

13 April 2025
PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

EASTER MASS: Note: No 4 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday, 19 April
The Solemn Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 8 PM that night.
Easter Sunday 8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
9:30 AM Mass with Choir (Live-streamed) & 11 AM

HOLY WEEK MASSES & LITURGIES

Mon. 14 April Monday of Holy Week
 Sts. Tiburtius, Valerian (Bridegroom of St Cecelia) & Maximus, Ms.
 St. Lydwina of Schiedam, Patroness of ice-skaters
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
 For: Special Intention

Tue. 15 April No 8 AM Mass
 Father will be at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

Wed. 16 April Wednesday of Holy Week
 St. Benedict Joseph Labre, Beggar
 St. Bernadette Soubirous, Seer of Our Lady of Lourdes
7 PM For: Matthew & Sophie Weinell (L.)
 Req: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Palm

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Thu. 17 APRIL HOLY THURSDAY
7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper, Procession to Repository, Adoration
 For: Dwight Harris+
 Req: Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Maciag

Fri. 18 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY
3 PM SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

7 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SAT. 19 APRIL HOLY SATURDAY
8 PM SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL
 For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

SUN. 20 APRIL THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
 For: Special Intention

9:30 AM For: Special Intention

11 AM For: Special Intention

CONFESSIONS FOR HOLY WEEK:

Mon. 14 April 4-7 PM “The Light is On for You”

Thu. 17 April 11 AM-12 Noon

Fri. 18 April 1-2 PM

Sat. 19 April 3-4 PM

We are obliged by Church law to confess our sins at least once a year, and to receive the Blessed Eucharist during the Easter Season, which extends from Holy Saturday, 19 April until Pentecost, 8 June (this year). This is known as the “Easter Duty”.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THIS TUE. 15 APRIL

Next week, the students are on “Spring Break”, so there will be no class until Tue. 29 April.

CARLO ACUTIS MOVIE: SUN. APRIL 27 6 PM

We are taking a bus to view this new movie on the life of Bl. Carlo Acutis, who will be declared a Saint this very day. Tickets are \$12.50 and we want to fill the bus with our youth (over 12 years old). Sign-up on the bulletin board. We will leave from the rectory parking lot at 4:45 PM.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM (“THE HOLY THREE-DAYS”)

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM

Following Mass, Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose, where all are invited to adore Him for a time, keeping watch with Him. Adoration will end at 10 PM.

All altar servers and Sodality Girls are asked to be present and be in the procession to the Repository at the end of Holy Mass.

Good Friday: Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3 PM

This is the only day of the year on which Holy Mother Church does not celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Instead, we have what is known as the “Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified”. The Holy Eucharist was consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Good Friday is a day of Fast for those between the ages of 18 and 59. Only one full meal may be taken, but two smaller meals are allowed that would not equal another full meal. Nothing is eaten between these meals.

Good Friday is also a day of Abstinence for those 15 years of age and older.

No meat is allowed to be eaten on Good Friday.

Stations of the Cross will be held at 7 PM, but there will be no Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament nor Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday: The Solemn Easter Vigil 8 PM

This is the night in which we await the Resurrection of Our Lord from the tomb, to make all things new. We light the new fire and the Paschal candle, bless Easter holy water and celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass again in jubilation.

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Our Lord

8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass

9:30 AM Holy Mass with Choir (Live-streamed)

11 AM Holy Mass

FROM ARCHBISHOP BROGLIO, PRES.OF USCCB

“From its very founding, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has been concerned with helping families who are fleeing war, violence and oppression find safe and secure homes. What would eventually become the USCCB was founded in 1917 as the National Catholic War Council to support the war effort and care for Catholics in the military. In 1920, it established the Bureau of Immigration to help displaced families find new opportunities in the United States. Many of us can trace our own parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents to these very families.

Over the years, partnerships with the federal government helped expand lifesaving programs, benefitting our sisters and brothers from many parts of the world. All participants in these programs were welcomed by the U.S. Government to come to the United States and underwent rigorous screening before their arrival. These are displaced souls who see in America a place of dreams and hope. Some assisted American efforts abroad at their own risk and more seek a place to worship and pray safely as they know God calls them. Our efforts were acts of pastoral care and charity, generously supported by the people of God when funds received from the government did not cover the full cost.

Today, the USCCB makes the heartbreaking announcement that we will not be renewing existing cooperative agreements with the federal government related to childrens' services and refugee support. This difficult decision follows the suspension by the government of our cooperative agreements to resettle refugees. The decision to reduce these programs drastically forces us to reconsider the best way to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters seeking safe harbor from violence and persecution.

As a national effort, we simply cannot sustain the work on our own at current levels or in current form. As USCCB cooperative agreements for refugee resettlement and children's programs end, we will work to identify alternative means of support for these programs. We ask for your prayers for the many staff and refugees impacted. While this marks a painful end to a life-sustaining partnership with our government that spanned decades across administrations of both political parties, it offers every Catholic an opportunity to search our heart for new ways to assist. The USCCB will continue advocating for policy reforms that provide orderly, secure immigration processes, ensuring the safety of everyone in our communities. We remain steadfast in our commitment to advocating on behalf of men, women and children suffering the scourge of human trafficking.

For half a century, we have been willing partners in implementing the government's refugee resettlement program. The Gospel's call to do what we can for the least of among us remains our guide. We ask you to join us in praying for God's grace to find new ways to bring hope where it is most needed.”

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