

### St. Joseph's Catholic Church



### Risen Lord Catholic Church



### All Saints Catholic Church



# Easter 2021

#### St. Joseph's Catholic Church

78 St. Josephs Lane  
Woodlawn VA 24381-1101  
Sunday English Mass 11:30am  
Spanish Mass: 2:30 PM  
Daily Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:00am  
Spanish Weekday Mass : Thurs. 6:00 pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Before Mass 11:00-11:15 am

#### Risen Lord Catholic Church

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sun. 7:45-8:15am

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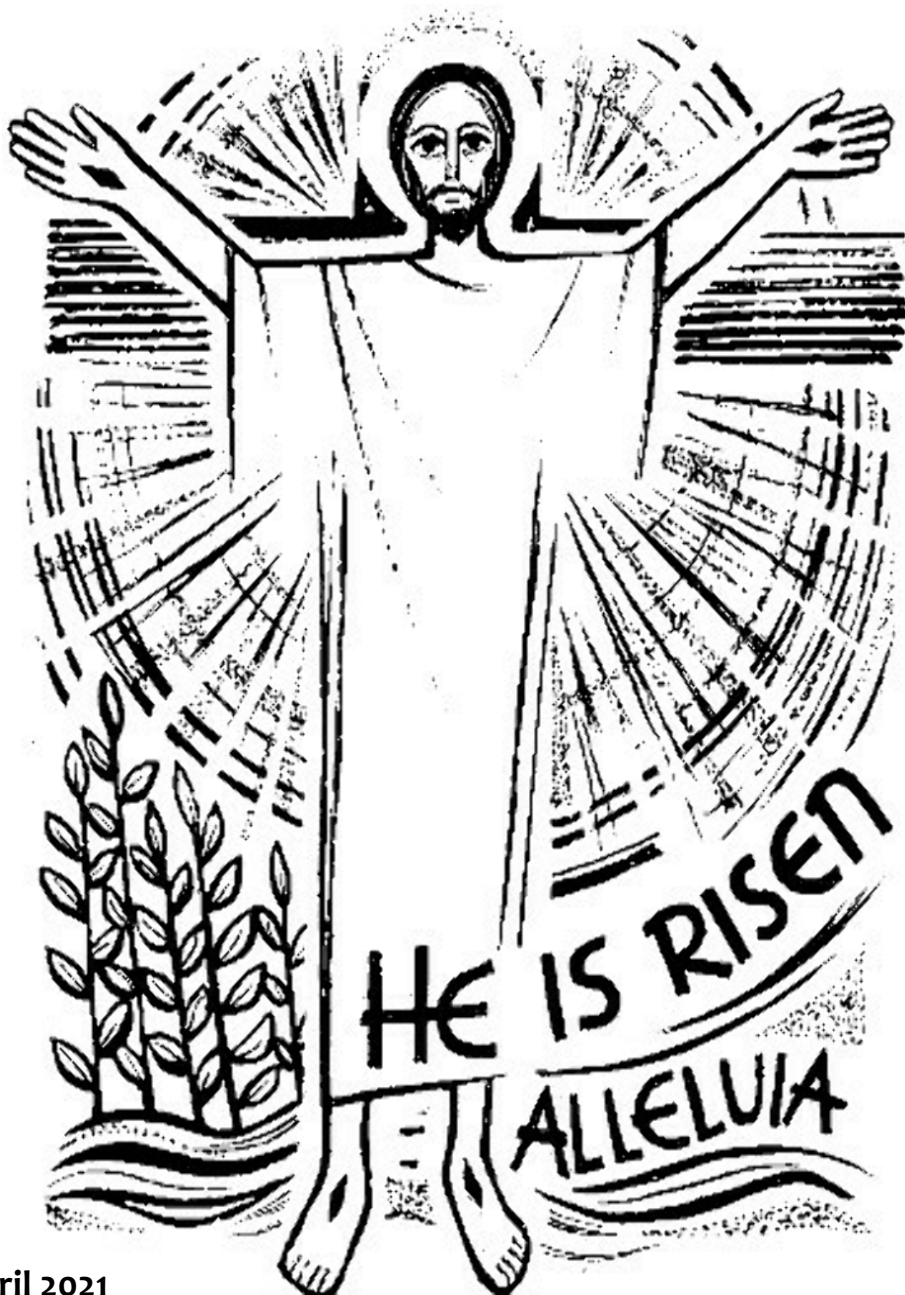
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## Father Herman's Easter Message

I am exceedingly grateful to God that enabled us to celebrate this greatest event in our salvation history. Easter is the greatest and noblest of all solemnities in the church. Easter Sunday is central in our faith and life because our Christian existence would not have not any meaning if Christ had not risen; hence, it is cause of our joy and celebrations. Much as we celebrate today with joy beyond measure, there are also our brothers and sisters, who hoped with great enthusiasm to attend these Easter celebrations but they have been unable to join us due to various reasons. No one should lose hope, they are in prayers, we think about them and we hope they will be joining us the near future.

The Easter Sunday we are celebrating today, reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday and that Jesus will let us share the power and joys of His Resurrection. Each time we display our love of others, we share in the Resurrection of Christ.

Each time we face a betrayal of trust and remain patient, we share in the Resurrection of Jesus. Each time we fail in our attempts to ward off temptations – but keep on trying to overcome them – we share in the Resurrection. Each time we continue to hope – even when our hope seems unanswered – we share in the power of Jesus' Resurrection. In short, the message of Easter is that nothing can destroy us – not pain, sin, rejection or death – because Christ has conquered all these, and we too can conquer them if we put our Faith in Him.

Estoy sumamente agradecido a Dios que nos permitió celebrar este evento más grande en nuestra historia de salvación. La Pascua es la más grande y noble de todas las solemnidades de la iglesia. El Domingo de Resurrección es central en nuestra fe y vida porque nuestra existencia cristiana no tendría ningún sentido si Cristo no hubiera resucitado; de ahí que sea motivo de alegría y celebración. Por mucho que celebremos hoy con una alegría sin medida, también están nuestros hermanos y hermanas, que esperaban con gran entusiasmo asistir a estas celebraciones de Pascua pero no han podido acompañarnos por diversos motivos. Nadie debe perder la esperanza, están en oración, pensamos en ellos y esperamos que se unan a nosotros en un futuro cercano.

El Domingo de Resurrección que celebramos hoy, nos recuerda que cada Viernes Santo de nuestras vidas tendrá un Domingo de Resurrección y que Jesús nos permitirá compartir el poder y las alegrías de Su Resurrección. Cada vez que demostramos nuestro amor por los demás, compartimos la resurrección de Cristo.

Cada vez que nos enfrentamos a una traición a la confianza y mantenemos la paciencia, compartimos la Resurrección de Jesús. Cada vez que fracasamos en nuestros intentos de alejar las tentaciones, pero seguimos tratando de superarlas, compartimos la Resurrección. Cada vez que seguimos esperando, incluso cuando nuestra esperanza parece no tener respuesta, compartimos el poder de la resurrección de Jesús. En resumen, el mensaje de la Pascua es que nada puede destruirnos, ni el dolor, el pecado, el rechazo o la muerte, porque Cristo los ha conquistado y nosotros también podemos conquistarlos si ponemos nuestra Fe en Él.





## The Prayer, O Queen of Heaven

O Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia; For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia.

Has risen again as He said, Alleluia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary Alleluia

For the Lord is truly risen Alleluia

Let us Pray

O God, you were pleased to give joy to the world through the Resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Chris. Grant we beseech you, that through the mediation of the Virgin Mary, we may come to possess the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

## REVISED COVID 19 PROTOCOL

As a Catholic community we have an obligation to safeguard parishioners who attend Mass. Because of this, a mask, face covering or face shield will be a **REQUIREMENT** to all who attend Mass in person without exception.

Our Parish has always had this requirement, however the Diocese has recently added a face shield to meet the acceptable face covering requirement. This will accommodate parishioners unable to wear a mask or face covering.

**For those unwilling or unable to comply with this requirement, we encourage you to attend Mass virtually via Facebook. Our Livestream can be found on Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/stjosephswoodlawn.net/>



## ALL SAINTS

### PARISHIONERS HELP THE NEEDY

During the month of March All Saints Floyd VA delivered twenty three pounds of food to local food pantry Plenty . At this time, Plenty is looking for donations of canned tomatoes, canned chicken, and canned tuna.

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| <b>Mar 28</b><br><div>8:00am RL EASTER Mass</div> <div>11:30am AS EASTER</div> <div>11:30am SJ EASTER</div> <div>2:30pm Misa del</div>             | <b>29</b><br><div>8:00am DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</div> <div>8:30am RL Sunday Mass</div> <div>11:30am SJ Sunday</div> <div>2:30pm Misa en Español</div> | <b>30</b><br><div>7:00pm CONFIRMATION- ST MARYS BLACKSBURG</div> | <b>31</b><br><div>9:00am SJ weekday Mass</div> <div>5:30pm SJ Parish Council</div> | <b>Apr 1</b><br><div>5:00pm HOLY THURSDAY MASS /ADORATION</div> <div>7:00pm MISA DEL JUEVES SANTO EN</div> | <b>2</b><br><div>3:00pm GOOD FRIDAY MASS</div> | <b>3</b><br><div>8:00pm EASTER VIGIL MASS</div>        |
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| <b>11</b><br><div>8:00am DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</div> <div>8:30am RL Sunday Mass</div> <div>11:30am SJ Sunday</div> <div>2:30pm Misa en Español</div> | <b>12</b><br><div>8:00am DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</div> <div>8:30am RL Sunday Mass</div> <div>11:30am SJ Sunday</div> <div>2:30pm Misa en Español</div> | <b>13</b><br><div>7:00pm CONFIRMATION- ST MARYS BLACKSBURG</div> | <b>14</b><br><div>9:00am SJ weekday Mass</div> <div>5:30pm SJ Parish Council</div> | <b>15</b><br><div>6:00pm SJ Misa en Español seguida con Adoracion del Santisimo Sacramento</div>           | <b>16</b><br><div>9:00am SJ weekday Mass</div> | <b>17</b><br><div>5:00pm AS Sunday Vigil Mass</div>    |
| <b>18</b><br><div>8:30am RL Sunday Mass</div> <div>11:30am SJ Sunday Mass</div> <div>2:30pm Misa en Español</div>                                  | <b>19</b><br><div>8:30am RL Sunday Mass</div> <div>11:30am SJ Sunday Mass</div> <div>2:30pm Misa en Español</div>                                  | <b>20</b><br><div>7:00pm CONFIRMATION- ST MARYS BLACKSBURG</div> | <b>21</b><br><div>9:00am SJ weekday Mass</div>                                     | <b>22</b><br><div>6:00pm SJ Misa en Español seguida con Adoracion del Santisimo Sacramento</div>           | <b>23</b><br><div>9:00am SJ weekday Mass</div> | <b>24</b><br><div>5:00pm AS Sunday Vigil Mass</div>    |
| <b>25</b><br><div>8:30am RL Sunday Mass</div> <div>11:30am SJ Sunday Mass</div> <div>2:30pm Misa en Español</div>                                  | <b>26</b><br><div>8:30am RL Sunday Mass</div> <div>11:30am SJ Sunday Mass</div> <div>2:30pm Misa en Español</div>                                  | <b>27</b><br><div>7:00pm CONFIRMATION- ST MARYS BLACKSBURG</div> | <b>28</b><br><div>9:00am SJ weekday Mass</div>                                     | <b>29</b><br><div>6:00pm SJ Misa en Español seguida con Adoracion del Santisimo Sacramento</div>           | <b>30</b><br><div>9:00am SJ weekday Mass</div> | <b>May 1</b><br><div>5:00pm AS Sunday Vigil Mass</div> |

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| 1 April 2021 – Thursday  | 5 April 2021 – Monday   | 11 April 2021 – Sunday   | 18 April 2021 – Sunday  | 25 April 2021 – Sunday   |
| Holy Thursday, at evening, begin Easter Triduum of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection / Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  | <b>First Reading:</b> Acts 14, 22-33<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11<br><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 8-15                        | <b>Second SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 32-35<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 2-4, 13-15, 22-24<br><b>Second Reading:</b> First 1-6<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 19-31 | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 13-15, 17-19<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)<br><b>Second Reading:</b> First 1-5a<br><b>Gospel:</b> Luke 35-48 | <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 8-12<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, and 29 (22)<br><b>Second Reading:</b> First 1-2<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 11-18 |
| <b>First Reading:</b> Exodus 1-8, 11-14<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 12-13, 15-16b, 17-18  | 6 April 2021 – Tuesday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 36-41<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 11-18        | 12 April 2021 – Monday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 23-31<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 1-8   | 19 April 2021 – Monday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 8-15<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 23-24, 26-27, 29-30<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 22-29   | 26 April 2021 – Monday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 1-18<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 2-3; 43: 3-4<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 1-10  |
| 2 April 2021 – Friday<br>Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion  | 7 April 2021 – Wednesday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 1-10<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9<br><b>Gospel:</b> Luke 13-35          | 13 April 2021 – Tuesday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 32-37<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 1ab, 1cd-2, 5<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 7b-15  | 20 April 2021 – Tuesday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 51 — 8: 1a<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 30-35                            | 27 April 2021 – Tuesday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 19-26<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 1b-3, 4-5, 6-7<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 22-30   |
| <b>Gospel:</b> John 1 — 19: 42   | 8 April 2021 – Thursday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 11-26<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9<br><b>Gospel:</b> Luke 35-48         | 14 April 2021 – Wednesday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 17-26<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 16-21   | 21 April 2021 – Wednesday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 1b-8<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 35-40  | 28 April 2021 – Wednesday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 24 — 13: 5a<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 2-3, 5, 6 and 8<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 44-50  |
| 3 April 2021 – Saturday<br>Holy Saturday / Readings for the Easter Vigil, which is an Easter Sunday Mass   | 9 April 2021 – Friday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 1-12<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 1-14        | 15 April 2021 – Thursday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 27-33<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 31-36                                       | 22 April 2021 – Thursday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 26-40<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 8-9, 16-17, 20<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 44-51   | 29 April 2021 – Thursday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 13-25<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 16-20   |
| 4 April 2021 – Sunday<br>EASTER SUNDAY, the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ   | 10 April 2021 – Saturday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 13-21<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21<br><b>Gospel:</b> Mark 9-15 | 16 April 2021 – Friday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 34-42<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 1, 4, 13-14<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 1-15  | 23 April 2021 – Friday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 1-20<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 1bc, 2<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 52-59  | 30 April 2021 – Friday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 26-33<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 1-6   |
| <b>Second Reading:</b> Colossians 1-4 or First Corinthians 5: 6b-8<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 1-9 or Mark 16: 1-7 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24: 13-35   Easter Triduum ends after Evening Prayer |   | 17 April 2021 – Saturday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 1-7<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 1-2, 4-5, 18-19<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 16-21   | 24 April 2021 – Saturday<br><b>First Reading:</b> Acts 31-42<br><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalms 12-13, 14-15, 16-17<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 60-69  |  |

# Your Essential Guide to the Triduum

## Taking you step-by-step through the three-day celebration of the Church

By Julianne Wallace March 29, 2021

2015 Easter Vigil at St. Paul Church in Wilmington, Delaware (CNS photo/Octavio Duran)

The Triduum (TRIH-du-um) is the time of the Church year when we celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This three-day celebration begins with the Holy Thursday Mass and continues on Good Friday with the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. At the end of this liturgy, we leave the church in silence, waiting to celebrate the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Then, on Saturday at sundown, the Church re-gathers to celebrate the final, and most grand moment of the Triduum: the Resurrection of our Lord.

The Triduum is somewhat like a three-day prayer marathon, and if you are a novice there may be some rituals that are unfamiliar to you. This guide will help you walk and pray through the liturgies of the Triduum.

### Holy Thursday

The Mass on Holy Thursday is commonly known as the Feast of the Lord's Supper. This Mass is a time for Catholics to remember the Last Supper where Jesus and his apostles gathered to celebrate Passover. In the Holy Thursday celebration, two ritual actions stand out among the rest:

#### ***The Washing of the Feet***

At the Last Supper, Jesus took a basin and a towel, got down on his hands and knees and washed the feet of all of his apostles. After this action, he commanded the apostles, "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do" (John 13:15). This is Jesus' commandment: Just as Jesus has been a servant to his apostles, so the apostles must go out into the world and be servants to everyone around them.

We are called to do the same in our daily lives. Well, we are not called literally to wash each other's feet (though sometimes that may be the case). The action of washing one another's feet reminds us of the call to humble servitude. Foot washing is not a re-enactment or re-creation of a past event, but rather, it is a commemorative action that reminds us that God calls us first and foremost to be servants to others in our daily lives.

The ritual washing of the feet can take place in many ways. Some churches choose to have 12 people, who represent the apostles, have their feet washed by the priest presiding over the celebration. Other churches invite the entire gathered community to have its feet washed (this particular tradition is very powerful because everyone is invited to come and have their feet washed by someone else in their community). However the ritual takes shape, foot washing should always be a reminder that Christ has called us to be servants to the entire world.

#### ***The Celebration of the Eucharist and the Eucharistic Procession***

At the very first Last Supper, Jesus also instituted the Eucharist for the Church. At this Holy Thursday celebration, we are reminded of who we are in Jesus Christ and that, through the sacrament of the Eucharist, we are and we become even more the Body of Christ together.

At the conclusion of the Holy Thursday celebration, there is no concluding prayer. Once the celebration of the Eucharist is completed, there is a Eucharistic Procession (where the Eucharist that is left from Communion is processed to a Chapel of Reservation). This procession to the Chapel of Reservation reminds us of Jesus' time in the garden of Gethsemane when he prayed so fervently through the night. The entire community is invited to join in this procession and then join

### **MATTHEW 25 PILL BOTTLE MINISTRY**

In developing countries, medicines—when actually obtainable—are often dispensed into hands, pockets, leaves or any other available container. Matthew 25 Ministries accepts donations of empty pill bottles to help improve health care quality in developing nations. Donations of clean, unlabeled pill bottles help the poorest of the poor in many ways: Medicine can be distributed in sterile containers. Pill bottles that are not appropriate for shipping are recycled for cash that goes towards Matthew 25:Ministries' programs. This plastic recycling program keeps thousands of bottles out of landfills each year.

**Matthew 25: Ministries** accepts the following types of empty pill bottles:

Prescription pill bottles, all sizes

Pill bottles with and without child resistant caps

Over-the-counter pill bottles.

**Bring your bottles to Sue Ann Ehmann any Sunday. If I'm not there just leave them in the kitchen at Risen Lord.**

in the silent prayer and adoration until night prayer is prayed and the Eucharist is put in the Tabernacle. The gathered community leaves in silence only to return in prayer the next day for the Good Friday celebration.

### **Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

In this solemn celebration, we remember the Passion and Death of Our Lord. The service is marked by several important rituals including the proclaiming of the Passion according to John, the Veneration of the Cross, an extended form of General Intercessions, and finally, the distribution of Communion (reserved from the Holy Thursday celebration of the Eucharist).

#### ***The Veneration of the Cross***

It seems strange that in the Good Friday liturgy Catholics choose to venerate, or show reverence to, the very instrument that was used to crucify Jesus. The Veneration of the Cross reminds us that through this Cross, the Glory of the resurrection emerges. So, on Good Friday, we come forward to show our great reverence and respect for the Cross. People have various traditions when they approach the Cross. Sometimes they kiss the Cross, kneel before the Cross, or even just touch it in some fashion. As you participate in this ritual, venerate the Cross in whatever way feels most normal. And most of all, just take in the experience of the gathered community coming so close to such a tragic, but integral, event in our faith.

#### ***The General Intercessions***

If you enjoy spiritual aerobics, then this ritual is for you! In this expanded form of General Intercessions, the presider and the deacon work together to pray 10 intercessions. These intercessions are the same intercessions the entire Church prays on Good Friday, and they include praying for the Holy Church, praying for the unity of all Christians, praying for the Jewish people, praying for people who do not believe in Christ or in God, praying for people in public office, and praying for people who are suffering or facing difficult times. These prayers recognize how universal our Church is and that we should be aware of all of the faiths and traditions in the world that are different from our own.

### **The Easter Vigil**

The celebration of the Easter Vigil tells the whole story of our salvation — from creation to resurrection and beyond. Because of all the ritual moments, this service tends to be on the lengthy side (an average Easter Vigil will last at least 2-2 1/2 hours). But don't let the length of the celebration detract you from participating. The Easter Vigil includes the lighting of the Easter Fire and Paschal Candle (the large candle that we will use throughout the year), the singing of the Exsultet (the Easter Proclamation), the expanded Liturgy of the Word that traces time through Salvation History (the story of our Salvation), the Liturgy of Initiation (where new people come into the Church), and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All these rituals come together for one purpose: to remember and recall the saving deeds of our God on our behalf. Here's an explanation of two moments from the celebration.

#### ***The Singing of the Exsultet***

The Exsultet, or the Easter Proclamation, is a hymn that is sung by a deacon, priest, or cantor. This hymn speaks of how God has interceded in our lives on our behalf. The Exsultet especially recalls the Holy Night when Jesus Christ rose from the dead. What makes this moment particularly dramatic is that the Exsultet is sung in a church lit only with the light of the Paschal Candle and other smaller candles, which people are holding. In order to pray this hymn along with the deacon, priest, or cantor, try reflecting on the words of the hymn throughout Holy Saturday.

#### ***The Liturgy of the Word***

The Liturgy of the Word for the Easter Vigil is comprised of nine readings and seven responsorial psalms. The first reading begins with the story of Creation and then, each subsequent reading recounts the story of our faith lives through history. You'll hear the story of Issac and Abraham, the story of Moses and the Exodus, and more. All of these readings lead up to the singing of the Gloria when all the lights come on in the church, and then the final reading, the Resurrection of Christ, is proclaimed. Why so many readings? Again, like the singing of the Exsultet, the readings recount the many ways in which God has interceded on our behalf throughout history.

Most churches do not do the entire set of nine readings (for time's sake). But keep in mind that the point is to recall how God has interceded on humanity's behalf from the very beginning of time and that through this Easter Vigil we celebrate that God is present and always working in our lives, even still today.

### **Easter**

Throughout these three days, we experience the highs and lows in our faith, ending with the ultimate high — the new life of the resurrection. The Easter Season begins with the Easter Vigil, and we enter a time (50 days) when endless "Alleluias" will ring out throughout all of our liturgical celebrations. May you experience the joy of new life in your own way this Easter Season. Have a happy and blessed Easter!

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## 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

What would have happened if Mary Magdalene (and, depending on which Gospel account you read, the other women) hadn't come to the tomb on that first Easter Sunday morning? It's crazy to think, but it seems likely that humanity might've missed out on the Good News of Christ's resurrection and His victory over death. After all, the apostles, those closest to Jesus, those who'd heard him repeatedly speak of His death and resurrection during his ministry, were in hiding—either because they didn't believe in Jesus's promise, or because their fear of punishment by the authorities deterred them from following up on it.

Instead, God drew Mary Magdalene to the tomb through her desire to be with Christ—even in His death. This underscores an important point: God draws us to Himself through our desires! Our hearts are made for God, and prayerfully reflecting upon where our deepest desires point is one of the best ways of discerning God's will for us.

Our parish has discerned a desire to strengthen our community through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. As we enter into the Easter season, confident that God draws us to Himself through our daily desires, let's discern how we can each generously support this important cause.

The Diocese has set fundraising goals for all parishes based on the annual offertories. Our Parish Goals are as follows:

**All Saints Floyd- \$2,690**

**Risen Lord Stuart- \$1,810**

**St. Joseph Woodlawn-\$4,320**



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## A Catholic Guide to Holy Week Symbols

By Dolores Smyth April 6, 2020

My twin brother and I were 7 years old and at Mass with our parents during Holy Week when we noticed purple veils draped over the normally uncovered statues and crosses in our church. We burst into a flurry of whispers about the possible reasons for the veils.

"Maybe they washed the saints and the cloths are soaking up the water."

"I think the statues are covered up because they got cold."

Our mom swiftly ended our theological debate by moving to sit between us. Little did I know then that my interest in religious symbolism would continue, with a special curiosity about symbols used during Holy Week. Here's what I've learned about the meaning behind some of the most customary symbols of this special time.



### Palm branches

Holy Week begins on the Sunday before Easter, known as Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is named after the palm branches the Jews used to praise Jesus as he entered Jerusalem at the start of his Passion. Palms were an important symbol in Jewish history.

Specifically, Jesus entered Jerusalem during Passover, a volatile time of year when Jews celebrated their liberation from Egyptian bondage while also yearning for liberation from Roman control. It was during this time of

unrest that Jesus publicly announced his Messianic mission by riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, in fulfillment of Zechariah's promise of a peacemaking king for Israel. In their yearning for a king who'd liberate them from their Roman occupiers, the Jewish crowds welcomed Jesus with palm branches, which in biblical times symbolized victory over oppressors. In commemoration of Jesus' triumphant entry into the Holy City, Catholics use palms on Palm Sunday to welcome our Savior at the beginning of Holy Week.



### Purple veils on statues

During Holy Week (or as early as the fifth Sunday of Lent), some churches cover crosses, statues, and other sacred depictions (not including the Stations of the Cross or stained glass windows) with purple veils. The Roman Missal instructs that, in churches observing this practice, "[c]rosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered

until the beginning of the Easter Vigil" on Holy Saturday. This veiling of sacred items reminds us that, without Jesus' ultimate sacrifice and glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday, our faith and everything sacred related to it wouldn't exist.



### Bread and Wine

Among the most poignant symbols of Holy Week are the bread and wine. These images recall Jesus' institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper on the day before his crucifixion. During that Passover meal, Jesus offered himself as the sacrificial lamb by transforming bread and wine into his own Body and Blood. After the Last Supper on that first Holy Thursday, the Apostles were invited to keep vigil with the Body and

Blood during Jesus' agony in the garden. In observance of that event, Catholics remove the Eucharist from the tabernacle on Holy Thursday and place it on an altar of repose where the faithful can keep vigil with Christ through the Adora-

tion of the Blessed Sacrament.



### Holy oils

Scripture tells us that God's people used olive oil to anoint, consecrate, and heal. In keeping with that rich tradition, Catholic bishops celebrate a Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday in which they bless three types of holy oils made from olive oil: holy chrism oil, the oil of catechumens, and the oil of the sick. Once blessed, these sacred oils are used during the Easter

Vigil, and throughout the year in the Church's administration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick, as well as in the dedication ceremonies of new churches.



### A towel

The imagery of a towel recalls the moment when Christ, as one of his last acts on Earth, wrapped a towel around his waist and washed his Apostles' feet at the Last Supper.

To honor that call to service, Catholics participate in a washing of the feet ceremony on Holy Thursday. During the ceremony, up to 12 volunteers sit in front of the congregation and place their bare feet in a bowl. A priest, assisted by ministers, pours water over and dries the feet of the volunteers, sometimes also kissing their feet.



### Crown of thorns

A vivid reminder of Christ's suffering, this symbol recalls the crown of thorns the Roman soldiers twisted together and placed on Jesus' head as they mocked him as the King of the Jews before the Crucifixion.

### The cross

The most common symbol of Christianity, undoubtedly, is the cross. First used as a tool of torture and

death, the cross has become the sign of salvation for Christians.

Veneration of the cross on Good Friday originated in fourth-century Jerusalem and continues to this day. Veiled crosses are unveiled on Good Friday to emphasize Christ's redeeming death on the cross that day. The faithful then approach the cross in procession to kneel before, touch, or kiss the symbol of Christ's sacrifice.



### Fire

Jesus is the Light of the World, and the image of fire epitomizes that title. Fire exemplifies Jesus' power in leading the world out of darkness when he defeated death that first Holy Saturday by rising again on the first Easter Sunday.

Holy Saturday's Easter Vigil concludes Holy Week. The Easter Vigil often begins with the congregation's gathering around a fire lit outside the church to symbolize the conquering of darkness. The Easter candle is lit from this fire. The congregation then lights their own individual candles from this Paschal candle, signifying our call to spread the light of Christ to the world.

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