



## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH EASTER TRIDUUM 2017

The Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. It continues through Good Friday with the celebration of the passion of the Lord and on Holy Saturday, reaching its high point at the Easter Vigil.

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### HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 13

#### **Mass of the Lord's Supper begins at 7:30 p.m.**

You are invited to bring offerings to Mass of personal supplies for those in need such as socks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, shampoo, razors, deodorant and towels. These items will be delivered to St. Lawrence Centre/Rotary House. You will be invited to bring these items to the altar during the Mass.

#### **Incense will be used at this Mass.**

**Please bring bells** (hand bells, dinner bells, or any other delicate bells) to ring during the Gloria (which we have not heard since the beginning of Lent.)

It is proper to kneel when the blessed sacrament is carried through the church at the end of Mass. If you are not able to stay immediately after Mass for Adoration, you are welcome to come back later in the evening. Once Mass is over, we ask that you depart in silence.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the chapel following Mass until 12:00 Midnight.**

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### GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 14

#### **Celebration of the Lord's Passion begins at 3:00 p.m.**

Mass is not celebrated on this day or before the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. On Good Friday we remember the death of Jesus; the service is stark in its simplicity. There is no water in the baptism font, the ministers do not process in or out. The celebration of the Lord's passion and death takes place in the afternoon. There are three parts to the liturgy of the day: the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion with what was consecrated on Holy Thursday.

A special collection will be made on this day for the Holy Land. This collection helps maintain Christian sites in the Holy Land and supports projects that help native Christians remain and thrive in the region.

**Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.** Fasting means we have one regular meal and less at other meals, and of course, no snacking. Fasting is not intended to cause harm to your health. If you have a medical condition in which fasting is harmful you should not fast. When possible, we try to extend the discipline of fasting and abstaining from meat until after the Vigil on Holy Saturday.

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food, or unnecessary beverages, in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor.



For an otherwise healthy individual the law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.

## **HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 15** (There is no 7:00 p.m. Mass on this night.)

### **Easter Vigil begins at 9:00 p.m. and will conclude at approximately 11:30 p.m.**

We invite you to gather around the Easter fire as early as 8:30 p.m. (at the entrance to the church)

*The Easter Vigil has four parts:* the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Baptism and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. By most ancient tradition this is the night of keeping vigil for the Lord. As we begin the Vigil the faithful, carrying lighted lamps, should be like those looking for the Lord when he returns, so that at his coming he may find them awake and have them sit at his table.

The Easter Vigil satisfies your Sunday Mass obligation for Easter Sunday.

St. Augustine said that the Easter Vigil is to be considered the most important of all Vigils.

On this night we celebrate the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).

- ✘ **Incense will be used at this Mass**
- ✘ All of the church lights will be on beginning with the first reading.
- ✘ **Remember to bring your bells** to ring during the Gloria.



**Following the Easter Vigil join us in Tranquille Hall for a celebration of our newly baptized.** Please bring a sweet (squares, cookies, etc.) or savory (cheese, crackers...) to share. Drop them off in the hall after 8:00 p.m.

**Holy Water:** At the Easter Vigil we bless the Easter water, the water that will be used for baptisms. You are welcome to bring appropriate empty containers to the Easter Vigil or to Mass on Easter Sunday and bring home some of the Easter water. This water will be available until after Mass on Easter Sunday.

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### **Please Note:**

- **Confession** is not available on Holy Saturday.
  - **Easter Sunday Masses:** 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. ***Incense is not used on Easter Sunday.***
  - **Easter Monday Mass** will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m., in the Church.
- Parish Office Closed on Good Friday & Easter Monday.*

### **HOLY WEEK EXTRAS:**

**Morning Prayer on Good Friday and Holy Saturday is at 8:45 a.m.** (Enter through the chapel doors.)

We welcome you! The breviary is the official prayer of the church and belongs to all the baptized. Over the years this prayer has become the prayer of priests and religious rather than all the baptized. Please consider joining us to pray this prayer together. It will last about 15 minutes. All you need for this prayer will be supplied. (Bring your reading glasses.)

**Good Friday Liturgy of the Word with Children - April 14 at 11:00 a.m.**

Please keep in mind that this is intended for young children. We include this liturgy as a means of trying to help children understand why we celebrate on Good Friday - Jesus' passion for us, through his death on the cross. *✠The Eucharist will not be distributed at this liturgy.*

**Blessing of Festive Food:** It is the tradition of people from many cultures to ask for God's blessing on the festive foods to be used at Easter. This blessing is usually celebrated on Holy Saturday. We will be celebrating the Blessing of Food at 3:00 p.m. in the church, on Saturday, April 15. *Please ensure that any lit candles do not drip onto the carpet.*

### **GOOD FRIDAY AT 8:00 p.m. - DRAMATIZATION:**

#### ***THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS***

A powerful form of prayer: *Live dramatization of the 14 Stations.*  
Experience what it was like to witness Jesus on the cross!  
Consider joining us as part of your preparation for Easter.

