

St. Cecilia Parish Holy Week 2008

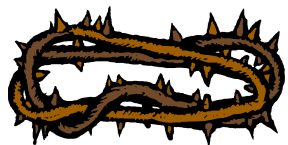


Holy Thursday March 20 - 8:30 pm

Just as Jesus washed his disciples feet, you are invited to participate (call Maureen Dumonceaux by Tuesday, March 18, 6 pm, 545-8389) The new Chrism oils will be presented by parishioners who attended the Chrism Mass on March 10. After the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament is transferred to the Altar of Repose. The church will remain open until midnight for anyone wishing to spend time in prayer.

Good Friday March 21 - 12 noon

(fasting for those from 18 to 59 years; abstinence from meat for those over 14)



The church will open at 6 am for those who wish to spend quiet time reflecting on Jesus and His sacrifice. The church will be darkened and you

are asked to **enter and leave in silence** in respect for this solemn day and for those spending time in prayer.

We venerate the Cross by genuflecting, touching and/or kissing it. Collection is for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land. Contributions help with upkeep of sacred shrines in Israel. They also assist Christians associated with the Mother Church in Jerusalem and Bethlehem who bear witness to the Gospel through difficult economic and political times.

Holy Saturday, March 22

The Great Easter Vigil Service of Light 8 pm

Blessing of the New Fire, lighting of the Easter Candle and candles of the congregation, singing of the Exsultet (a hymn that praises the many marvels of God, particularly the Resurrection)



Bring a bell to ring in the Gloria. A table will be set up for any Easter foods you want to have blessed. Everyone welcome to attend the reception after the Vigil.

Easter Sunday March 23 - 9 am

Bring your bells for ringing during the Gloria. We renew our baptismal promises and witness the blessing of the new water. Infant baptism planned.



The season of Easter continues for 50 days, until the feast of Pentecost (May 10 & 11).

