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HOLY THURSDAY ~ Year C

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Mass Times

Saturday: 6.00 p.m.

Sunday: 9.00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday – 12.00 p.m.

Wednesday – 9.15 a.m.

Thursday – 9.15 a.m.

Friday – 12.00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.15 – 5.45 p.m.

Rosary: Tuesday 11.30 a.m.

* Friday 11.30 a.m.

Saturday 11.00 a.m.

Adoration: Last Wednesday of the month 7-8pm

which includes Rosary and last Friday of the

month 11-12pm which includes the Rosary.



Do this in memory of me (John 13:34)

Holy Thursday marks the beginning of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, in which the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption. These special celebrations keep in mind the memorial of our Lord, crucified, buried and risen. Unity is expressed by the single celebration of an evening Eucharist in which the whole local community gathers to participate. From this Mass and Good Friday we receive communion from what is consecrated tonight, a sign of unity of Altar and Cross and therefore requiring solemn reservation of the Eucharist in the Altar of Repose as the mass ends tonight. Adoration is encouraged for a short time but not to continue to Good Friday.

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First Reading *Ex 12:1-8. 11-14*

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 'This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, "On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family: one animal for each household. If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for the animal. It must be an animal without blemish, a male one year old; you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall slaughter it between the two evenings. Some of the blood must then be taken and put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten. That night, the flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire; it must be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall eat it like this: with a girdle round your waist, sandals on your feet, a staff in your hand. You shall eat it hastily; it is a Passover in honour of the Lord. That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt, I am the Lord. The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. When I see the blood I will pass over you and you shall escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in the Lord's honour. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever

(R) Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. cf. 1 Cor 10:16*

(R.) Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. **(R.)**

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Reading *Cor 11:23-26*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

Gospel Acclamation

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Gospel *Jn 13:1-15*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

It was before the festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had always loved those who were his in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was. They were at supper, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'Never!' said Peter. 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus replied, 'If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me.' 'Then, Lord,' said Simon Peter, 'not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!' Jesus said, 'No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are.' He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, 'though not all of you are.' When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'

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POPE FRANCIS REFLECTION ON THE WASHING OF THE FEET

Before dying and rising, Christ made gesture that was carved in the memory of the disciples- the washing of the feet. Here Pope Francis reflects on its meaning. It was an unexpected and shocking gesture, so much so that Peter did not want to accept it, the Pope says, "I want to focus on the final words of Jesus: "Do you understand what I have done for you? If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash the feet of another".

"In this way Jesus tells his disciples that his service is the way to follow him in order to live their faith in him"

EASTER SERVICES

Stations of the Cross	10am
Good Friday	3pm
Easter Saturday Vigil	7pm
Easter Sunday	9am



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION- HOLY PLACES APPEAL

Tomorrow we have a special collection for the Holy Places Appeal. The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to the local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 Churches and Shrines associated with the life of Jesus, visited by millions of Catholics every year.

EASTER TIME

As Lent comes to its end and we celebrate Holy Week, let us count the days of Easter beyond the initial celebration. Easter time goes for the fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday (June 5, 2022). We celebrate this in joy and exultation as one feast day and these are the days above all days in which the Alleluia is sung. The Sundays of this time are considered to be Sundays of Easter.