



HOLY WEEK 2019

Schedule of Events - St. Joseph Catholic Church, Vancouver, WA

Passion (Palm) Sunday

We commemorate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The gospels record the arrival of Jesus riding into the city on a donkey, while the crowds spread their cloaks and palm branches on the street and shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" to honor him as their long-awaited Messiah and King. The joy quickly gives way to the reading of Christ's Passion.

Tenebrae

The liturgy of Tenebrae (Latin for darkness or shadows) is characterized by the gradual extinguishing of candles while a series of readings, psalms, and songs are chanted or recited depicting Jesus' last hours on Earth. At the end of the service, the final Christ candle is removed, leaving the congregation in near total darkness. The closing of Jesus' tomb occurs in a startling, loud clamor. The Christ Candle is then returned signifying the coming resurrection.

Holy Thursday

The Liturgy commemorates the night when Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the ministerial priesthood. A foot washing ritual takes place after the homily, when members of the congregation are chosen to sit and have their feet washed by the priest, who plays the role of Christ. It is an act of humble service and a reminder that, as the Body of Christ, we too are called to serve others in a spirit of humility.

Good Friday

On Good Friday, the entire Church fixes her gaze on the Cross at Calvary. We read John's Passion, we venerate the cross, and we receive communion in longing for Christ's resurrection. It is the only day in the liturgical calendar when Mass is prohibited.

Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil Mass always takes place after nightfall. Our church lies in darkness and waiting. The light of Christ has gone out of the world and darkness covers the earth wherever the Easter Vigil Mass takes place. A match is struck in the darkness and the Easter fires is lit outside of the church, representing Christ's return from the tomb. Jesus Christ is the light that dispels the darkness of our world.

Easter Sunday

Jesus' resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead.

4/14 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

- 5:00pm Palm Sunday Mass (Saturday, 4/13)
- 9:00am* Palm Sunday Mass
(with procession from Marian Hall)
- 11:30am Palm Sunday Mass
- 5:00pm Palm Sunday Mass

4/15 Monday

- 7:30am Reconciliation
- 8:30am Daily Mass
- 9am-9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4/16 Tuesday

4/17 Wednesday

- 8:30am Daily Mass
- 8:00pm Tenebrae

4/18 Holy Thursday

- 7:00pm* Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 8:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4/19 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

- 3:00pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

4/20 Holy Saturday

- 9:00pm* The Easter Vigil
(No Reconciliation on Holy Saturday)

4/21 Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of the Lord

- 8:00am Easter Sunday Mass
- 10:00am* Easter Sunday Mass
- 12:00pm Easter Sunday Mass
- 5:00pm Easter Sunday Mass

* incense will be used