

Schedule for Lent and Holy Week 2016

Tiempo de Cuaresma y Semana Santa



Fasting and Prayer: Stations of the Cross and Family Soup Supper Fridays



Lent is a special time of quiet and personal reflection as well as a time in which the parish comes together to observe special devotions and gatherings. At Saint Mary we gather every Friday—Fridays are days of abstinence from meat—for a **Soup Supper** prepared by different groups in the parish, a simple meal of meatless soups and bread in a spirit of penitence and fraternity. Give to the poor what you might have spent on dinner! All free-will offerings are given to charity. Following Soup Supper we go to the church to celebrate the Way of the Cross, or the **Stations of the Cross** at 7:30pm. Stations of the Cross in Spanish are celebrated at 8pm. On the night of First Friday (March 4), we will have Stations in English at 7:30pm, Mass at 8pm, and Stations in Spanish at 8:30pm.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting *and* abstinence, which means we eat only one full meal and two small meals not equalling one full meal, with no snacks in between.

2016 Parish Mission during 40 Hours: “Rediscover, Reconnect.”



Father Don Rooney, our pastor, will offer our parish mission this year beginning with all the homilies the weekend of February 20–21, and continue with his talks at 7:30pm on Monday and Tuesday, February 22 and 23, following special Masses for 40 Hours at 6:30pm. Fr. Don will talk about centuries of the spiritual Tradition of the Church and how we might be willing to access it in our modern lives with simplicity and humility. His perspective as the president of the Catholic Association of Ecumenical and Inter-religious Officers provides a profound consideration of mankind’s search for God and how we find our place.

Come and join us as we grow together in grace and prepare to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus with 40 Hours of continuous adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist. See schedule, at right.



A Beloved Tradition: 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration



OPENING of FORTY HOURS
all-night adoration following Mass Sunday evening, February 21

Monday, February 22 FIRST DAY of ADORATION

6:30am	MASS
8:30am	OFFICE of READINGS and MORNING PRAYER
9:00am	MASS
6:00pm	EVENING PRAYER
6:30pm	MASS
7:30pm	MISSION TALK
10pm	NIGHT PRAYER

Tuesday, February 23 SECOND DAY of ADORATION

6:30am	MASS
8:30am	OFFICE of READINGS and MORNING PRAYER
9:00am	MASS
6:00pm	EVENING PRAYER
6:30pm	MASS
7:30pm	MISSION TALK
8:30pm	BENEDICTION and CLOSE of FORTY HOURS



Confession Schedule Lent and Holy Week



The complete schedule of confessions is found in the calendar to the right.



All Parishioners are kindly requested to please plan confessions as early as possible in the season of Lent in order to avoid overwhelming last-minute crowds.

Please note: There are no confessions during Masses in the church. Also, there will be NO confessions after 3:00pm on Good Friday, nor on Holy Saturday.

STATIONS of the CROSS
in English are prayed on
Fridays of Lent at 7:30pm.

Special Mercy Penance Service
Wednesday, February 24. Plan to join us for a service to include quick individual confession and absolution. *Please watch bulletin.*

Horario para Confesiones durante Cuaresma y Semana Santa



Puede encontrar el horario completo de confesiones en el calendario a la derecha. →

Favor de planificar sus confesiones lo más pronto posible para evitar dificultades a última hora.

Recuerde, que NO habrá confesiones después de 3pm el Viernes Santo, NI en Sábado Santo.

Tendremos EL VIA CRUCIS
en español cada viernes
durante la cuaresma a las 8pm
(Primero Viernes, 4 de marzo, a las 8:30pm)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
FEBRUARY						
7	8	9	10 ASH WED	11	12	13 8am 3:30pm
14 1st SUN	15	16	17 7-9pm	18	19	20 8am 3:30pm
21 2nd SUN	22 40 Hours	23 40 Hours	24 Mercy Penance Service 7-9pm	25	26	27 8am 3:30pm
28 3rd SUN	29	MARCH				
		1 RE Confessions	2 7-9pm RE Confessions	3 RE Confessions	4	5 8am 3:30pm
6 4th SUN	7 RE Confessions	8 RE Confessions	9 7-9pm	10	11	12 8am 3:30pm
13 5th SUN	14	15	16 7-9pm Extra Confessions	17 7pm Extra Confessions	18 7pm Extra Confessions	19 8am 3:30pm
20 PALM SUNDAY	21 7pm Extra Confessions	22 7pm Extra Confessions	23 7:30pm Extra Confessions	24 HOLY THURS	25 12-3pm GOOD FRIDAY	26
27 EASTER SUNDAY	28	29	30	31	1	2

The discipline of the Church includes abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent (solid purple days) and fasting and abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting includes one regular meal, and the other two small meals are not to exceed a regular meal in quantity, with nothing between meals.

CRS Rice Bowl: “For Lent, For Life” —can you spare your change for the missions?



Every Lent, Catholics in the United States do something amazing. Their prayers, fasting and almsgiving become life-saving aid for millions of individuals living in conditions of poverty around the world. The hungry are fed; the thirsty are given drink; the homeless find shelter. And this has been going on for more than 40 years. That’s the impact of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Operation Rice Bowl**. That’s how what you give up for Lent can change lives. A simple cardboard box—a CRS Rice Bowl—inspires prayers, fasting and almsgiving within Catholic families across the U.S., and delivers hope to millions around the world.

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities.

Through CRS Rice Bowl, we hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide, and devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to change the lives of the poor.

Religious Education students will get their Rice Bowls and Lenten Calendars when the return to class. <http://www.crsricebowl.org/about>

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Holy Week 2016 *Semana Santa*



Holy Thursday

MARCH 24
(No 6:30 or 9:00am Masses)

8:00AM
Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

7:30PM
Mass of the Lord's Supper

The celebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood by Jesus at the Last Supper. The commandment of love is symbolized by the Mandatum, or footwashing, where Jesus teaches, "As I have done, so must you also do." Parishioners are encouraged to join in the ancient procession of the Blessed Sacrament to its place of repose in the Activity Center, where adoration will continue until midnight as we accompany Jesus in his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

11:45PM
Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)
Night Prayer will conclude Eucharistic Adoration in the Activity Center.

Good Friday

MARCH 25
(No 6:30 or 9:00am Masses)

8:00AM
Office of Readings / Morning Prayer

12:00 - 2:30PM
"Tre Ore," The Seven Last Words

Although not a part of the formal observance of the Sacred Triduum Rites as such, this is a traditional custom of many churches. The seven last words of Jesus as he is crucified on the cross are presented every 25 minutes, each with a congregational hymn and choral selections. Clergy will give a reflection for

each of the words of Jesus and the Three Hours will conclude with the public praying of the Stations of the Cross.

2:30PM
Stations of the Cross

3:00PM
The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross (English)

We assemble in observance of Christ's saving death, by reading the narrative of his Passion, praying for the Universal Church, venerating his Cross in this ancient Rite and receiving Holy Communion which was consecrated on the previous evening at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

The Good Friday collection assists the maintenance of the Shrines in the Holy Land.

5:00PM
La Pasión y Veneración de la Santa Cruz (español)

Same liturgy as 3pm, in Spanish.

7:30PM
The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross (English)

Same liturgy as 3pm.

10:00PM
Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

Holy Saturday

MARCH 26
(No 9:00am, 5:00 or 7:00pm Masses)

8:00AM
Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

11:00AM
The Blessing of Easter Food

For those who practice the beautiful Eastern European custom of having Easter foods blessed, please place baskets of traditional foods on the steps along the front of the altar.

8:30PM
The Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

What Sunday is to the week, Easter Sunday is to the year. This holiest of nights we celebrate the victory over death and promise of eternal life given to us by Jesus Christ in his resurrection from the dead. The Liturgy includes the Service of Light, the Vigil of Readings and Psalms, the Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation for those who have prepared all year for initiation in the Catholic Church, and Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please note the unusual time that we begin: it marks the end of twilight and the beginning of the Solemnity of Easter Sunday.

A reception welcoming new members of the Church follows in the Activity Center.

Easter Sunday

MARCH 27

8:00, 10:15AM, AND 12:30PM (BILINGUAL/BILINGUE)
The Resurrection of the Lord

ALL Masses will be at the Fredericksburg Expo Center

Please note: there will be NO 2:00PM nor 5:00 or 7:01PM Mass on Easter Sunday!

Masses will not be held at the church or at Holy Cross Academy on Easter Sunday.



Jueves Santo

EL 24 DE MARZO

(No hay Misa a las 6:30 ni 9:00 por la mañana)

8:00AM Oficio de Lectura y Laudes
(Liturgia de las Horas en inglés)

7:30PM

Misa de la Cena del Señor

(Misa Bilingue) La Misa de la Última Cena del Señor, recuerda la institución de la Eucaristía y el Sacerdocio por Jesús.

Su mandamiento de Amor está simbolizado por el Mandatum, o la Lavadura de los Pies, cuando Jesús enseña: "Como he hecho, como deben hacer también." Todos son invitados para participar en la procesión del Santísimo Sacramento a su lugar de reposición en el Activity Center, donde adoración va a continuar hasta a medianoche, y acompañamos a Jesús en su agonía en el Jardín de Getsemané.

11:45PM Completas
(Liturgia de las Horas en inglés)

Completas concluye la adoración Eucarística en el Activity Center.

Viernes Santo

EL 25 DE MARZO

(No hay Misa a las 6:30 ni 9:00 por la mañana)

8:00AM Oficio de Lectura y Laudes
(en inglés)

12:00 - 2:30PM

"Tre Ore," (Tres Horas), Las Siete Últimas Palabras

(en inglés) Aunque no es una parte de la observancia formal del Santo Triduo Pascual, "Las Tres Horas" es un costumbre tradicional en muchas iglesias. Las últimas palabras

de Jesús durante su crucifixión, se presentarán cada 25 minutos, cada una con un himno y selecciones del coro. Los cleros dan una reflexión sobre cada palabra de Jesús.

2:30PM

Stations of the Cross

(en inglés)

3:00PM

The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross (en inglés)

5:00PM

La Pasión y Veneración de la Santa Cruz (en español)

En la liturgia de Viernes Santo, nos reuniremos en observancia de la muerte salvífica de Cristo, y leeremos el evangelio de su Pasión, oraremos por la iglesia universal, y veneraremos su Cruz en un rito muy antiguo. Recibimos, también, la Eucaristía, preparada en la Misa de Jueves Santo.

La ofrenda hoy es para el mantenimiento de los lugares santos en Tierra Santa.

7:30PM

The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross (en inglés)

Same liturgy as 3pm.

10:00PM Completas

(en inglés)

Sábado Santo

EL 26 DE MARZO

(No hay Misa a las 9:00 por la mañana ni a la 5:00 o 7:00 por la noche)

8:00AM Oficio de Lectura y Laudes
(en inglés)

11:00AM

La Bendición de Comida Pascual

(en inglés) Para los que practiquen el costumbre del este de Europa para bendecir las comidas de la Pascua, por favor, que traigan las comidas tradicionales en canastas al frente del altar in la iglesia.

8:30PM

La Vigilia de la Resurrección de Jesús

(Misa Bilingue) Lo que el Domingo es para la semana, el Domingo de Pascua es para el año. Esta noche más santo celebramos la victoria sobre la muerte y el promesa de la vida eterna dado a nosotros por Cristo en su resurrección de la muerte. La liturgia incluye el Servicio de la Luz, la Vigilia de las Lecturas y Salmos, la Celebración de los Sacramentos de la Iniciación, el Bautismo y la Confirmación para los que han preparado todo el año para ser recibidos por la iglesia Católica, y la Liturgia de la Eucaristía.

Una recepción sigue la Misa para dar bienvenidos a los miembros nuevos de la iglesia, en el Activity Center.

Domingo de Pascua

EL 27 DE MARZO

8:00, 10:15AM, AND

12:30PM (BILINGUAL/BILINGUE)

La Resurrección de Jesús

TODAS las Misas del Domingo de la Pascua, se harán en el Fredericksburg Expo Center

Note bien: NO HAY Misas a las 2:00PM, ni a las 5:00PM por la tarde, en la iglesia ni en Holy Cross Academy.

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