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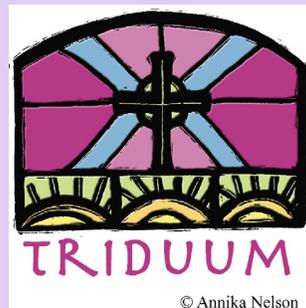
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Holy Week 2019

Immaculate Conception Parish

Come and Celebrate the Most Important Days of the Church Year

On the evening of Holy Thursday, Lent comes to an end, and we enter into the Three Days that are the center of our year: The Sacred Paschal Triduum



On these Three Days, the Church is at its best.

In song, scripture, and ritual, we proclaim the heart of what we believe and celebrate throughout the year. We gather often - at church, at home - during the Triduum to reflect on the central reality of our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus. During these Three Days, Christians renew their vows and new Christians are initiated. These are the “high holy days” of Christianity.

You are asked to make these Three Days different from all the other days of the year.

Adults in our parish are invited to plan ahead so that the entire time from Holy Thursday evening until the Easter Vigil is free of social engagements, free even of work, free of entertainment, free of meals except for the simplest nourishment, free from electronic devices. The Triduum continues until Easter Sunday evening.

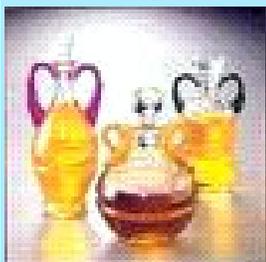
*Because of the importance of these days, we are not merely invited:
We are all needed to be present for these liturgies.*

All of us need the whole community together on its greatest days, the evening of April 18 through the evening of April 21 in this year of our Lord, 2019.

*Begin plans now to celebrate with our community
these most significant days.*

The Mass of Chrism, Monday, April 15

On Monday of Holy Week, Bishop R. Daniel Conlon will bless the Holy Oils at a liturgy in The Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. All of the priests and deacons from the diocese will also participate. They will all renew their commitments of service to the Church. A Time of Prayer and Reflection for all the priests and seminarians will also be held on Monday afternoon.



There are three types of oil that will be blessed. The Oil of Catechumens is used for Baptism. The Oil of the Sick is used when celebrating the Anointing of the Sick. The Holy Chrism is used when celebrating Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders. Chrism is also used for the blessing of Church walls and altars when they are dedicated or consecrated.

Representatives from all of the 125 parishes and missions in the Joliet Diocese will be present at this celebration. Six representatives from our Parish family will attend. These oils will be presented to our parish at the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Throughout the year, we will use them for the celebration of the Sacraments. They are kept on display in the Ambries by the Baptismal fonts in the Church and Chapel.

Reconciliation - Tuesday, April 16

Reconciliation - 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. - Church

Holy Thursday - April 18

Morning Prayer - 8:00 - Church

Thursday of the Lord's Supper Evening Mass - 7:00 P.M. - Sacred Heart Chapel

Holy Thursday late afternoon brings an end to Lent, as we enter the sacred Triduum that evening. In the Gospel reading John tells us that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, and told them, "as I have done, so you must do." The feet of twelve parishioners will be washed as a symbol of our service to one another. This ritualistic action of washing the feet is called **Mandatum**, and has been part of our heritage since the early church.



Adoration of the Eucharist - 8:15 P.M.- 11:45 P.M. - Church



At the conclusion of the Liturgy, the Blessed Sacrament will be taken in procession to the "place of repose" for private adoration in the Church until midnight. We strongly encourage you to stop in for a few moments of quiet prayer during this time. A harpist will play reflective music during the adoration. Many people follow the tradition of visiting churches on this night. Our parish is sponsoring a bus trip to do so.

Night Prayer - 11:45 P.M. - Church

At 11:45 P.M., a night prayer service will be held. As Holy Thursday ends, the Eucharist will then be placed in reserve in a non-public place. The church is stripped of all decoration in preparation for the **Celebration of the Passion on Good Friday.**

Good Friday - April 19

Easter Fast

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Because Lent is over, it is not a Lenten Fast but rather considered an Easter Fast. All are encouraged to keep this fast also on Holy Saturday. Although not required on Holy Saturday, keeping the fast is a way of continuing to prepare for Easter.

- Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat.
- Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Good Friday.
- On days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

Morning Prayer - 8:00 A.M. - Church

Morning Prayer marks the beginning of our commemoration of the Lord's Passion. This is the only day of the year when Mass is not celebrated. At morning prayer, we will pray psalms and prayers that remind us of the Lord's great deeds for us.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord - 3:00 P.M. - Church



The Commemoration of the Passion includes the readings of the Passion, offering of intercessory prayers and the Solemn Veneration of the Cross. Holy Communion that was consecrated on Holy Thursday will be distributed.

Please bring your entire family and friends and join us for the Passion and Veneration of the Cross of Jesus.

Stations of the Cross - 6:30 P.M. - Church

As we pray the Stations we will recall the journey of Jesus that led Him to the grave. At the conclusion of the service, all will be invited to venerate the cross.

Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday, a collection will take place to help support young families in the Holy Land who try to live Christian lives as we do. These Christians living where Christ walked and taught, lived and died, still live in a land of war, death and destruction. The work of the Franciscan Friars for these native Christians depends greatly on your generous support. Baskets will be available at the entrances to the church for your donations. Funds from this collection also are used to care for the holy places where the Lord and His Disciples lived.



Holy Saturday - April 20

Morning Prayer - 8:00 A.M. - Church

Please join us in prayer and song.

Food Blessing - 12:00 P.M. - Church

The tradition of blessing food is a beautiful way of celebrating the joy of Easter. We bless the foods that we have been fasting from during the days of Lent. After the Easter Vigil, this blessed food is shared to celebrate the Lord's New Life. Consider starting this tradition with your family.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 8:00 P.M.- Church

On Saturday evening, we will celebrate the Easter Vigil. In the darkness, we will assemble in front of the Chapel with a bonfire to light the paschal candle and process to the Church.

This holy night is the most solemn memorial of the entire year. It is our remembrance of the central mystery of redemption, Christ's saving death and glorious resurrection.

The Vigil has four main parts:

1. ***The Service of Light*** which includes the blessing of new fire, the blessing and lighting of the Easter candle, the carrying and distribution of this candle through the Church, and the chanting of the Easter song, the Exsultet.
2. ***The Liturgy of the Word*** invites us to listen to Scripture Readings. We begin with the story of Creation and conclude by proclaiming the Lord's Resurrection.
3. ***The Liturgy of Baptism*** begins by the singing of the Litany of the Saints. The holy men and women in Heaven welcome us to new life. The water is blest and the Baptisms of our two catechumens will occur. All will then be asked to renew their Baptismal Promises. Confirmation will then be administered to the new members of our Church.
4. ***The Liturgy of the Eucharist*** invites us to share with the newly confirmed the Body and Blood of our Risen Lord.

Easter Sunday - April 21

"This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad."

We will celebrate the Feast of all Feasts with Holy Mass at:

7:30 A.M. Sacred Heart Chapel
9:30 A.M. Sacred Heart Chapel and Church
11:30 A.M. Sacred Heart Chapel and Church

There will be no 5:15 Mass on April 20 or April 21

Incense will not be used at the 7:30 A.M. Mass

It will be used at the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 A.M. Masses in the Church and Chapel.

Have a Blessed Easter!!

