



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

# HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday • March 25, 2018



# HOLY TRIDUUM

March 29 - April 1, 2018



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Dear Friends,

The most important feast of the Church, the holiest week of the year, begins this weekend with the commemoration of the Entrance of Christ into Jerusalem and His Passion, according to St. Mark's Gospel. This leads us to what we know as the "Feast of Feasts" which is a three-day-long celebration. We have no other feast in the Church that lasts for a continuous three days! We begin Holy Thursday evening at 6:00pm with the Mass of the Lord's Supper; to be continued the next day, Good Friday at 3:00pm, with the Passion of the Lord, according to St. John; and ending the following evening with the Easter Vigil at 8:00pm, and extending into our two Easter Day Masses at 8:30am and 11:15am.

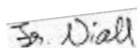
To help us concentrate more on the Word of God during these sacred days that call us to conversion, we are invited to fast from our usual devotions and prayers; hence the statues and crucifix are draped or hidden from view. All attention is on the Sacred Triduum and our response now to God's call during this, the Great Feast of our redemption and our new life in God.

The other surprise about this three-day feast is that it is not an historical re-construction or re-enactment of scenes from the upper room, Calvary and the empty tomb on Easter morning. Though rooted in history and in a specific place, the Church's tradition has always insisted that what once happened to Jesus is now happening to us and among us as we live and face the same challenges to become and remain the brothers and sisters of the ever-present Risen Christ. It is we who are being called to conversion, to a change of heart, to become a community of compassion, hopeful and fearless in our commitment to live justly and in peace with all of God's people.

*"Let our celebrations today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us."*

*from Liturgy of the Hours, Morning Prayer, Easter Sunday.*

God Bless,



## HOLY TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	EASTER VIGIL	EASTER SUNDAY
March 29, 2018	March 30, 2018	March 31, 2018	April 1, 2018
6 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	3 PM Good Friday of the Lord's Passion <i>(Holy Land Collection)</i>	8 PM Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord - At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter	8:30 AM & 11:15 AM Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord - The Mass of Easter Day

PARISH CALENDAR

• HOLY WEEK •

**SAT 03/24 5 PM Palm Sunday Vigil Mass**

**SUN 03/25 8:30 AM Palm Sunday Mass**  
9:30 - 11 AM CCE

**11:15 AM Palm Sunday Mass**  
† Hugo Vrsalovic

**MON 03/26 Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM**  
**No Weekday Mass**

**TUE 03/27 Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM**  
**12:15 PM Weekday Mass**

**WED 03/28 Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM**  
**12:15 PM Weekday Mass**

• HOLY TRIDUUM •

**THU 03/29 HOLY THURSDAY**  
**Office Closed**  
**6 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**FRI 03/30 GOOD FRIDAY**  
**Office Closed**  
**3 PM Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**  
*Holy Land Collection*

**SAT 03/31 EASTER VIGIL**  
**8 PM Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord - At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter**

• EASTER SUNDAY •

**SUN 04/01 8:30 AM Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord - The Mass of Easter Day**

**11:15 AM Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord - The Mass of Easter Day**

**MON 04/02 Office Closed**  
**No Weekday Mass**

**TUE 04/03 Office Hours: 11 AM - 3 PM**  
**12:15 PM Weekday Mass**

**WED 04/04 Office Hours: 11 AM - 3 PM**  
**12:15 PM Weekday Mass**  
† Martin & Catherine Maher

**THU 04/05 Office Hours: 11 AM - 3 PM**  
**12:15 PM Weekday Mass**

**FRI 04/06 Office Hours: 11 AM - 3 PM**  
**12:15 PM Weekday Mass**

• SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY •  
*Mission of Yahweh Food Collection*

**SAT 04/07 5 PM Sunday Vigil Mass**  
† John & Mary Gaffigan  
6 - 7:30 PM Saturday Mingle

**SUN 04/08 8:30 AM Sunday Mass**  
† Glenn Hettler  
9:30 - 10:30 AM Sunday Breakfast  
9:30 - 11 AM CCE

**11:15 AM Sunday Mass**  
12:30 - 2 PM Club 55+ Luncheon / Meeting



CLUB 55+ NEWS

**April and May Club 55+ Bus Trips**

Please join us for an exciting trip to Gonzales on Thursday, April 26, where a tour guide will discuss historical artifacts at the Gonzales Memorial Museum (including the "Come and Take It Cannon") and the Old Jail Museum. Following a lunch of comfort food or BBQ at Toni's, we will head to the Spoetzl Brewery for a tour and some fresh Shiner beer. We will leave the church at 7:00 am and return by about 5:00 pm. The cost is \$5 per person not including lunch.

**On Thursday, May 17** we will head to Sugar Land to take in a Skeeters baseball game at Constellation Field. We will get in the game spirit beforehand during dinner at the nearby Chuy's Mexican restaurant. We will leave the church at 3:45 pm and should return by about 10:00 pm. The cost is \$12 per person not including dinner. Please mail your checks to Diane Goyette, 5607 Summer Snow Drive, Houston, TX 77041 as soon as possible to reserve your spot for the trips.