



Celebrate Holy Week at St. Henry

Please join us for the celebration of Holy Week this year at St. Henry. The schedule and descriptions are provided below for your preparation. May your Easter Celebration of our Lord's saving death and resurrection be a special time of grace!

Monday: Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday: Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday: Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 8:05 a.m. at St. Henry

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 6:00 p.m. *This beautiful Liturgy includes the blessing of sacred chrism and the other oils used in sacraments throughout the year, and the renewal of commitment on the part of the priests serving in our diocese.*

The Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper (7:00 p.m.) (Incense will be used.) (No morning Mass on this day.) Childcare will be available.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper marks the beginning of the Sacred Triduum as we observe the annual celebration of the saving death and resurrection of the Lord. The washing of the feet is a beautiful sign of the humble loving service Christ models for us. Following communion the Eucharist is carried in solemn procession to its place of rest. All are invited to join the procession to the Fellowship Hall as the Eucharist is carried out of the central aisle of the church. Adoration will conclude with the celebration of night prayer at 9:30 p.m. We depart in silence on this night, and the church is stripped of its adornments.

Good Friday: The Passion of the Lord (7:00 p.m.)

(The sacraments are not celebrated on Good Friday. Communion may be taken to the sick.) Childcare will be available.

Good Friday marks the observance of the death of Jesus. All enter and leave the church in silence this day. As the priests and ministers fall prostrate all are asked to kneel. During the proclamation of the Passion according to St. John, parishioners listen in silence as various persons proclaim the parts of the Gospel. The cross is venerated. Special intercessions are offered for the needs of the church and the world. The collection is taken up for the places of the Holy Land. Communion is received.

The Stations of the Cross will be at 3 p.m. The tabernacle is empty to symbolize the sense of loss experienced at the death of the Lord.

Holy Saturday: The Vigil of Easter (7:30 p.m.) (Incense will be used.) (There is no morning service. Sacraments are not celebrated during the day. Communion may only be taken to the dying. Please note there are no confessions on Saturday evening and no Mass at 5:00 p.m.) Childcare will be available.

Holy Saturday marks a day of Sabbath rest, mirroring the "rest" of Jesus in death. We arrive at church in silence. In the evening, the Vigil of Easter begins after the fall of night, with the blessing of the new Easter fire and the lighting of the Paschal Candle. The church is filled with the glow of candles held aloft by the faithful as the Exsultet is sung. The Scriptures proclaim the story of salvation. The catechumens are baptized, the candidates are received into the church, and both are confirmed. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated with special solemnity. The Resurrection of the Lord is proclaimed! The Easter season has begun.

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Incense will be used.), and 11:00 a.m. (Incense will be used.) No childcare will be available.

The great 50 day celebration of Easter has begun! The faithful renew baptismal promises. All share the joy of the Risen Lord. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! The Lord is risen as he said, "Alleluia, Alleluia!"