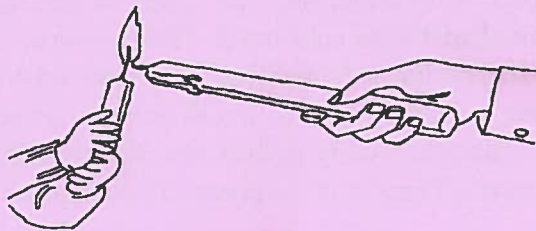


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The Great Easter Vigil 8:00 PM

At nightfall on Holy Saturday, the blessed Sabbath is over. The first day of the week begins. After the Sabbath, according to custom, the first work to be done is to make a fire and to kindle the evening lamp. That is what the Church does. That is how the Easter Vigil begins.

On this night, every member of the Church is asked to gather with the soon-to-be-baptized. We keep watch together. We settle down and retell our family stories. St. Augustine said that, on this night above all other nights, the Church keeps watch for the Lord and the Lord keeps watch over the Church!



Confession Schedule for Holy Week

There will be opportunities for confessions on :

- *Wednesday 10AM - 12 Noon
- *Holy Thursday from 10 AM - Noon and 1-3PM
- *Good Friday from 10 AM - Noon and 1-3 PM,



Holiday Schedule

Easter Sunday Masses
7:30AM
9:00 AM - Choir Mass
9:15AM - PLC
11:00AM - Youth Mass

*(Easter Baskets given out after
11:00 AM Mass)*

*The parish office will be closed starting at
noon Good Friday, through Easter Monday.*

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Holy Thursday

The Liturgy

6 PM



Lent ends at sundown and the Paschal Triduum begins. The Gospel of John tells us that Jesus, while he was at supper, got up and washed the feet of his disciples. In the Middle East, where

people's feet easily became dusty, and before the days of convenient plumbing, this washing was an act of hospitality. Rich people usually had servants to perform this service, so the apostle Peter was embarrassed and told Jesus not to do it. But Jesus warned Peter, "Unless I wash you, you can have no share with me." Then Jesus said, "I have given you an example. You should do for each other what I have done for you."

During tonight's liturgy, in accord with the Gospel mandate, we will have the opportunity to rededicate ourselves to ministerial service in a very meaningful and symbolic way.

After celebrating the Eucharist and sharing Communion, we will carry the consecrated elements out of church in a solemn procession. Nightwatch begins!

Nightwatch

The Eucharist is placed *in repose*. Tonight, Jesus asks each of us to keep watch with him as he did with his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane so long ago. Please plan to spend some time with Him this evening. The church will remain open until midnight.



Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

12 Noon

Follow Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem. Are we among those who lurk in the



shadows, or with the few who accompany him on the journey? There will be traditional stations at 12 Noon.

Liturgy of the Passion

3 PM

This day is part of something bigger than itself. The liturgies of Good Friday have no formal beginnings or endings, no greetings or dismissals. The services are all part of the single, three-day liturgy of the Triduum. The Eucharist is not celebrated. The Passion in John's Gospel shows us how God's glory is seen in the suffering and death of Jesus. In this service, everyone will participate in carrying the Cross, that we might experience its burden and reverence its sweetness!

Tenebrae

7 PM

"God of day and God of darkness, we stand before the night. As the shadows stretch and deepen, come, make our darkness bright!" "Tenebrae" is a Latin word, meaning darkness and shadows. It is comprised of selections from the Psalms and the Book of Lamentations, which are accompanied by the extinguishing of candles and the dimming of lights. It has a surprise ending. Don't miss it!

