



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

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Sunday
April 5, 2020



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD**

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am, 12:00 noon, and
7:00pm
Spanish Mass: 2:30pm
Daily: 6:30am, 8:30am &
12:00 noon
Saturday: 8:30am

Federal Holidays:

6:30am and 8:30am only
Holy Days: 7:30pm Vigil
6:30am, 8:30am, 12:00 noon
and 7:30pm

FIRST FRIDAYS:

Exposition: 9:00 - 11:45am
Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament:
11:45am
Eucharistic Holy Hour:
Sunday: 5:00pm
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS:

Friday: 11:15 - 11:45am
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30pm &
7:30 - 8:00pm and by appt.

RECTORY HOURS:

Weekdays 9:00am- 9:00pm
(closed 12:45 - 1:30pm)
Saturday 9:00am - 1:30pm

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*Bulletin Deadline: Friday at 9:00am
10 days before Sunday publication date*
**Via website form posted under
Events/Bulletin/Bulletin Submissions.**

On The Way

The Mass in Slowest Motion: the Homily

On Palm Sunday in 1212, Clare of Assisi heard the preaching of the young deacon Francis. Moved by his proclamation of poverty and the simple following of Christ, she snuck out of her parents' house at night to become Francis' first female follower. She and the other women who followed were soon cloistered in the first monastery of Poor Clare nuns. It was the power of preaching – on Palm Sunday, no less – that moved that extraordinary young woman to forsake all else and become a bride of Christ. Her spiritual daughters – and the fruit of that preaching – are with us still.

In the Mass the priest (or, at times, the deacon) preaches after the proclamation of the Gospel. This used to be referred to as a *sermon*, but since the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) the Church has used *homily* instead. What's the difference? Broadly speaking, a *sermon* addresses any doctrinal or moral topic and is not liturgical.

A *homily* is properly part of the liturgy; it reflects on the texts of Mass, explains them, and applies them to our circumstances. The homily is not merely an instruction or lecture but a means of glorifying God and of leading others to do so.

Because it is a liturgical action, the homily is always given by an ordained minister (bishop, priest, or deacon). This proclamation of the Word of God is an act of spiritual fatherhood. The minister at that point should impart and explain God the Father's revelation to His children.

The instructions of the Church say that the homily *should be an exposition of some aspect of the readings from Sacred Scripture or of another text from the Ordinary or from the Proper of the Mass of the day and should take into account both the mystery being celebrated and the particular needs of the listeners.*

Notice that the source of the preacher's homily can be not only the readings but also some other text from the Mass. The prayers and antiphons, for example, provide rich material for leading the faithful to a deeper grasp and living out of the mysteries of the Faith.

The Church identifies three principle components in a homily: (1) reflecting on and explaining some text of the Mass; (2) leading the assembly to greater worship at the Mass; and (3) guiding the faithful to live these truths outside of the liturgy.

Allow me to add my own thought: the homily should be precise, penetrating, and pleasing. *Precise...*to bring clarity about the mysteries of the Faith. *Penetrating...*so that it conveys not just interesting thoughts or abstract theories but speaks to the hearts and souls of the listeners and leads them to a greater conversion of heart. *Pleasing...*so that the Word of God is found to be a delight and not a burden.

Of course, by writing all this I have put all of us who preach on notice. Now you know what we should be doing! Your role is to pray for the preacher, that he be an effective instrument of God's word...and to pray for yourselves, that you be open to whatever the Spirit desires you to hear in a given homily.

Next week: the Creed.

- Father Scalia

Mass Intentions For Holy Week

Saturday, April 4

Saturday of the Week of Lent; St. Isidore

5:00 p.m. +Leonard Gilleo

Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 a.m. +Arthur Clark

9:00 a.m. People of St. James

10:30 a.m. +Phyllis Bernardone

Noon +Delano M. and Maraya Santos

2:30 p.m. +Rosemary Paz

7:00 p.m. +Fr. J. Piwowarski

Monday, April 6

Monday of Holy Week

6:30 a.m. +Agnes Saikyub Lee

8:30 a.m. +Donna Bushaw

Noon +Cyndie Cotter

Tuesday, April 7

Tuesday of Holy Week

6:30 a.m. Margaret Whitehead

8:30 a.m. +Milton and Jean Kobus

Noon +Michael Santoro

Wednesday, April 8

Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30 a.m. +Christopher Bonk

8:30 a.m. +Mrs. C. T. Thomas

Noon +Mary and John McGlone

Thursday, April 9

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

7:30 p.m. +Robert Root

Friday, April 10

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

No Masses

Saturday, April 11

Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. +Ronald A. Krall, Jr.

Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. +MaryJane Liverman

9:00 a.m. +Danny Diaz and Ana Diaz

10:30 a.m. +Thomas T. Coipuram, Sr.

Noon People of St. James

2:30 p.m. +Peter Frohwein and

Luz Marina Muniz Chavez

7:00 p.m. +Dr. Lawrence Singer

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

"The Lord God has given me..."

Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

"All who see me scoff at me..."

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

"Christ Jesus, though he was in the form..."

Gospel: Mathew 26: 14-27:66 or 27:11-54

"One of the Twelve, who was called..."

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6;
Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17;
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a;
Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34;
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;
Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a;
Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or
Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b];
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1;
Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14;
Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;
Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Mt 28:1-10

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Laura Baird
Muriel Brasche
Chip Clarke
Caroline Martin
Janet Owen

Carter Parry
William Pollock
Russell Ross
Lauren Vinci

and the deceased of our parish family:

Ann Murphy
Mary Keating

Adair Fore LeMaster
Francisco Sierra

and those serving our country:

Our disabled veterans, military retirees,
and those serving overseas in the military
and foreign service, especially:

Justin Berg
Patrick Egan
Veronica Elkins
Major Alan Harvey

Michele Petersen
Roger VanSanford
Major Albert C. Young



Holy Week 2020 at Saint James Parish

Given the circumstances surrounding the coronavirus pandemic, please note the following:

In the Diocese of Arlington, the public celebration of Masses and liturgies of Holy Week and Easter are suspended.

Saint James Parish will live-stream all scheduled Masses and Holy Week liturgies. Please join us via Facebook or the Parish website.

Our church remains open for prayer. Please enter through the main doors and be attentive to complying with the ten person limit.

To comply with the ten person limit the church will be closed to the public while the clergy celebrate the liturgies of the *Triduum* (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday); otherwise it will be open for prayer.

The Diocese of Arlington will also live-stream Bishop Burbidge's liturgies. Please visit the Diocesan website for the complete schedule.

Confessions during Holy Week

Monday – Wednesday: 10:00am to 12:00pm and 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Good Friday: 9:30am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Holy Saturday: 9:30am to 12:00pm

Palm Sunday

Due to health concerns, there will be no distribution of palms.

The principle Mass of the day, with procession and music, will be at 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: The church will be open for Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. *Please observe the 10 person limit.*

The following will be celebrated and prayed by the parish clergy and will be live-streamed:

7:30 p.m. ~ The Mass of the Lord's Supper

After the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the church will be open for the faithful to come and visit our Lord at the altar of repose. Please observe the 10 person limit.

11:50 p.m. ~ Compline (Night Prayer)

Good Friday

The following will be celebrated and prayed by the parish clergy and will be live-streamed:

8:30 a.m. ~ The Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. ~ The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Please join us via internet and have a crucifix to venerate at the proper time.

The church will be open for prayer and veneration of the cross after the Liturgy. In so doing, please do not touch the cross.

Holy Saturday

The following will be celebrated and prayed by the parish clergy and will be live-streamed:

8:30 a.m. ~ The Divine Office

8:30 p.m. ~ The Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

All scheduled Masses will be live-streamed. The principle Mass of Easter Sunday will be at 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: The church will be open for Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. *Please observe the 10 person limit.*

Stewardship

The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

How do I continue to make my offertory contribution to St. James when there is no public Mass?

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have received several calls from parishioners regarding how to give their weekly offertory if they can't attend Mass during the corona virus pandemic. First off, thank you for your generosity and concern. The most important thing, of course, is to maintain your prayer life and devotion to the sabbath. *Pray* – for your families, for one another, for our parish, our diocese, our country and the world at large. It is also important that you take care of your health and your family. *Keep the sabbath* — by meditating on the Sunday readings, praying the Rosary together, making a spiritual communion, and simply being with each other as you are able.

We greatly appreciate your care and concern for the needs of our parish. Please visit our new offertory page at to see how you can donate to St. James Catholic Church.

Again, thank you for your calls, prayers, well wishes and desire to continue to support the mission of Saint James Catholic Church which exists to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all souls in need. May God Bless you and your families during this time of difficulty.

- Fr. Scalia

A Prayer for to Jesus for Healing and Guidance

Savior, heal and comfort the sick, so that, with health restored, they may give you praise. Divine Physician, accompany our caregivers so that, serving with patience, they may heal wisely. Eternal Wisdom, guide our leaders so that, seeking remedies, they may follow your light. Christ, the Anointed, protect us in body and spirit, so that, freed from harm, we may be delivered from all affliction. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen

From All of Us at St. James to the Codfather Crew

From Heller Hall to Lot A, you swam gracefully through the changing tides and kept us well fed. We only have one thing to say to you:

So Long, And Thanks For All
The Fish!

See you Next Year!



“Be doers of the word and not hearers only.” James 1:22



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From Sister Mary Sue Carwile, IHM:

Recently, the International Union of Superiors General invited all of its members to reaffirm their conviction of our responsibility to care for one another. March 22 was designated as a day of worldwide solidarity and prayer. As members of this Union, our IHM Congregation gathered in our convents before the Blessed Sacrament and remembered all those impacted by this virus in our prayers. In particular, all of our families and friends in Saint James School and Parish were held in our prayers. Later that evening, the IHM Sisters gathered to celebrate Eucharistic Adoration, a video of which can be seen here: <https://j.mp/3dBcR70>, after we finished Adoration, we sang the “Salve Regina,” which we pray, although do not always sing, nightly, you can watch here <https://j.mp/2xs0cTf>.

We entrusted you to Our Mother Mary’s care as we lifted our hearts to hers.

Blessings,
Sister Mary Sue

Pray the Perimeter at St. James

In another act of prayer for all of our parishioners and those impacted by the COVID-19 Virus around the world, Father Scalia led St. James Clergy and our IHM Sisters in a Eucharistic Procession around the St. James’ property.



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St. James Volunteers

Throughout the year, our parishioners generously share their time and talent in over 20 ministries and apostolates that serve people at Saint James Parish and School, Falls Church City, and beyond. But we are always in need of additional assistance! Please consider giving of your time to serve the poor, assist at Mass, or engage in other projects that bring Christ to others.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, visit us at:

<https://www.stjamescatholic.org/community/parish-ministries>

Or contact our Volunteer Coordinators at volunteer@stjamescatholic.org, or at 703-532-8815.

St. James Wedding Coordinators

All love comes from God; and as such, the Sacrament of Marriage is, first and foremost, a sign and symbol of this love. The mission of the St. James Wedding Coordinators is to support couples as they embark on one of life's most wonderful experiences. The Wedding Coordinator Chair contacts the bride and groom to discuss their ceremony plans and confirm logistics for their special day. Two Wedding Coordinators are then assigned to the couple. They will attend the wedding rehearsal and be present one hour before and throughout the entire wedding. Wedding Coordinators are prepared to assist with everything concerning the wedding ceremony at the church, except for questions concerning the liturgy. Wedding Coordinators will place decorative bows on pews, receive floral arrangements at the church and place them on the altar, pin boutonnieres and corsages on the wedding party, direct the wedding party when to process down the aisle and assist in maintaining an atmosphere of quiet reverence conducive to prayer. The primary form of communication within the Ministry is email and bimonthly postal mail. The Ministry also meets in person twice a year for fellowship. If you are interested in joining the St. James Wedding Coordinators, please contact Nina Lachin, Wedding Coordinator Chair, at 704-907-3698 or nina.m.dry@gmail.com.

All Saints Catholic Church Car Raffle

Don't forget about the All Saints Catholic Church Car Raffle in the midst of our ongoing fight against COVID-19. The five Car Raffle drawing is April 25th. If at all possible, please purchase or sell your tickets and return them to All Saints as soon as possible. Early returns will assist in even volumes for processing. The staff at All Saints Catholic Church thanks all those who have purchased tickets already, and reminds you that if you wish to purchase additional tickets, send a check made out to "All Saints Catholic Church," to the St. James Rectory, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046, tickets are \$5.00 each, be sure to enclose a SASE so we may return the tickets to you. Good luck!



The logo for FORMED FAITH AT HOME is centered in the top half of the page. The word "FORMED" is in large, white, sans-serif capital letters, with a white play button icon inside the letter "O". Below it, the words "FAITH AT HOME" are in smaller, blue, sans-serif capital letters, set within a white rectangular box. The background of the top half is a blue-tinted image of people's hands and faces, suggesting a community or religious gathering.

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FAITH AT HOME

During this time of trial, don't forget that St. James has a subscription to FORMED, bringing you the best in Catholic programming. Find a commentary on Scripture, find a movie, find a program, find a book—find them all at Formed!

If you do not have a Formed account, they are free, and you can create one by visiting

www.stjamescatholicva.formed.org

Things For Folks To Do During This Period of Quarantine

The Institute of Catholic Culture

Don't forget, the Institute of Catholic Culture offers over 1,000 hours of courses on our Catholic faith. Take advantage of this time of isolation to deepen your faith and learn more about the beauty of Catholicism. Best of all, membership is free! Visit them at <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/>



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The Thomistic Institute offers a multitude of podcasts, videos, and courses that will deepen your knowledge of our Catholic faith, and our love for God. Please visit them and start learning today. <https://thomisticinstitute.org/>



Ascension Presents

If you would like to learn more about our faith, hear discussions of issues which impact all of us as Catholics, and even laugh a bit, visit Ascension Presents at <https://j.mp/3a9YFzx>. Fr. Mike Schmitz, Fr. Mark Toups, and their co-presenters will help you learn more and deepen your faith—and yes, make you laugh.

Other Faith Resources for Learning During This Time

Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, Director of Religious Education at St. James, has suggested the following free websites as resources for the children of our parish during this time.

- My Catholic Faith Delivered is offering their services for free during this time. RE grades 1 – 8 and Midwest Theological Studies for High School. <http://faithformation.zohosites.com/>
- Chosen will offer their video's for free for the Diocese of Arlington. (until May 11, 2020) 8th Grade Confirmation, <http://j.mp/390EW3Q>
- Colette's homeschooling course based on the Standards of Learning are complete and will be posted on the website today. (Free) <https://j.mp/39daTpR>.
- Credible Catholic (free resource) - A resource for middle school and high school students who question the evidence of a soul from medical studies, evidence of God from science and philosophy. Proof of the Resurrection. Why be Catholic? Where to find true happiness and why God allows suffering in the world. This can be used as an at-home retreat or a resource for parents to answer their children's questions. <https://j.mp/3dqgkVR>.

Catholic Gospel Coloring Worksheets

Being stuck indoors is not fun, but why not liven the mood a little with these Catholic Gospel Coloring Worksheets? Each one allows kids to be creative, while also teaching them important Gospel based lessons. Visit <http://j.mp/2WjIw6t> to learn more and to access the sheets.

Virtual Tours of Famous Churches and Cathedrals

Who says that travel restrictions can stop you from “visiting” some of the world’s most famous, and beautiful houses of worship? Well, maybe not in person during these times, but you can certainly tour them from your couch, visit <http://j.mp/3908AGq> and find out how.

Virtual Tours of Museums

Have you ever wanted to walk through the Uffizi Gallery; to stand and marvel at the collection of the Art Institution of Chicago, or walk down the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles? Now you can, from the comfort of your own house, visit <http://j.mp/393ihnO> and find out how.

A Range of Activities From Scholastic Magazine

The creative folks at Scholastic Magazine have created a wide range of daily learning activities for kids during this period of quarantine. The company is making resources for all age groups available. Visit <http://j.mp/393jEms> and find out more.

Smithsonian Distance Learning

The Smithsonian Institution is making some of its distance learning courses available during this time of COVID-19. Check out <http://j.mp/2xSQBVG> for more information.



Code.Org’s Code Break

Code.org, a leading non-profit in the coding education sector is now offering “Code Break, “ a live, weekly webcast that will teach coding to students of all ages and abilities. The program will also include a weekly challenge. To learn more, visit <https://code.org/>

Free Books!

If your favorite bookstore is shuttered, but you need to read, here are a few book repositories online. Best of all, everything in them is free, and all the books are online.

For books on our Catholic Faith, visit: <http://j.mp/38VIJ2C>.

For public domain fiction and non-fiction literature, visit: <https://www.gutenberg.org/>

For classic children’s literature, visit <http://j.mp/38YVwRQ>

Even More Learning Resources

Swing Education has helpfully provided a list of free, or low-cost, education programs for children during this time. Options range from programs from National Geographic to courses from Khan Academy. They list over 20 options in all. To access their list, visit <https://j.mp/2QPsZYJ>. They have programs for all grade-levels.



Happenings at St. James

A Note on Events

For the time being and until further notice almost all Parish events are cancelled. Once the dangers posed by the COVID-19 Virus pass, we will resume our normal operations. At this time, only these remain open:

- The Church, for Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, private prayer and devotions, however, no more than ten people can be in the Church at any-one-time.
- Friday Drive-Through Fish Fry, 5:00pm—7:30pm in Lot A. This will be the final Fish Fry of Lent so your “Codfather” requests “totale rispetto” and looks forward to your visit. Be a good family member and go visit him.

St. James Pro-Life Ministry Updates

Happening Now... The Lent **40 Days for Life** campaign (www.40DaysforLife.com) is underway in 507 cities around the globe, including at the Falls Church abortion facility, 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church. For 40 days and nights, people of faith and conscience will stand in constant, peaceful vigil outside hundreds of abortion facilities ... to do the single most important thing we can do: PRAY. Join other St. James parishioners on *Wednesdays* – or any day you are available – Please join us and “take a stand for life!”

St. Lucy’s Food Warehouse in Immediate Need of Donations

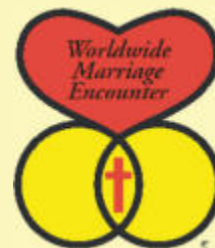
Catholic Charities St Lucy's Project warehouse is in dire need of food. Please consider donating to them through Amazon.com, using this link, <http://j.mp/2IZGRv5>. Thank you.

“Rectory Ramblings”

“Rectory Ramblings” co-hosted by Father Paul Scalia and Father Steven Oetjen, kicked-off at 8:00pm on Tuesday, March 24. This new “theological talk-show” tackles listener’s questions. ON the first show, the good Fathers discussed a wide range of topics, including the positioning of the Altar, the type of sash a Deacon wears, and why didn’t God just kill the devil? Check the St. James website and Facebook page for upcoming episodes. Better yet, drop a question to the Fathers at communications@stjamescatholic.org, they will do their best to get it on the air.

World Marriage Encounter Weekends in September

“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” Do you believe that Jesus is the Lord of your marriage? Bring God into your marriage by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** on Sep 18-20, 2020 in Fairfax, VA and Sep 11-13, 2020 in College Park, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521



April Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

This Week in Our Parish—All Parish Events Except Those Noted Below Are Cancelled Due to the Ongoing COVID-19 Crisis

Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday—All Masses Will be Livestreamed on our Livestream Channel at <https://www.stjamescatholic.org/current-events/livestreamed-masses>. The principle Mass will be streamed at 10:30am and will feature music and a procession. There will be no distribution of palms.

7:00am—8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
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Monday, April 6

10:00am—12:00pm	Confessions	Church
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6:30pm—9:00pm	Confessions	Church
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Tuesday, April 7

10:00am—12:00pm	Confessions	Church
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6:30pm—9:00pm	Confessions	Church
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Wednesday, April 8

10:00am—12:00pm	Confessions	Church
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6:30pm—9:00pm	Confessions	Church
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Thursday, April 9—Holy Thursday– No Daily Masses

7:30pm—8:30pm	Mass of the Lord’s Supper	Livestream https://bit.ly/2QCtFRa
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11:50pm	Compline (Night Prayer)	Livestream https://bit.ly/2QCtFRa
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Friday, April 10—Good Friday; No Daily Masses; Rectory Offices Closed

8:30am	The Office of Readings and Morning Prayer	Livestream https://bit.ly/2QCtFRa
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12:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Livestream https://bit.ly/2QCtFRa
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3:00pm	The Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion	Livestream https://bit.ly/2QCtFRa
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6:00pm—9:00pm	Confessions	Church
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Saturday, April 11

8:30am	The Divine Office	Livestream https://bit.ly/2QCtFRa
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9:30am—12:00pm	Confessions	Church
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8:30pm	The Easter Vigil	Livestream https://bit.ly/2QCtFRa
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A Note on Fasting

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

For Roman Catholics, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon Roman Catholics from age 14 onwards.

“Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one’s flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, and kindles the true light of chastity. Enter again into yourself.”

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