



We are invited to participate with our whole being: mind, heart, and body. During Holy Week, Christians commemorate the Passion of Christ, Who died on Good Friday in reparation for the sins of mankind, and rose on Easter Sunday to give new life to all who believe. Thus, while Holy Week is solemn and sorrowful, it also anticipates the joy of Easter through the recognition of God's goodness in sending His Son to die for our salvation.

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

We commemorate the triumphal entrance of Christ into Jerusalem when palm branches were placed in His path, before His arrest on Holy Thursday and His Crucifixion on Good Friday.



#### Saturday, March 23

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation, 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

St. Joan of Arc - 4 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Vigil Mass

#### Sunday, March 24

St. Joan of Arc - 8:30 a.m. Mass

St. Ambrose - 11 a.m. Mass

St. Joseph - 9 a.m. Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 11 a.m. Mass

St. Joseph - Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, 10 to 11:30 a.m. (Hughes Hall)

#### Monday of Holy Week, March 25

St. Ambrose - 6 p.m. Reconciliation, 6:30 p.m. Mass

#### Tuesday of Holy Week, March 26

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 9 a.m. Word Service with Communion (no Mass)



St. Columba Cathedral - 10:30 a.m. Chrism Mass

During Holy Week bishops bless sacred oils in the diocesan cathedral at a special liturgy known as the Chrism Mass where priests and parish representatives gather to celebrate. Here the bishop blesses three oils — the oil of catechumens used at the Easter Vigil, the oil of the sick used to anoint people during the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, and the oil of holy chrism used during baptisms, confirmation, ordination, and the consecration of altars. The oils are then distributed to the parishes for sacramental celebrations throughout the year. As part of the liturgical reforms of Vatican II, the renewal of priestly promises was incorporated into the Chrism Mass.

St. Joan of Arc - 6 p.m. Reconciliation, 6:30 p.m. Mass

#### Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27

St. Ambrose - 9 a.m. Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 9 a.m. Word Service with Communion

St. Joseph - 6 p.m. Reconciliation, 6:30 p.m. Mass

St. Ambrose - 8 p.m. Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness

This service follows a tradition of the early church dating back to the eighth century. It portrays the solemn drama of the final hours of Christ's life on earth with a sensitivity and depth of emotion seldom heard as He prepared for and suffered death on the cross. Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness is an exceptionally moving work that consists of readings, music, and candles that are extinguished symbolizing the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Christ. The gradual darkening of the church portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it. Come and enjoy this moving service.



## Holy Week Triduum

These are not three separate liturgical celebrations  
but one which takes three days to celebrate!



**Holy Thursday, March 28** ~ This liturgy features the distinctive action of the Washing of the Feet, just as the Lord did for his disciples and we do for one another. We also collect the Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services.

- † Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:30 p.m.  
@ Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Joan of Arc, St. Joseph & St. Ambrose



**Good Friday, March 29** ~ It is the longest, the most grim, and the starkest day of the Triduum. On this day, we confront the truth that the impassible God suffered, that the ever-living God died. We confront the dark fact that He did so for our sins. We also have a collection for the Holy Land.

- † St. Joseph & St. Ambrose Churches - Open for Private Prayer, 12 to 3 p.m.
- † Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Stations of the Cross, Noon
- † St. Joan of Arc - Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m.
- † Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Cross & Communion Service, 6:30 p.m.  
@ Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Joan of Arc, St. Joseph & St. Ambrose

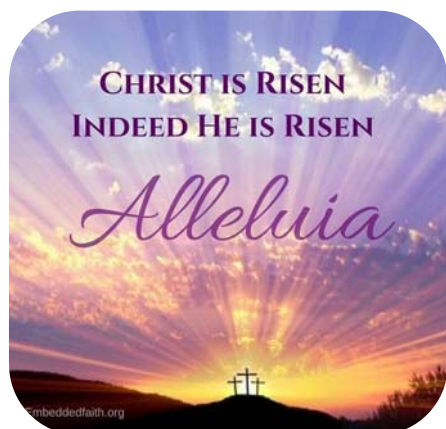


**Holy Saturday, March 30**

- † St. Joan of Arc - Easter Family Fun Day, 9 to 11 a.m. (Fr. Stenson Center)
- † Blessing of Easter Baskets, Noon  
@ Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Joan of Arc, St. Joseph & St. Ambrose
- † Easter Egg Hunt (ages 1-9), 12:15 p.m. @ St. Joseph's Pavilion Area

On this day, the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, and meditates on his passion and death, and descent to the dead. We initiate & welcome new Catholics. With prayer and fasting we await His glorious Easter resurrection. The high point of the liturgical year!

- † Easter Vigil Mass, 8 p.m.  
@ Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Joan of Arc & St. Joseph  
(no Vigil at St. Ambrose)



**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ~ March 31**

- † St. Joan of Arc - 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses
- † Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 9 & 11 a.m. Masses
- † St. Joseph - 9 a.m. Mass
- † St. Ambrose - 11 a.m. Mass