



As [Jesus] rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.... They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."

LUKE 19:36, 38

The Emptying Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We like to fill life with good things—good friends, good times, good jobs, good memories. They are all graced moments of life. Life is also marked by an emptying process. Friends move away, good times come to an end, jobs become boring. Saint Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) once noted how even God can't fill what is already full. The emptying process may very well be the action of God in our lives, emptying us to make room for God's gift of resurrection and life in its fullest.

Holy Week is the story of such a process—one long saga that begins with Palm Sunday as it focuses on how Jesus willingly emptied himself even unto death. The story moves on to Holy Thursday and the gift of the Eucharist to sustain us in the emptying. On to Good Friday, where, once more, a narration in stark liturgical strokes tell of the emptying of Jesus. Finally, the Easter Vigil and the Feast of the Resurrection, the culmination of a journey through death into life. We tell this weeklong story because the story of Jesus is also our story—more of God working in us rather than our own doing. The Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner once noted that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. Our willingness to learn that lesson, again and again, is how we begin to share in the resurrection, even as we live our lives today. ●

Reflect

How does my faith help me through times of emptiness?



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Confession Info

Confessions: Saturday morning, alternating between STM & HT 10:30 am-11:15

Upcoming/Ongoing Church Events

Fundraiser: STM Rav/Tort | call 815-252-2215 (leave name/phone number/order) | \$9.00/bag

CCD Classes

Sunday, April 13th-NO CCD CLASS

Sunday, April, 20th NO CCD CLASS



Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of April 14, 2025

Monday	4/14			+ No Mass
Tuesday	4/15	9:00 am	STM	+ No Mass-Chrism Mass
Wednesday	4/16	5:30 pm	HT	+ Leroy & Lucille Pinter
Thursday	4/17	6:00 pm	STM / Holy Thursday	+ Bob Lehn
			Adoration after Mass until 10pm	
Friday	4/18	3:00 pm	HT / Good Friday	+

Mass Intentions for the weekend of April 19-20, 2025

Saturday	4/19	7:00 pm	STM / Easter Vigil	+ Phil Maggio
Sunday	4/20	8:30 am	HT / Easter Sunday	+ For the Parishioners

Do This In Remembrance Of Me.

HOLY THURSDAY

Holy Thursday is also called Maundy Thursday. "Maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which is translated "mandate." It is on this night that our Lord gave the mandate to "do this in remembrance of me." That mandate was the command to celebrate the Most Holy Eucharist until the end of time, a mandate that the faithful continue to keep.

According to Sacred Scripture, Holy Thursday was a power-packed day and night. It began with Jesus sending Peter and John ahead to prepare the Upper Room for the celebration of the Passover meal. That meal would become the beginning of the New Passover. During the meal, Jesus gave a witness of selfless, sacrificial service by fulfilling the role of a servant and washing the feet of the disciples. After that, Jesus transformed the bread and wine into His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity for the very first time, and the disciples received Holy Communion. By commanding them to "do this in remembrance of me," Jesus instituted the new sacramental priesthood.

Was this truly a "holy" night? Indeed. True holiness is not a matter of having everything in your life be easy. It's not about having the most entertaining and comfortable life possible. It's not about avoiding every obstacle and difficulty that might befall you. Holiness is about fidelity to the fulfillment of the will of the Father in Heaven. Jesus fulfilled the Father's will that night flawlessly.

During the evening of Holy Thursday, after the conclusion of the Mass, the faithful accompany Jesus on a procession from the church to an altar of repose where our Lord's sacred Body is placed. Whether you are able to kneel before that altar tonight or not, be with our Lord in prayer. Keep vigil with Him. Hear our Lord say to you, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me" (Matthew 26:38). With a concerted effort, remain recollected throughout this night, tomorrow, and Saturday. It all begins tonight but culminates with Easter joy on Sunday. Enter Jesus' suffering and death so that you can also share in His Resurrection! (excerpted from "mycatholic.life")

Church Announcements

Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday Adoration: The faithful are strongly encouraged to spend some time with the Eucharistic Lord in the Adoration Chapel from 7:00pm - 10:00pm. You will make Jesus very pleased, even if you can only be with Him for 10 or 15 minutes that evening. Of course, a longer time would be great. A signup sheet will be provided in the back of the churches.



For those who cannot come to our STM Church for Adoration, there are other sites of Adoration that may be closer where you are, copies of these sites are in the back of the churches.

Good Friday

According to Catholic customs, we will have a collection for Holy Land as requested by the Holy Father.

Easter Vigil

All Catholic faithful members of our churches are invited to the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil which will take place at STM at 7:00pm. The Easter Vigil is known as the "mother of all vigils." It is the "greatest and most noble of all solemnities," according to the Church traditions.

Latest Offering's

April 6th Weekend
HT - \$913

Cath. Relief \$525/Holy Land \$10
STM - \$886

Cath. Relief \$15

SP- \$265

Easter Flowers-\$350

Easter Triduum



Confessions

No Confessions 4/19/25

Next Confession will be
Sat. April 26th

10:30 am-11:15 am
St. Thomas More
in the confessional

Dear Padre,

I'm thinking about going to the Easter Vigil, but why does it have to be so long?

When an event seems long, it may have to do with our expectations. If we go to the Easter Vigil and expect it to be like a Sunday Mass, then it will seem long. The typical parish Easter Vigil lasts two to three hours. There are some communities who vigil all night. Why does it have to be so long? Because this is one night of the year when we Catholics tell our whole story.

There are four parts of the Vigil. Part One is the *Lucernarium* (Light) when we gather around the paschal fire from which the paschal candle is lit. Then follows the passing of the light to members of the congregation, who are holding candles. By candlelight, we hear the Exsultet—the Easter Proclamation, sung only on this night. Part Two is the Liturgy of the Word, when we take our time listening to readings, singing psalms, and reflecting on salvation history. Part Three is the Sacraments of Initiation, when new members are welcomed into the Church, baptized, and confirmed, and all renew their baptismal promises. And Part Four is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when new members receive holy Communion for the first time. The Easter Vigil is rich with meaning, solemn as well as joyful, and to fully experience it, we must take our time. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death.... But today, there is a war.... Christ bore his cross to free us from the dominion of evil. He died so that life, love, peace may reign.... What victory is there in planting a flag on a pile of rubble?

ANGELUS, ROME, APRIL 10, 2022

Monday

April 14
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1-7
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

April 15
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1-6
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

April 16
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

April 17
Thursday of Holy Week
(Holy Thursday)
Chrim Mass:
Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9
Rv 1:5-8
Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the
Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

Friday

April 18
Friday of the Passion of
the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13-53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

April 19
Holy Saturday
(Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1-2:2 or
1:1, 26-31a
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,
9a, 10-13, 15-18
Ex 14:15-15:1
Is 54:5-14
Is 55:1-11
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
Rom 6:3-11
Lk 24:1-12

Sunday

April 20
Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9