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Mass Times

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Low Mass
10:15 a.m. High Mass
Monday-Friday: 7:45 a.m. Low Mass
Saturday: 8:30 a.m. Low Mass
Holy Days: *please consult the bulletin*

Confessions

30 minutes before Mass every day

Regular Devotions

Every Thursday: Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m.
First Friday: Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Devotions & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
First Saturday: After Mass, Adoration with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

April 13th 2025

Palm Sunday

Masses this Week

Sunday, April 13th

PALM SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo
10:15 a.m. - Scherer Family, living & deceased
requested by Peter & Theresa Reichenberger

Monday, April 14th

Monday of Holy Week

7:45 a.m. - Gary & Diana Burt
requested by Erika & Justin Burt

Tuesday, April 15th

Tuesday of Holy Week

7:45 a.m. - Matthew Pryor
requested by Linda Pryor

Wednesday, April 16th

Spy Wednesday

7:45 a.m. - Abbé Sean Jackson
requested by Neo Neal Bernardo Natividad

Thursday, April 17th

MAUNDY THURSDAY

12:00 p.m. - Priests & Seminarians of the Institute
of Christ the King Sovereign Priest
& of the Diocese of Bridgeport
requested by Canon Altieri

Friday, April 18th

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 p.m. - "Mass of the Presanctified"
{*The holy sacrifice is not offered on this day - no intention* }

Saturday, April 19th

EASTER VIGIL

3:00 p.m. - Canon Altieri
requested by parishioners

Sunday, April 20th

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo
10:15 a.m. - Benedict Joseph Burt
requested by Erika & Justin Burt



Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 13th

PALM SUNDAY

Distribution of palms at the 10:15 a.m. Solemn Mass
Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 14th

*Volunteers are needed after the morning Mass to set up
the church hall for the Mandatum ceremony!*

* Confessions at 6:00 p.m. *

Servers' practice (for Holy Thursday) at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15th

* Confessions at 6:00 p.m. *

Servers' practice (for Good Friday) at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16th

7:00 p.m. - Tenebræ (Matins & Lauds of Thursday)

Thursday, April 17th

MAUNDY THURSDAY

11:00 to 11:45 a.m. - Confessions

12 p.m. - Solemn Mass, Procession, Vespers,
Stripping of the Altars & Mandatum ceremony

7:00 p.m. - Tenebræ (Matins & Lauds of Friday)

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 10 p.m.

Friday, April 18th

GOOD FRIDAY {*mandatory fast & abstinence*}

11:00 to 11:45 a.m. - Confessions

12 p.m. - Mass of the Presanctified & Vespers

6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. - Tenebræ (Matins & Lauds of Saturday)

Saturday, April 19th

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 to 8:45 a.m. - Confessions

3:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil, then blessing of Easter
baskets & Compline (*please drop off baskets on the
designated table BEFORE the Vigil ceremony and collect
afterwards*), then reception in church hall

Sunday, April 20th

EASTER SUNDAY

Children's Easter egg hunt after both Masses

Solemn Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

April 21st to 26th

OCTAVE OF EASTER

Daily Mass at 8:30 a.m. all week

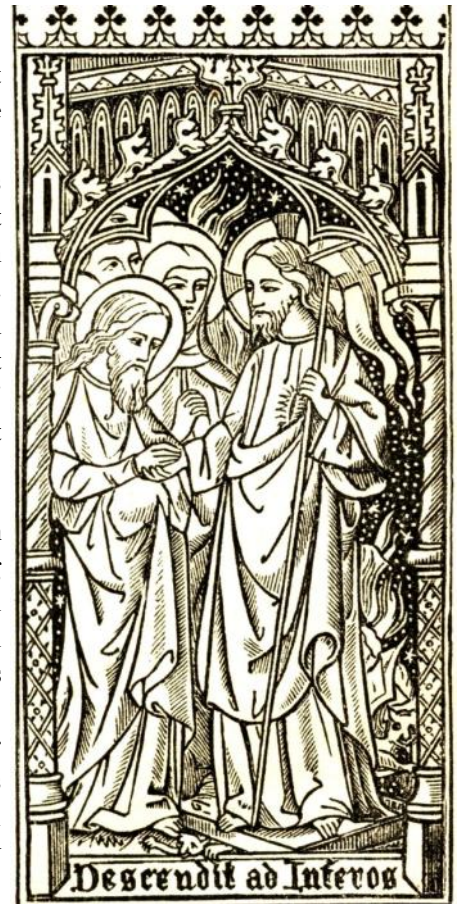
Liturgy Corner: THE EASTER VIGIL MASS

On Holy Saturday, the Lord's Body lies dead in the tomb. His soul, however, has descended as a triumphant victor to limbo. Lest the liturgy of Holy Saturday might seem like a misplaced anticipation of Easter itself on the day before, we should bear in mind that the Lord's triumph has already begun. Holy Saturday has its own proper mystery; it is not just Easter a day early. Our medieval ancestors liked to refer to this mystery as the "harrowing of hell." In the traditional Roman liturgy, a Vigil is a day of preparation before a great feast, from the Latin word meaning "to keep watch," *vigilate*. Easter has the most solemn and unique vigil ceremony of all. The ceremony of Holy Saturday consists of four main parts: (1) the *Lucernarium*, or service of light, which itself consists of the blessing of the new fire outside the church, the *Lumen Christi* procession when the triple-branched candle is carried into church and lit successively, and the *Exultet*, the chant for the blessing of the Paschal Candle; (2) the twelve Old Testament prophecies; (3) the blessing of the font and the Litany of the Saints; and finally, (4) the Mass of the Vigil, concluding with the First Vespers of Easter.

Let us take a closer look at the Mass that concludes the Vigil. Towards the end of the Litany, while the clergy are changing into white vestments for Mass, the altar candles must now be lit from the Paschal candle. Christ the Lord is the source of all light. The Mass of Holy Saturday has several peculiarities, and is notable for various omissions, underlying its unique character. There is no Introit (entrance antiphon), as everyone is already present; the clergy come to the altar as the choir sings the *Kyrie* at the end of the Litany. During the *Gloria*, the bells are rung for the first time since Holy Thursday and the images, veiled since the start of Passiontide, are uncovered. The *Alleluia*, banished since Septuagesima, makes its return after the epistle, when the celebrant intones it three times, on a progressively higher note (repeated by the choir). Two days without the bells, two weeks without the sacred images, two months without the *Alleluia*, but now is the time to restore all things. This first Easter *Alleluia*, however, is followed by one final Tract – the last Tract of Lent. Lent and Easter intermingle like the intermingling of night and day at the moment of the Resurrection. At the Gospel, the thurifer brings incense as usual (representing the spices the holy women prepared to anoint the Lord's body), but the usual candles are not carried (since the Lord's followers did not have the light of faith in the Resurrection, which is not yet manifested to them). The Creed, although recited on all feasts of the Lord, is not sung on Holy Saturday; and there also is no Offertory antiphon.

As on Holy Thursday, the kiss of peace normally exchanged by the clergy at solemn Mass is omitted on Holy Saturday. The reason, however, is not the same on both occasions. On Holy Thursday, the day on which Judas betrayed his Master with a kiss, the rite of peace is omitted because of this treachery. On Holy Saturday, on the other hand, the kiss of peace is not given because Our Lord had not yet appeared to His Apostles to give them His peace, something which He did only on the afternoon of Easter Sunday. Indeed, at the Easter Vigil, even the very singing of the *Agnus Dei* is omitted (because of its verse, *dona nobis pacem*, "grant us peace"), another sign that the Mass of Holy Saturday is not fully a true "First Mass of Easter," certainly not a Midnight Mass like that of Christmas, but rather a Mass that *anticipates* and *watches for* Easter.

The Easter Vigil ceremony having started after the early or mid-afternoon office of None, by the time Mass is ending at the conclusion of this long service, the usual interval between None and Vespers has already been exceeded. Consequently, a form of abbreviated Vespers with just one psalm (the shortest one at that, Psalm 116, *Laudate Dominum*) is added to Mass as the conclusion of the service, in place of the usual Communion antiphon. This is the First Vespers of Easter. How fitting it is to crown the Easter Vigil with the *Magnificat* (during which the altar is incensed), Our Lady's canticle of thanksgiving, since the Risen Lord appeared first of all to her, in private, before the public manifestation of His Resurrection, which will only be fully celebrated on Easter Sunday.



We welcome you to Saints Cyril and Methodius!

If this is your first time here, we look forward to meeting you. We hope you will be able to join us for our next special events. If you are interested in registering as a parishioner, forms are available at both entrances.

Holy Mass and all the sacraments at Saints Cyril & Methodius Oratory are celebrated in the traditional Latin Rite. This form of worship, which developed many centuries ago, is a priceless treasure of our Catholic faith. On Sundays and feasts, there are handouts containing English translations of the Propers (the prayers and readings proper to the day). If you are unfamiliar with the traditional Latin Mass, please do not hesitate to approach the clergy of the Oratory with any questions you may have. The pastoral care of the Oratory has been entrusted by the Bishop of Bridgeport to the clergy of the Institute of Christ the King, a Catholic priestly society founded in 1990 and currently ministering in dioceses across the United States, Europe and Africa.

Holy communion may be received by practicing Catholics in the state of grace. In the traditional Roman Rite, holy communion is received kneeling at the communion rail (unless you are impaired from doing so) and directly on the tongue. The mouth should be open with the tongue slightly extended. You do not reply when the priest places the host in your mouth. The sacrament of confession is available every day 30 minutes before the start of Mass (ending approximately 7 minutes before Mass begins).

The church narthex (vestibule) functions as a cry room during Mass. As a courtesy to others, please feel free to make use of it when you have a crying child by exiting quietly down one of the side aisles. Everyone is kindly reminded that all conversations should be held outside.

Out of respect for God's house, please bear in mind the importance of modest and decent attire. Ladies who wish to do so may borrow a veil to wear at Mass (available in baskets by the entrances).

If you are not a Catholic, you are warmly invited to learn more about our faith. The Catholic Church was founded 2000 years ago by Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to carry on His work for the salvation of souls. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith, please do not hesitate to contact us. The Oratory offers individual instruction. We look forward to hearing from you.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

The *Roman Ritual* contains special blessings for foodstuffs, for eggs and for lamb which may be used at Easter. Baskets of Easter food (in general) will be blessed after the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. On Easter Sunday, eggs (real eggs, not chocolate!) will be blessed after both Masses, and the Easter Lamb will be blessed after the Solemn Mass (you can meet him afterwards on the lawn). If you will be bringing Easter food or eggs for blessing, please be sure to put them on the designated table by the statue of the Sacred Heart before the relevant ceremony begins!



SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS

Holy Monday & Holy Tuesday

6:00 p.m. to 6:25 p.m.

Holy Thursday

11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Good Friday

11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Holy Saturday

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

{no confessions before Easter Vigil}

Please take note of the special times during the Triduum! Confessions will end promptly at the announced times.

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Palm Sunday