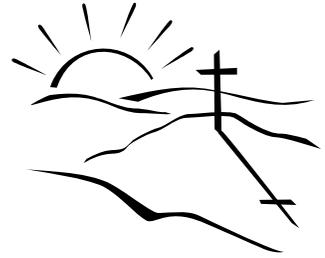
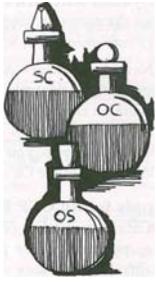


2019 Holy Week

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CHRISM MASS, Monday April 15th 7:30 PM



St. Mary's Cathedral, 219 – 18th Avenue SW. The Chrism Mass is a unique and significant celebration in the life of the diocese. During this Mass, Bishop McGrattan blesses the oil of catechumens, used in baptism and the oil of the sick. He also prepares and consecrates the oil of chrism that is used in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and holy orders, as well as at the dedication of churches. These oils are then distributed to all of the Parishes in the Diocese for use in the upcoming year. Parking is limited, so arrive early!

HOLY THURSDAY, April 18th

Potluck at 6 PM (in Hall) - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM

***** Please bring an item for the Food Bank *****

This evening, following the Mass, we also “keep watch and pray” in **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in a separate, temporary chapel IN THE HALL. Come and join us in prayer until 10 PM.

GOOD FRIDAY, Friday, April 19th

Annual Outdoor Way of the Cross – St Mary Cathedral, 8:45 AM – Noon

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Friday, April 19th at 12 Noon & 3:00 PM

The Church of God FASTS TODAY AND TOMORROW to honor the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of His resurrection. Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat for those 18 - 59 years of age. The sick are exempt.



Liturgy of the Word for Children (offered at 3 PM service only) will be in the Basement Lounge. All the children will be invited to their celebration after the opening prayer and will return for Communion and Veneration of the Cross.

*****Those with ALLERGIES please take note that we will be using incense at the HOLY THURSDAY and EASTER VIGIL MASSES.**

EASTER VIGIL MASS, Saturday April 20th

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM



Reception in the Hall after Mass.

St. Augustine said that the Easter Vigil – the night when Jesus Christ was raised from the dead – is to be considered the “mother of all vigils”. During the night, the people of God keep watch as they await the resurrection of the Lord and celebrate it in the sacraments of initiation.

All Children/Youth attending the Vigil or Sunday Mass are invited to participate in the ringing of the bells during the Gloria. Bring a bell from home or pick up bells in the Church vestibule before Mass.

Let's make a special celebration sound!

After the Easter Vigil, everyone is welcome to take home some Holy Water and New Fire. Please pick these up in the Hall. During the Easter season, until Pentecost June 8/9, jars of Holy water will be available in the Hall.

Anyone seeking the traditional blessing of their new, EASTER FOODS/BREADS are asked to bring them to Easter masses and inform Fr Bill 15 minutes before mass for further details.

EASTER SUNDAY, Sunday APRIL 21ST

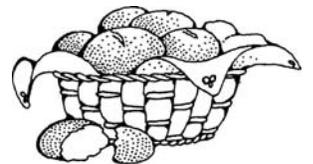
Easter Sunday, Mass at 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM



Coffee will be served in the Hall after both Masses.

EASTER SEASON

The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost (June 8/9) are celebrated as one great feast day. St. Athanasius called them “the great Sunday”. Christians sing “Alleluia” during these days of their rejoicing.



BULLETIN SUSPENDED: There will be NO bulletin the weekend of April 27/28.

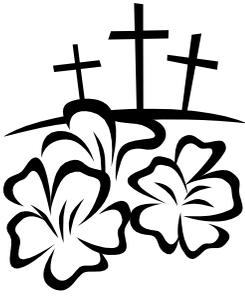
Bulletin will RESUME May 4/5

PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED on GOOD FRIDAY,

REOPENING THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH at 9 AM

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EASTER TRIDUUM

Through His Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death: by rising, He restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the Liturgical year.

HOLY THURSDAY



There are a variety of events that are clustered on this last day before Jesus was arrested that are commemorated in various ways in services of worship. These include the last meal together, which was probably a Passover meal, the institution of Eucharist or Communion, the betrayal by Judas (because of the exchange with Jesus at the meal), and Jesus praying in Gethsemane while the disciples fell asleep.

According to the Fourth Gospel, as Jesus and the Disciples were eating their final meal together before Jesus' arrest, He washed the disciple's feet to illustrate humility and the spirit of servanthood. We celebrate this with the Washing of Feet as we remember our new commandment of love.

At Holy Thursday mass there will an Offertory procession of food for the food bank. All parishioners are asked to bring non-perishable food items to Holy Thursday mass. There will be a potluck supper at 6:00 PM in the Hall. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. Questions, concerns or if you would like to help contact Deacon Dan @ 403.861.2440

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday of Holy Week has traditionally been called Good Friday. The church commemorates Jesus' arrest (since by Jewish customs of counting days from sundown to sundown it was already Friday), His trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial.



A Good Friday Liturgy is a series of Scripture readings, a short homily, and a time of meditation and prayer, with Veneration of the Cross and a Communion Service.

Good Friday is not a day of celebration but of mourning, both for the death of Jesus and for the sins of the world that His death represents. Yet, although Friday is a solemn time, it is not without its own joy. For while it is important to place the Resurrection against the darkness of Good Friday, likewise the somberness of Good Friday should always be seen with the hope of Resurrection Sunday.

The Paschal Fast is observed on Good Friday and, where possible continues through Holy Saturday. Baptized adults (18-59) fast and abstain from meat (seniors and the sick are exempt). Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety in place of abstinence from meat.

HOLY SATURDAY & EASTER VIGIL



What Sunday is to the week, our Easter Vigil is to the whole year! The whole Church rejoices in the Resurrection by blessing the new fire, actively listening to God's proclaimed scriptures, celebrating Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist together with our newly initiated, and renewing our own baptismal promises. ALLELUIA! Our Easter Season of 50 days begins.

EASTER SUNDAY

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again! Renewed by and rejoicing in the Resurrection, all the baptized renew their promises and proclaim Jesus, Risen from the dead, as the Lord of all life.

Please keep for your reference

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