

St. Michael's Parish



HOLY WEEK

Dear Parishioners;

The Season of Lent is drawing to a close. This Sunday we celebrate Passion Sunday which leads us into Holy Week – a time of special preparation highlighted by the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

This week should be different from all other weeks, our schedules should be arranged in such a way that we are able to take full part in the Holy Week Celebrations. Please take time and respect these Holy Days. Let us not get distracted by other events. Let us give time in prayer.

HOLY THURSDAY

Jesus gives himself as the bread of eternal life and the cup of salvation. He also gives a sign of true service by washing the feet of his disciples. He gives us a new commandment: “Love one another as I have loved you.” 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper with the Washing of the Feet. Precession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, Adoration until midnight. (Note) The Stations of the Cross are Not made during the Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



Evening Prayer – 11:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

No Mass is celebrated in this day. There is a special celebration on Good Friday afternoon in which we have the reading of the Passion according to John followed by prayers for the church and the world. The dramatic Veneration of the Cross leads into a simple communion service in which communion from the Mass on Holy Thursday is distributed. This is a solemn day of prayer as we pray near the cross. It is a day of reflection and respect for the Lord who gives us all.



3:00 p.m. – Memorial of the Lord’s Passion

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

EASTER VIGIL

Holy Saturday is a day of quiet prayer and fasting in preparation for the great Easter Vigil which takes place that night, the most important night of the year. The proclamation of God’s word is the basic and most important element of the vigil. In addition, this year we will celebrate Baptisms and those seeking full communion into our church. To celebrate these rites properly, time is required, so we anticipate that our Easter Vigil will be long.



Easter Vigil - 8:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass - 10:30 a.m.

