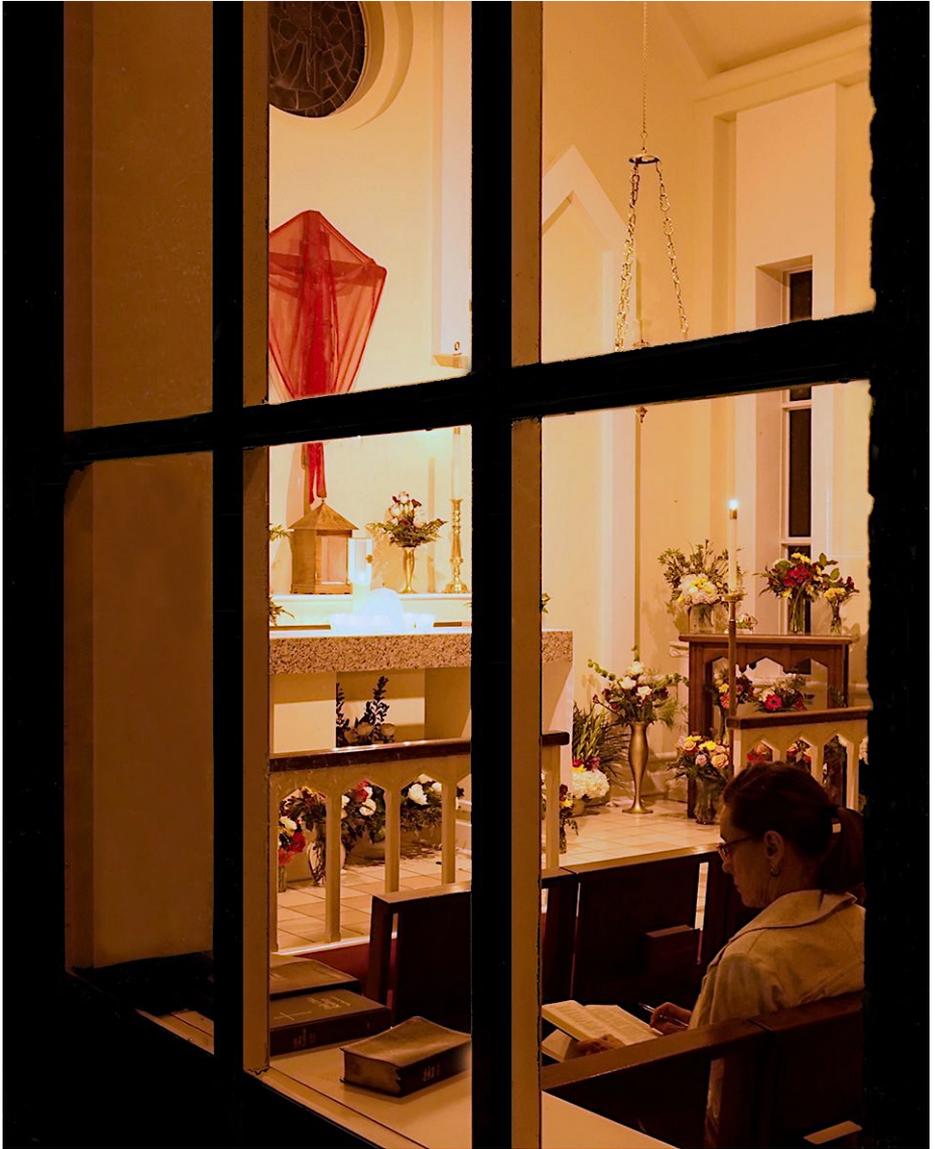




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HOLY WEEK BOOKLET

2019

HOLY WEEK AT A GLANCE

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 14

Morning Prayer	7:45am	Chapel
Mass & Procession with Palms	8:30am	Grass area by office
No Sunday School		
Mass & Procession with Palms	10:45am	Grass area by office
Evensong and Benediction	5:00pm	Church
Seder Meal	5:30pm	Parish Hall

HOLY MONDAY - APRIL 15

Morning Prayer	9:00am	Chapel
Mass	9:30am	Chapel
Confessions	10:00am	Chapel
School of Sacred Arts	10:00am	Parish Hall

HOLY TUESDAY - APRIL 16

Parent's Day Out	9:00am	Parish Hall
Chrism Mass	10:30am	St. Vincent's, Bedford

HOLY WEDNESDAY - APRIL 17

Morning Prayer	9:00am	Chapel
Easter Egg Dying	5:00pm	Parish Hall
Evening Prayer	5:30pm	Chapel
Pizza Dinner	6:00pm	Parish Hall
Interactive Stations of the Cross	6:30pm	Back Parking Lot
Chorale Rehearsal	7:15pm	Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 18

Morning Prayer	9:00am	Chapel
Parent's Day Out	9:00am	Parish Hall
Confessions	5:30-6:30pm	Chapel
"Inside Today's Service"	6:30-6:45pm	Parish Hall
Mass and Foot Washing	7:00pm	Church
Watch Begins	8:30pm	Chapel

"Breakthrough "	9:25pm	Harkins Theater
Private Movie Screening	(9:00pm doors open)	
Jr. & Sr. High at Watch	11:30pm	Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 19

Men's Bible Study	6:30am	Parish Hall
Cook & Set up Shift	8:15am	Union Gospel Mission
Watch Ends	9:00am	Chapel
Morning Prayer	9:00am	Chapel
Serve & Clean up Shift	10:15-1:15pm	Union Gospel Mission
Stations of the Cross	12:00pm	Church
Confessions	12:30-1:30pm	Chapel
Confessions	5:30-6:30pm	Chapel & Children's Chapel
"Inside Today's Service"	6:30-6:45pm	Parish Hall
Liturgy of Good Friday	7:00pm	Church

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 20

Confessions	8:30-10:00am	Chapel & Children's Chapel
First Communion Rehearsal	10:00am	Church
"Inside Today's Service"	8:00-8:15pm	Parish Hall
The Great Vigil of Easter	8:30pm	Lawn/Church

EASTER DAY - APRIL 21

Morning Prayer	7:45am	Chapel
Mass	8:30am	Church
Easter Egg Hunt	10:00am	Lot north of Parish Hall
Easter Brunch	10:00am	Parish Hall
Mass	10:45am	Church
Evening Prayer	5:30pm	Chapel

A LITTLE MORE DETAIL

SEDER MEAL

5:30-8:30pm Palm Sunday in Parish Hall (nursery provided)



The Passover Meal, known as the Seder, was the meal Jesus had with His apostles the night before He was crucified, the meal we know as the Last Supper. To help us better understand these events and to help raise funds for their summer mission trip, our Youth Groups are hosting the Seder Meal. The Youth will do the readings for this traditional Passover Meal and Fr. Jordan will

provide teaching and commentary to explain what is happening and the meaning behind it. Please note that Evensong will have a special start time of 5:00pm this night. Cost is \$10/person or \$30/family. To sign up, contact the Church office at office@saintlaurencechurch.org or 817-481-3335.

INTERACTIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:30-7:30pm Holy Wednesday in Back Parking Lot (nursery provided)

Last year's Interactive Stations of the Cross was so popular that we are doing it again this year, but we are moving it outside (weather permitting) so there will be plenty of room for everyone. This is put on by our Jr. High Youth and they have been working hard to prepare all new stations for us with a new interactive feature at each station representing what was happening



to Jesus at that time. It's going to be a truly special Stations for everyone in the Parish, whether you are a parent of a youth or not. Stations will be from 6:30-7:30pm in the back parking lot behind the office and groups will be staggered so you can come any time during that hour.

INSIDE TODAY'S SERVICE

6:30-6:45pm Maundy Thursday in Parish Hall (nursery provided)

6:30-6:45pm Good Friday in Parish Hall (nursery provided)

8:00-8:15pm Holy Saturday in Parish Hall (nursery provided)

Come a half hour early to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil services for our version of a "pre-game" show. Perhaps you've been coming for years or maybe this year will be your first time to worship at these beautiful services. In either case, if you would like to come a bit early, we will explain some of the liturgical actions for the upcoming service and what they mean. Please note that these sessions will be held in the Parish Hall this year instead of the Church.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION OR CONFESSION

10:00-11:00am Holy Monday
in the Chapel with Fr. Jordan

5:30-6:30pm Maundy Thursday
in the Chapel with Fr. Young

12:30-1:30pm Good Friday in Chapel with Fr. Morelock

5:30-6:30pm Good Friday
in Chapel with Fr. Crary
in Children's Chapel with Fr. Young

8:30-10:00am Holy Saturday
in Chapel with Fr. Young
in Children's Chapel with Fr. Morelock

(The Children's Chapel is the last door on the right in the Parish Hall.)

Confession is the means by which we reconcile ourselves with God. By repenting of our sins and confessing them to God in the presence of a priest we receive God's grace and know that sin no longer stands in the way of our relationship with God. We're offering many times for

Confession and we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to come to Easter wiped clean of sin. How does it work? Prepare for your Confession ahead of time by examining your conscience. "How to Make a Confession" pamphlets are available in the Church Narthex, office or on our website.



- **For Confessions in the Chapel**, come to the Church. Enter the Church through the main door and walk to the Chapel through the left transept. If the door to the Chapel is open, then go in and begin your Confession at the Altar rail. If the door is closed, please take a seat in the pews right outside the Chapel door. You may enter when the previous person is finished.
- **For Confessions in the Children's Chapel** (last door on right in the Parish Hall), come into the Parish Hall. If the door to the Children's Chapel is open, then go in and begin your Confession. If the door is closed, please wait in the Parish Hall until the previous person is finished.

PRIVATE SCREENING OF "BREAKTHROUGH" MOVIE

9:25pm Maundy Thursday at Harkins Movie Theater in Southlake Town Square

We have once again rented out a theater at Harkins in Southlake just for St. Laurence and everyone is invited! We're watching the just released "Breakthrough" movie (rated PG) about a



mother's unfaltering faith when her son falls through an icy lake. Come after the Maundy Thursday service and meet Katie LaPenna outside in front of the theater to purchase your \$10 movie tickets. Please bring cash! Doors open at 9:00pm and the movie starts at 9:25pm.

THE WATCH

8:30pm Maundy Thursday - 9:00am Good Friday in the Chapel

At the end of the Maundy Thursday service, the blessed sacrament (Christ's presence) is removed from the Church and brought to the Altar in the Chapel. The Chapel is decorated with many flowers to represent the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus went after the Last Supper to pray. Jesus asked his disciples to watch with him one hour. As Christians have for centuries, we say "Yes" to Christ and watch with Him in one-hour shifts throughout the night. Pray, read scripture or just sit in His holy presence. It is a beautiful experience that will enhance your



Holy Week. Sign up for a time slot on one of the boards in the Parish Hall or Church Narthex or just come at any time throughout the night.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

5:30-8:30pm Palm Sunday in Parish Hall - Seder Meal

4:45-6:00pm Holy Wed. in Parish Hall - Easter Egg Dying/Pizza Dinner

6:30-7:30pm Holy Wed. in Back Parking Lot - Interactive Stations of the Cross

9:25-11:15pm Maundy Thursday - "Breakthrough" Private

Movie Screening at Harkins Theater in Southlake Town Square

11:30pm-12:30am Maundy Thursday in Chapel - The Watch

All families in the Church are invited to help dye Easter Eggs to be used to decorate the tables at Union Gospel Mission on Good Friday (please bring 1 dozen hard boiled eggs per child). Pizza will be served. The youth will then lead the Parish in an Interactive Stations of the Cross. They'll join the All-St. Laurence Private Movie Screening of "Breakthrough" after the Maundy Thursday service. Please bring \$10/person for your movie ticket. Contact Katie LaPenna at katielapenna@gmail.com for more information about Holy Week youth activities.

EASTER EGG HUNT

10:00am Easter Sunday in Grass lot North of Parish Hall

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the grass lot to the north of the Parish Hall parking lot. Please bring 12-18 eggs per child (filled with individually wrapped candy, stickers or trinkets) to one of the boxes in the Parish Hall or Church Narthex before Easter. The hunt is for all kids 5th grade and under and will be divided by age. Kids should bring a basket for their eggs and parents should be ready for some incredible photo ops! A special food table for the kids and their parents will be located outside at the back of the Parish Hall.



HOLY WEEK MUSIC

The St. Laurence Chorale and our Children's Canterbury Choir have been rehearsing for months to prepare the beautiful music we will hear during Holy Week. In addition, we will have the brass quintet joining us again for the Easter services, adding that extra celebratory sound. With the help of our new Choral Scholars, the Chorale has taken on some much more challenging pieces, some of which we highlight here for you to look forward to.

- ***Hosanna filio David***, sung by the Canterbury Choir on Palm Sunday
- ***Greater Love Hath No Man*** by John Ireland for Palm Sunday
- **"Behold the Lamb of God" from *Messiah*** by George Frideric Handel for Palm Sunday
- ***Ave Verum*** by Franz Liszt for Maundy Thursday
- ***Ne irascaris Domine - Civitas sancti tui*** by William Byrd for Good Friday
- ***Sing Ye To the Lord*** by Edward Bairstow for Easter
- ***Haec dies*** by William Byrd for Easter

HOLY WEEK

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY APRIL 14

8:30am	Mass, Procession with Palms & Reading of the Passion (nursery provided)
10:45am	Choral Mass, Procession with Palms & Reading of the Passion (nursery provided)
5:00pm	Evensong and Benediction in Church (nursery provided)
5:30pm	Seder Meal in Parish Hall (nursery provided)

On this day almost 2,000 years ago, our Lord entered the holy city of Jerusalem. It seemed to be His moment of triumph as the people welcomed Him in the way they welcomed their kings on great occasions, with shouts of praise and palm branches thrown in His path. But by the following Friday, the crowd's "hosannas" had changed to "Crucify him!" and Jesus was being raised onto a cross. The Palm Sunday Mass highlights this shift from triumph to agony.

The Mass begins remembering Jesus' "triumphant" entry into Jerusalem with the Liturgy of the Palms. This mini-liturgy will begin on our back lawn. There, the palms will be blessed and distributed to the congregation. We will then sing the traditional hymn, *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* and go all together in procession into the Church just as the people would have done that day in Jerusalem.

Beginning with the readings from Holy Scripture, the mood of the Liturgy changes dramatically. The focus shifts from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to His passion on the cross. The reading of the Passion Gospel reminds us that we are all part of this great drama of redemption. The truth of this day is that, by our sins, we all are responsible for the passion and death of our Lord. The glory of this day is that we know the Resurrection is coming, bringing with it the promise of everlasting life "with Him who suffered and died for us, and rose again."

Truth and Glory - these are Palm Sunday's gifts to the worshiper. Holy Week begins.

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK APRIL 15

9:30am **Mass in Chapel**

With Jesus, we go to Bethany to rest with his friends.

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK APRIL 16

10:30am **Chrism Mass for the Diocese**
St. Vincent's Cathedral, Bedford
(nursery provided from 9:30-2:00pm at St. Laurence)

Judas leaves Jesus and his brother apostles for a while and makes His move to hand Jesus over to the authorities; at supper, Jesus predicts that Peter will deny Him.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK APRIL 17

5:30pm **Evening Prayer in Chapel**
6:30pm **Interactive Stations of the Cross in Back Parking Lot**
(nursery provided)

Judas strikes his bargain to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, and then acts innocent at supper with Jesus and His apostles when Jesus says that one of them is going to betray Him.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

The Sacred *Triduum* means the “three holy days” – this is the Christian Passover. These 72 hours are NOT three separate days, each with its own liturgy. Instead they form a whole, the culmination not only of Holy Week, but of the entire Christian year. These 72 hours commemorate the most crucial hours of history: during them Jesus was engaged in a battle with Satan, Sin and Death in order to save us from destruction by these. Just as Jesus “passed over” from death to eternal life, so will His faithful disciples. His victory becomes our victory. The three days of the *Triduum* move us through the successive moments of the mystery of Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection.

MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 18

5:30-6:30pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)**

6:30-6:45pm **“Inside Today’s Service” in Parish Hall** (nursery provided)

7:00pm **The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday** (nursery provided)

8:30pm-9:00am **The Watch at the Altar of Repose in the Lady Chapel**

- This is the night Jesus gathered with His disciples in an upper room in Jerusalem for one last supper.
- This is the night Jesus took a towel and washed His disciples’ feet, manifesting the life of service to which He calls His followers.
- This is the night Jesus instituted the Eucharist. On this night Jesus intended for every generation of His followers, through this meal, to enter into the sacrifice He was about to make and be nourished by Him on our journey to heaven.
- This is the night Jesus, the Lamb of God, gave Himself into the hands of those who would kill Him.



All these elements of the first Maundy Thursday are part of the liturgy of every Maundy Thursday. This day's title "Maundy" comes from the latin word *mandatum*, which means "commandment" or "mandate." This refers to Jesus' words to His disciples after He had washed their feet: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34) Every year we repeat the Lord's action and members of the congregation are invited forward to get their feet washed. As they do, the words of Jesus are sung connecting the action of foot washing to the new commandment of love.

The Maundy Thursday Liturgy is one of the most beautiful and deeply moving of the Church's liturgies. By its end, the glory of its Solemn Mass has given way to silence and a Church stripped bare. The Blessed Sacrament has been taken to an "Altar of Repose" representing our Lord's departure for the Garden of Gethsemane. There, in the shadows, as Christians have for centuries, the people of the Parish keep watch with our Lord throughout the night, saying "Yes" to His question: "Could you not watch with me one hour?"

Traditionally, Christians this night have kept a holy hour of prayer. Please consider coming at some point throughout the night to pray before the Altar of Repose in the Chapel.



GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 19

9:00am	Morning Prayer, Watch Ends in Chapel
12:00pm	Stations of the Cross in Church (no nursery)
12:30-1:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
5:30-6:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
6:30-6:45pm	"Inside Today's Service" in Parish Hall (nursery provided)
7:00pm	The Liturgy of Good Friday (nursery provided)

On this day, Jesus was murdered, for us and for our salvation. Good Friday is a day of fasting. The faithful are asked to fast as a way of sharing with Jesus in His suffering.

The Good Friday Liturgy is austere and stark:

- Its Gospel is St. John's account of Our Lord's Passion. It is sung in three parts to the solemn Holy Week tone.
- Prayer is offered for the Church, the world, and especially those in need, so that as we proceed to gaze upon the instrument of our redemption: the Cross, we will carry to it the needs of people everywhere.

- A large wooden cross is brought into the Church as the priest proclaims, "Behold the wood of the Cross, on which was hung the world's salvation" and the people respond, "Come let us worship." The cross is placed before the



people and ancient anthems in praise of the Holy Cross are offered as the faithful look upon it and venerate our crucified Lord.

- Communion is given from the Sacrament reserved from Maundy Thursday, as no Mass may be celebrated this day. The abrupt ending to the Liturgy leaves us with one clear focus – the saving grace of the cross.

HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 20

- 8:30-10:00am **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)**
8:00-8:15pm **"Inside Today's Service" in Parish Hall** (nursery provided)
8:30pm **The Great Vigil of Easter** (nursery provided)

Holy Saturday is a day of rest and mourning. Jesus' body was in the tomb, as He descended through death into hell to do battle for the salvation of all creation. As the sun sets this day, the Lord's Passover moves to its completion: the Day of the Resurrection (Easter Day) arrives!

Please bring a flashlight and a bell (or have apps on your phone). The service will begin outside and the congregation will gather there. The flashlight will be helpful for navigating your way in the dark. The bells will be rung at the announcement of Easter, the congregation adding their bells to the Church bell and all will be rung together in joyous celebration.



The Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night is the most important of all Christian feasts and liturgies. It is the Church's most ancient way of celebrating our Lord's resurrection and is celebrated during the night which begins Easter Day.

On this most holy night our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life. Thus the Church calls her children throughout the world to come together in vigil, prayer and celebration. Through the unique liturgy of this feast we celebrate not only Christ's Victory but our share in it.

The Vigil is comprised of four elements:

- **The Service of Light:** The Vigil begins outside the Church with a fire being kindled and blessed. From this fire, a very large candle, the Paschal Candle, is lit. This great candle represents the risen Christ, triumphing over darkness and death; it will burn throughout the fifty days of the Easter Season. From the light of this candle, the congregation's candles are lit, and then all go in procession following the Paschal Candle into the Church. The Church is dark, like a tomb. Except for the flickering of the candles, the Church remains dark until the Mass of the Resurrection. As the people enter, the darkness of the Church is pushed back, the power of Christ's resurrection to overcome death is seen, and we understand the words of St. John, "And the light shined in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it!" (John 1:5) The Service of Light concludes with the chanting of the *Exsultet* ("Rejoice!"), an ancient hymn in praise of our Lord's Passover victory.
- **The Vigil Readings:** We hear the record of God's saving deeds throughout history as we read several Old Testament Lessons.
- **The Baptismal Liturgy:** Easter and Holy Baptism are intimately connected. In "going down into the water" we are joined to Jesus' death and in coming up, we are joined to His resurrection. Thus the Vigil proceeds to Baptism and the renewal of Baptismal Vows by all the faithful. For many centuries, this was the only time in the entire year when Baptism was administered.
- **The Mass:** The Vigil reaches its consummation in the glorious first Mass of the Resurrection. As the bells ring, the Celebrant says "Alleluia, Christ is Risen," suddenly the darkness is dispelled as all the lights in the Church are lit. Then we hear the news of the Risen Christ.



EASTER DAY

APRIL 21

- 8:30am **Mass**
10:00am **Easter Brunch in Parish Hall**
10:00am **Easter Egg Hunt in Grass Lot North of Parish Hall**
10:45am **Choral Mass & Solemn Procession**
 (nursery provided from 8:15am-12:30pm)



The *Alleluias* repeated again and again throughout the Masses of Resurrection Day signal the beginning of the Church's fifty-day celebration of the Resurrection. This celebration culminates on the Day of Pentecost - the day on which our Savior's life, His Holy Spirit, was poured out upon the Church. These fifty days are the great season of the Christian Year, just as Easter Day is the Queen of Feasts.

HOLY WEEK - What a week! Begun in triumph as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Continued in gathering sadness, pain, and horror as Jesus moves into death. Fulfilled in glorious victory as He rises from the grave. And all of this for us! May we walk it well, to the honor and glory of Him who walked it well for us.