken celebration, each treated as though they are one and the same day. This period invites us into deep reflection and joy over the life-giving mysteries of Christ's triumph over death.