

SAINT HEDWIG CATHOLIC CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024



Peter Paul Rubens: Christ on the Cross, circa 1615

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Shepherd's Corner

Holy Week



Dear St. Hedwig family:

Palm Sunday is the start of Holy Week – the most important time of the year for the Church. Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to undergo his passion, crucifixion, and death to reconcile humanity with God the Father. On Holy Monday, the priests of the Diocese of Orange gather at Christ Cathedral for the Chrism Day of Prayer, the Chrism Mass – where the priests renew our ordination promises – and then dinner with the bishops. We also pick up the holy oils that will be blessed at the Chrism Mass to bring back to our parishes.

The readings of Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday speak about how Jesus freely accepts his mission to suffer and die in obedience to the Father and out of love for us. Holy Wednesday is often referred to as Spy Wednesday because it is the day when Judas betrays Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. We may be shocked at how Judas, who was chosen as one of the twelve Apostles, could have betrayed Jesus so easily. But we betray Jesus every time we sin. But unlike Judas, we don't despair, but trust in God's mercy. On Holy Thursday, we have the Mass of the Lord's Supper, where the priests wash twelve people's feet, in memory of how Jesus washed the feet of the Apostles. It is at the Last Supper that Jesus instituted the priesthood and the Eucharist, reminding us to celebrate the Eucharist in memory of Him. At the end of this Mass, we have a procession and transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament to Quinn Hall for all night Adoration.

On Good Friday, we begin the *Triduum*, the three holiest days in the Church, which includes Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. On Good Friday we have the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, which includes the Veneration of the Cross. Remember that Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. It is encouraged that this fasting and abstinence continues until the evening of Holy Saturday. On Saturday night, we will celebrate the Easter Vigil, which is a prolonged celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord and includes many readings as well as the Sacraments of Baptisms and Confirmation for those fully entering the Church. Next Sunday is Easter Sunday, when we will be celebrating the Lord's Resurrection with Masses in the morning and at noon.

As we come to the end of Lent and enter Holy Week, I would encourage everyone to finish strong. No matter if we have not been as faithful as we would have hoped, we can still do better this Holy Week, which is a time of many graces. With the help of the Holy Spirit, may we intensify our self-denial, prayer, and almsgiving as we enter into the most sacred time of the year in order to fully enjoy the rewards of Easter.

With much love and care,

Fr. Quan Tran

2024 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY – March 28

Morning Prayer 8:30 AM
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
Adoration in Quinn Hall 9:00 PM until 8:30 AM(Friday)

GOOD FRIDAY – March 29

Morning Prayer 8:30 AM
Stations of the Cross 2:00 PM
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 PM
Liturgy of the Word
Veneration of the Cross
Holy Communion
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00 PM (Repeat of 3:00 PM Service)

HOLY SATURDAY – March 30

Morning Prayer 8:30 AM
Solemn Easter Vigil 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY – March 31

Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
No Evening Mass





On Good Friday, March 29, there will be a Special Collection in support of the Holy Land. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Holy Week
REMINDERS

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2 PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**




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SATURDAY
April 6th, 2024
8:30 AM - 1 PM
In the Church
Presentations will include Bible readings from pivotal moments in King David's life!

SPEAKER
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VISITATION OF SEVEN CHURCHES

You're invited to participate in the "Visitation of Seven Churches," hosted by parishes throughout the Diocese of Orange. After Holy Thursday Mass, continue to six other churches throughout the night to pray and meditate on the Lord's Passion.

Bring a friend or family member to take part in this special tradition!

See QR code for more information and to see which Churches are participating.



What's new in our CHURCH ENVIRONMENT?

There are palm branches and the color RED displayed in the Church. PALM SUNDAY commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem while being greeted by the people waving palm branches. The liturgical color RED which represents GOD's LOVE and the palm branches, are a reminder of the welcoming of Jesus into our hearts and of our willingness to follow him.

Start your day with Liturgy of the Hours

A 15 minute meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ, using scripture and prayer.
Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM in the Prayer Room (ongoing)

Come and learn how to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. We use the IBreviary app.





Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus presents almsgiving not as an optional practice, but as an integral part of the Christian journey. He instructs us "When you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do...But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" (Mt 6:2-3). Jesus' words remind us that almsgiving is not about seeking recognition or praise but about serving others with humility.

As we continue this Lenten journey of reflection and renewal, let us all answer Christ's call to embrace almsgiving as a necessary expression of our faith - just as prayer and fasting are essential, almsgiving is also essential and often the most neglected. Did you know that almsgiving is a form of prayer and fasting? It is prayer because you are "giving to God" and you fast because it demands sacrificial giving; "giving till it hurts" as Mother Teresa often said.

Today, I invite you to join us in this sacred practice of almsgiving. It is a deeply personal act of devotion that reflects the selfless love of Christ. Your contributions, whether big or small, make a profound difference in the lives of others through our church. To participate in our almsgiving efforts, sign up to give recurring donations/autopay.

3) Scan QR code:

Here are 3 ways to get to the We Share online giving page:

- 1) Visit sainthedwig.org and select the "Donate Online" button.
- 2) Text "GIVE" to (562) 632-4483



Thank you for the willingness to embrace the call to almsgiving and for your commitment to make your recurring donations online. Together, as we share our blessings generously, our collective efforts bring meaningful improvement to our church, ministry programs and focused effort to improve the lives of those in our community.

With Gratitude,
Cynthia Ramirez



Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Hours on Holy Saturday, 3/30 will be 9 AM - 12 PM



Thank You

We are so thankful to Jane and John Paulson for giving their time and attention to beautifying our campus grounds by adding beautiful flowers to welcome in the Spring season that is upon us.



Mass Intentions

Sunday March 24

8:00 AM Catherine Crouchet
10:00 AM Pro populo
12:00 PM Eddie Hughes †
5:00 PM Leonard Aguilar †

Monday March 25

8:30 AM Bruno Cappellini †
5:30 PM Ubaldo Ojeda †

Tuesday March 26

8:30 AM Justin Dinkelbach
5:30 PM Oliver Hadeen †

Wednesday March 27

8:30 AM Burke Mucho †
5:30 AM Leonard Berardino †

Thursday March 28

8:30 AM Morning Prayers
7:00 PM Yvonne Hall †

Friday March 29

8:30 AM Morning Prayers
5:30 PM No Mass

Saturday March 30

8:30 AM Morning Prayers
8:00 PM Jacineta Perez †
Patricia Abslag †
Jim Wattles †
Steve & Mirjana Sebok †
Blazenka Sorich †

Prayer Intentions

For Expectant Mothers

Madeline Oi Dodini
Nina Perez
Victoria Graham
Lianna Tonner

For the Sick

Scarlett Rexrode
Lisa & James Roos
John Decker
Sebastian James Gober
Donald Baumann
Santino Zandier
Patty Gallegos
Sadie Butscher
Sean Smith
Noah Bragg

For the Deceased

All Souls in Purgatory

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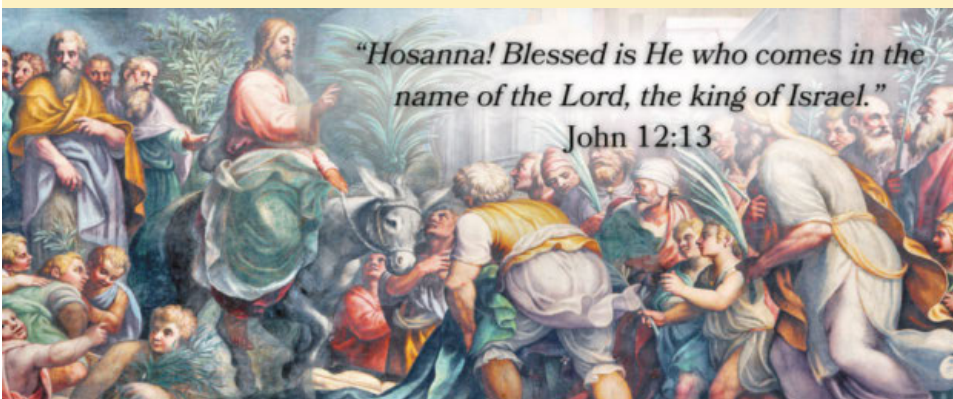
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Presider Schedule Easter Weekend

Easter Vigil, March 30

8:00 PM - Fr. Quan Tran & All Clergy

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:00 AM - Fr. Dave Klunk - Quinn Hall

8:00 AM - Fr. Quan Tran - Church

10:00 AM - Fr. Dave Klunk - Quinn Hall

10:00 AM - Fr. Quan Tran - Church

12:00 PM - Fr. Quan Tran - Church

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Saturday 8:30 AM

Monday - Friday 5:30 PM

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass Schedule

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM

Confession

Wednesday 6:30 PM

Saturday 3:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Adoration

Monday, Friday, Saturday

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Wednesday

6:00 PM - 8:15 AM (next day)

24-hour Adoration on the 16th of every month
after 8:30 AM Mass

Liturgy of the Hours

Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM in Prayer Room

Rosary

8:00 AM Monday - Saturday in the Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Friday following the 8:30 AM Mass

Church Hours:

Everyday 6:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Front Office Hours

Monday & Tuesdays: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

(Closed for lunch from 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM)

Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

(Closed for lunch from 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM)

Saturday - Sunday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Faith Formation Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

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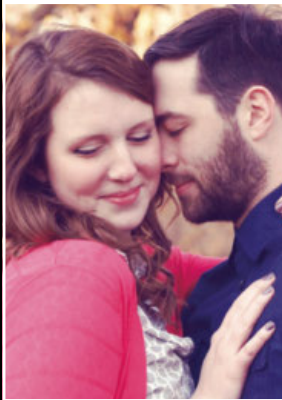
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