



THE SACRED TRIDUUM. Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. This three-day period is referred to as the Easter Triduum, also known as the Sacred Triduum, or Paschal Triduum. Basically, the Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins. "Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery" (USCCB). It is known as the "Paschal Mystery" because it is the ultimate fulfillment of the ancient Jewish Passover (or Pasch), which itself was a recollection of how God brought the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt. The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the Passover meal and consumed, and that night the destroying angel "passed over" the homes marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb, and those covered by the Blood were saved. This was the Old Testament prefigurement of Jesus' work at the Last Supper where he inserted himself as the Paschal Lamb and Calvary, where the sacrifice was offered to save us from our slavery to sin. With the Holy Eucharist, we consume the victim that died for our sins. The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the Passion, death, and resurrection of God-man, Jesus Christ. It is one marvelous event stretched out over three days.

HOLY THURSDAY: The Last Supper. The evening Mass on Holy Thursday is referred to as The Mass of the Lord's Supper. This is where the Church relives the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood, which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified.

After the homily there is an optional washing of the feet ceremony, where the priest washes the feet of others to signify his role as servant, just as Jesus did with his disciples. Extra hosts are consecrated at this Mass to be used on Good Friday when no Mass will be celebrated.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the "altar of repose," to commemorate the agony in the garden, in the Parish Hall.

GOOD FRIDAY. Good Friday is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is the day of the crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world. The parish altar looks very different on Good Friday, it is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Host in the Tabernacle at the main altar of the church; it was carried away on Holy Thursday night to the "altar of repose" to signify Jesus' death. The candle by the Tabernacle is blown out, and the Tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone. This is quite dramatic, highlighting that Good Friday is a solemn day of prayer and mourning.

The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass, but rather a liturgy of the Word and communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. Veneration of the Cross also takes place at this service, processing to kneel before a cross and either touching it or kissing it. The priest will begin the service prostrate in front of the altar.

EASTER VIGIL / EASTER SUNDAY. A vigil Mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is called the Easter Vigil, the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy for the Church.

The vigil is divided into four parts and can last up to three hours: 1) the service of light, 2) the liturgy of the Word, 3) the liturgy of Baptism, and 4) the liturgy of the Eucharist. This is also the Mass where many in RCIA are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Family, Faith, Future

Building Campaign Update

Campaign Goal	\$4,500,000
Pledged to Date*	\$4,510,774
Percentage of Goal	100%
Cash Received to Date	\$3,645,135
Total Families	1,440
Total Gifts to Date*	716
Average Gift	\$6,300

*Note: We have reduced our "pledged to date" by \$230,818 (67 write-offs & 4 reductions) for those families who have moved out of the parish and/or reduced their original pledge.

**North American Martyrs
Holy Week Schedule**

Confessions

- Palm Sunday, April 14** 4:00 - 5:00 pm (5 priests)
7:00 - 8:00 pm (3 priests)
- Tuesday, April 16** 7:30 - 8:30 pm (2 priests)
- Wednesday, April 17** 7:30 - 9:00 pm (4 priests)
- Holy Thursday, April 18** 9:00 - 10:00 am (3 priests)
8:30 pm—until finished (3)
- Good Friday, April 19** 9:00—10:00 am (3 priests)
3:30 pm—until finished (3)
8:00 pm—until finished (3)
- Holy Saturday, April 20** 10:30 - 11:30 am (3 priests)

Sacred Triduum Schedule

- Holy Thurs., April 18** Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm
- Good Friday, April 19** Stations of the Cross, 3:00 pm
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 7:00 pm
- Holy Saturday, April 20** Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30 pm
- Sunday, April 21** 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am

EASTER LILIES to be placed around the altar at Easter can be ordered in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$12 per plant. Please drop your donation in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Please include your name and the name of your loved one. Deadline is April 15th.



WELCOME to our new parishioners who registered in the month of March: **Jason & Megan Peterson, Joshua & Brooke Graham, Tan Le & Mai Dang, Johnny Nguyen & Phung Hoang, Kenneth Bond and Robert & Natalie Braun.**

We hope you feel at home in our parish!

April 2019

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North American Martyrs Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Upcoming Events: April 14-21 Holy Week, Triduum, Easter May 4 First Communion May 4 Senior Mass 6 pm			10 6:00 pm SVDP 6:30 pm Crux	11 6:30 pm Crux 7:00 pm RCIA	12 4:40-7:30 pm Fish Fry 6:00 pm Stations 7:00 pm AFlame	13 7:00 am Clean Church 7:30 am Martyrs Men
14 4-5:00 pm Confessions 7-8:00 pm Confessions	15 6:15 pm Bedmaking	16 6:00 pm Altar Society 6:30 pm Run for God 7:00 pm Parish Council 7:30-8:30pm Confessions	17 7:30-9:00 pm Confessions	18 9-10:00 am Confessions 7:00 pm Holy Thursday 8:30 - finished Confessions	19 9-10 am Confessions 3:00 pm Stations Cross 3:30 pm— Confessions 7 pm Good Fri 8pm- Confessions	20 9:30 am Stewardship 10:30-11:30am Confessions 8:30 pm Easter Vigil
21	22	23 6:30 pm Run for God	24 6:00 pm SVDP	25	26	27
28	29 7:00 pm Grief Support Game Night	30 6:30 pm Run for God	1 (May)	2	3	4 1st Communion Day 6:00 pm Senior Mass
5 3:00 pm Exposition	6	7 6:30 pm Run for God	8	9	10	11



Martyrs School News

- April 12** 1:30 pm Dismissal
- April 18-23** No School—Easter Break
- April 24** School resumes
- May 4** First Communion 10:30 am
- May 9** Walk with Jesus
- May 10** 1:30 pm Dismissal
- May 10** Mayfair



CCD News

- April 10** Class 6-7:30 pm
- April 17** Class 6-7:30 pm
Confessions 6, 7, 8
- April 24** Class 6-7:30 pm
Confessions 3, 4, 5
- May 1** Class 6-7:30 pm
1st Communion practice
- May 4** 1st Communion 1:30 pm