

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

PARISH Penance SERVICE



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Tues., Apr. 11, we will have a Penance Service. Many priests will be present to hear your confession and

bring you God's mercy. Confession will renew you as you receive Christ's forgiveness and the strengthening that comes from the grace of this sacrament. Receiving this sacrament is a most important way that we prepare to celebrate the Lord's dying and rising in the Easter Triduum (The Three Days).

Holy Week	
Sun., Apr. 9	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Beginning of Holy Week
Mon., Apr. 10	Confession 10:00 – 11:00 AM 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Tues., Apr. 11	Lenten Penance Service 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Many priests.
Wed., Apr. 12	There are no evening confessions.
Thurs., Apr. 13	Holy Thursday (daytime) Note: There are <i>no</i> Masses at the church today until the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. 7:00 AM Office of Readings 8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Good Friday is a day of penance to be observed as an obligation in the whole Church, and indeed, through *abstinence* (no meat; age 14 and older) and *fasting*.

The **Chrism Mass** is held at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Arlington, on Holy Thursday, Apr. 13, at 10:30 AM. Bishop Burbidge is the principal celebrant. The priest concelebrants renew their priestly promises at this Mass and the Holy Oils (Sacred Chrism, Oil of Catechumens, and Oil of the Sick) are blessed at this Mass.

The **Easter Vigil** is not only one of the most beautiful liturgies in the Church, it is also the most important celebration of the entire liturgical year. The Easter Vigil consists of the blessing of the Easter fire, the Liturgy of the Word, the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, 1st Eucharist), and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

According to a most ancient tradition, this night is "one of vigil for the Lord," and the Vigil celebrated during it, to commemorate that holy night when the Lord rose from the dead, is regarded as the "mother of all holy vigils." For in that night the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the resurrection of the Lord, and celebrates the sacraments of Christian Initiation."

Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts



Easter Triduum (The Three Days)

Thurs., Apr. 13	Holy Thursday Evening
7:30 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper [Bilingual] Adoration of the Holy Eucharist, following the <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i> , until midnight (chapel)
11:45 PM	Night Prayer (chapel)
Fri., Apr. 14	Good Friday
7:00 AM	Office of Readings (church)
8:30 AM	Morning Prayer (church)
10:00 AM	Stations of the Cross [Spanish]
12:00 NOON	Service of <i>The Seven Last Words of Christ</i>
2:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion This is the solemn liturgy of Good Friday.
6:00 PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
8:00 PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion [Spanish]
Sat., Apr. 15	Holy Saturday
8:00 AM	Morning Prayer (church) followed by the Blessing of Food
Note: There are <i>no</i> confessions today, <i>nor</i> is there a 5:30 PM Mass today.	
Easter: The Resurrection of the Lord	
Sat., Apr. 15	
8:30 PM	Holy Saturday Night: The Easter Vigil [Bilingual] (This is the first Mass of Easter; includes Baptism & Confirmation)
Sun., Apr. 16	Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord
<i>English:</i> 6:00, 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 AM	
<i>English:</i> (Overflow Mass) 11:45 AM, in the Parish Activities Center	
<i>Spanish:</i> 9:30 AM, Manassas Park Community Center;	
1:30 & 3:30 PM, at the church	
There are no evening Masses.	