

Holy Week in the Parish of Queen of the Apostles

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery for us. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

With this Mass, celebrated in the evening of the Thursday in Holy Week, the Church begins the sacred Easter Triduum and devotes herself to the remembrance of the Last Supper. At the supper on the night He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus, loving those who were His own in the world even to the end, offered His Body and Blood to the Father under the appearance of bread and wine. He then gave His Body and Blood to the apostles to eat and drink, enjoining the apostles and their successors in the priesthood to offer them in turn.

8:15 PM Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament

As Mass concludes, we will form a procession to St. Katharine Drexel Chapel to repose the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. Individuals are welcome for private adoration until 11:00 PM. Because the Eucharist will be in the Tabernacle it is not necessary that anyone stay the entire time.

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

7:30 AM to 3:00 PM Confessions

8:00 AM Sung Morning Prayer in the Church

Join us for a 20-minute reflection in song and prayer on this holy day.

12:15 PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Solemn Passion and Veneration of the Cross

The only service in church today recalls the Passion of Jesus and invites us to come forward and venerate the wood of the Cross, sign of our salvation. We distribute Communion from what remains of Thursday's Mass before we depart in silence.

Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023

9:00 AM Sung Morning Prayer in the Church

10:00 AM Holy Saturday Celebration for Children

See the last page of this insert for details.

12:00 Noon Blessing of Easter Foods

You are invited to bring portions of your Easter meal or Easter eggs and other foods for a traditional blessing in the church at the altar.

8:30 PM Solemn Easter Vigil: First Mass of Easter

Tonight, the first and most solemn celebration of Easter (lasting about 2 hours) as we light the new fire, listen to our Scriptural story in darkness, celebrate the light of Easter and Baptize and Confirm new members. A reception follows in the Gathering Space.

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

*The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia! To Him be glory and power for all ages of eternity, Alleluia Alleluia! **Come celebrate with us at Mass at 7:30 AM (Quiet Mass), 9:15 and 11:15 AM (Solemn Masses).***

Holy Saturday

EASTER EGG HUNT & CELEBRATION **SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023 at 10:00 AM**

Children of Queen of the Apostles Parish, grab your baskets! You are invited to join us for our annual Easter egg hunt—over 2000 eggs this year! Enjoy some stories, crafts, refreshments and chalk art.

10:00 AM

Gather in front of the Church for some singing and storytelling

10:30 AM

The egg hunts begins in this order and in different locales:
Walking to age 3 go first; ages 3 to 6; ages 7 to 10

11:00 AM

Finally, we gather in front of the Church to decorate the sidewalks with chalk, do some crafts, enjoy refreshments and decorate the cross with flowers.

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!



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