

Dear Friends,

The Easter Triduum-Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday(Easter) is the high point in our Church year. It is our greatest three day celebration, beginning on the evening of Holy Thursday and ends on the evening of Easter Sunday. The word Triduum means "three days." On these days, counted from sundown to sundown, we journey with Jesus from his Last Supper, through his Death on the Cross, to his Resurrection on Easter. Come and pray with us, experience these sacred days together as a parish family either in person or at home via livestreaming.

Triduum and Easter liturgies are as follows:

HOLY THURSDAY -April 1 Mass at 6 PM (English) and 8 PM (Polish)

GOOD FRIDAY-April 2 Stations of the Cross/Service 3 PM (English) and 7 PM (Polish)

EASTER VIGIL-APRIL 3 Mass 7:30 PM (English)

EASTER SUNDAY-April 4 Resurrection Mass at 6 AM (Polish), Masses 8:30, 10:30 AM (English), 1 PM (Polish)

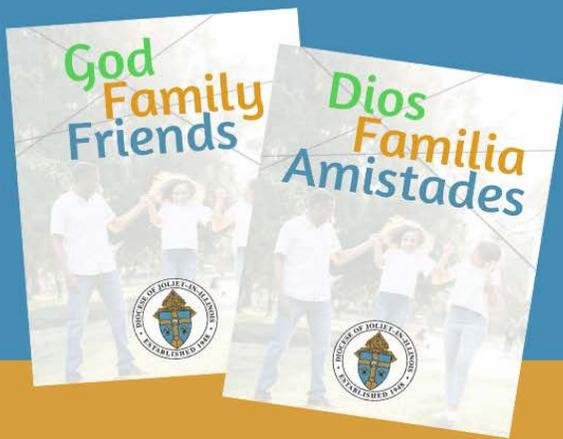
Reservations are required due to Covid.

Triduum and Easter reservations are now open on our website.

Attached is God, Family, Friends to use with your children, grandchildren, or neighbors in your Domestic Church for our most Sacred Days ahead. Go to our parish website and click on "Reserve A Seat" to register you and your family. Join us!! We would love pray with you at our Triduum and Easter Liturgies.

Our Mother of Good Counsel, Pray For Us!

~Janet



Helping families focus on what matters most

EASTER TRIDUUM: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter

Themes: The Last Supper, Passion and Resurrection of Jesus

GOD

EXPLAINER VIDEO - The Triduum ("A show that is out of this world"): <https://youtu.be/2wZJjnCS6xw>

Our Triduum Liturgies will be livestreamed. Check our parish website for the link: www.omgccc.org.

Click on "Livestream Available" or you can go directly to our Vimeo link, <https://vimeo.com/omgc>, where you can view our Liturgies. Join us in person by registering through our parish website, simply click on "Reserve A Seat", choose your Mass time, enter your information and you will be registered.

Holy Thursday Reading- Mass of the Lord's Supper

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040121-Evening.cfm>

VIDEO

<https://youtu.be/SigoALSS1R8>

Good Friday Reading of the Lord's Passion

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040221.cfm>

VIDEO

https://youtu.be/n_M3mBduIMY

SONG:

Jesus, Remember Me: <https://youtu.be/YjLZKR3c98>

Holy Saturday At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter:

EASTER PROCLAMATION (EXSULTET)

Jesus' Resurrection is proclaimed - God saves his people.

<https://youtu.be/WyEAsiDjFP4>

READINGS:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040321.cfm>

VIDEO

<https://youtu.be/gO5romstsQY>

SUNDAY Readings - Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040421.cfm>

VIDEO

<https://youtu.be/6KOg5SSdhjA>

SONG

Alleluia! <https://youtu.be/UoaZq5eorpo>

THURSDAY - FAMILY FOOT-WASHING

In the evening, plan a simple act of service, having family members wash each other's feet before dinner, remembering what Jesus did before the Last Supper.

Jesus came to serve, not to be served.

<https://www.reallifeathome.com/plan-family-foot-washing-for-holy/>

FRIDAY- STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN:

<https://youtu.be/jOqv7c4PsrA>

Coloring Page: <https://www.thecatholickid.com/easter-triduum-coloring-page/>

Dinner Conversation:

Today is a day of fasting and abstaining from meat. When it is time for your simple evening meal, gather quietly, pray simply, thanking Jesus for giving his life for us, then eat in silence, remembering Jesus is in his tomb. Try to keep quieter than usual for the rest of the evening until bedtime.

SATURDAY - 10:30 AM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN - STORY TIME ON ZOOM WITH SISTERS OF ST. PAUL

The Pauline Sisters will read the storybook *Easter Bunny's Amazing Day* and lead music and activities for little ones. Children will be encouraged to give their fears to Jesus. Register to receive the Zoom link here: bit.ly/paulineeaster

SPEND TIME ON HOLY SATURDAY WITH THE SHROUD OF TURIN:

The Shroud, believed to be the burial cloth of Jesus, will be on display Holy Saturday on this website: https://www.sindone.org/santa_sindone/00023930_Santa_Sindone.html

Help your family visualize how this piece of cloth covered the body of Jesus by watching this video on the 3-D model of the Man of the Shroud. https://youtu.be/w4RBXVs70_g

SATURDAY NIGHT - LIGHT A CANDLE AND KEEP THE VIGIL AS JESUS RISES FROM THE DEAD

If you are not able to be at Mass or livestreaming, you can gather at dusk (7:30 PM) with you family to do this shortened form of the Easter Vigil.

(Make the sign of the cross as you light a candle)

ALL: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

PARENTS: Jesus is the beginning and the end of everything forever.

He is the Lord of all time. This is the light of Christ. (Pause)

Rejoice heavenly powers! sing all you angels!

This is the night that Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, has risen from the dead.

He has broken the chains of death so that we can live forever.

He is the Morning Star that never sets. His light will live in each of us if we love him. AMEN

At this point, you could play your choice of the video of the Easter Proclamation/Exsultet linked above under Saturday - or play the Alleluia video.

EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY TOGETHERNESS AND FUN

Here are some ideas to make Easter special, besides the traditional Easter baskets and the big family meal.

- Get to Mass in person if you can. (Because we are still under gathering restrictions, you will have to sign up ahead of time, so find out how your parish does that.) Wear a mask, greet your friends, but keep socially distanced!
- If you can't gather with extended family, such as grandparents or older siblings away at college, be sure to Zoom or call them. They miss you!
- Grab some chalk and decorate your sidewalks and driveway with Easter symbols: empty Cross, butterflies, eggs, etc. You can also write "Alleluia" and "He is Risen." Be creative!

FRIENDS

50 DAYS TO SPREAD EASTER JOY WHEREVER YOU ARE! We know Jesus rose from the dead during the night before Easter. The stone was rolled away and the tomb empty when the women came to finish his burial ceremonies on Easter morning. Because Jesus has "broken the chains of death", he has opened the doors of Heaven to us forever because of God's great love and mercy. But what does that mean for us? Joy!

How can you and your family spread the joy of the Resurrection? Certainly, we do that by living joyfully from day to day, but we can also give witness that there is something special about the 50 days of the Easter Season between now and Pentecost, Sunday, May 23.

Decorate your windows with lights, your front yard with flowers, and remember to dress in "happy" colors through the season. But more than that, make a pledge to give your time and love to others in Jesus' name. When you see someone who is sad or lonely, be sure to listen to what they need and try to help. Go out of your way to be kind and thoughtful. It's what Jesus asks us to do. He gave us the great gift of his sacrifice. We respond with our whole hearts when we treat others in the ways he taught us.

Make a point to sit down to family dinner together whenever possible - and in your conversations, share what you did and how the people you helped reacted. Encourage one another and share joy.

Easter Blessings To All.
Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!!

