

The Paschal Feasts await. Did you get the plural? Feast**S**. The f ast will soon be done. Like our journey as wayfarers on earth, our Lenten Journey “[from COVID to Covenant](#)” will end. But there is a price to pay for the Feasts. There is Food to prepare for the Feasts. Jesus pays the price. Jesus provides the Food. Holy Week is the Week of God’s Holy One – saving us, paying the price for the Feast of Freedom, giving us eternity and Love not as ideas or hopes – but as Real Food, Real Flesh. Prayerfully with fasting and weeping we walk together with Him ... through meal and goodbyes, through betrayal and abandonment, through government and community oppression and torture, through rejection and execution, through suffering and humiliating death, through Mother’s heartbreak and family terror, through Hell, through Resurrection transforming us, transforming all. Resurrection poured out as water of New Life **for Shuvani, Kennedy, Fiorenzo, Ryan, Perry, Keyra, Alex, Anh Minh, Annissa, and Andre!** Poured out in New Life for us!

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Are we filled with hope through the promise of vaccinated protection from the Virus? This is but an icon of the Real Hope of our protection from Evil and the defeat of Death. Yes, we can wrestle mightily with the threats and viruses that threaten our bodies, but our bodies will die – unless the Lord comes in Final Glory – but death will not hold our bodies. In Christ our Bodies are transformed in Resurrection – Death cannot hold us anymore. Our eyes will not close into nothingness. Our Eyes will Open to see the Face of God, the Loving eyes of Christ, the Eyes of the Communion of Angels and Saints, Eyes shining with the Light of the Holy Spirit. This is how we Feast – tasting this Resurrection now in tasting the Resurrected Body of Jesus in the Eucharist.

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We Feast with new found insight. Deprived of the Feasts last year – How was it so!?! We know the absolute need of the Eucharistic Feasts. We will Feast in the face of whatever comes – we will not cower before any Pharaoh or Chariots thundering fear and disease. We have tasted solitude – and have found there the Presence of God ... calling us to care for those who are so very alone. We have discovered amidst all the distraction and boredom what it means to live: to *really* live is “*to have the same mind and heart as Christ Jesus*” (Phil 2:5). The preface of the Mass for Lent is the preface of our new life as we move “[from COVID to Covenant](#)”: we have “the joy of minds purified” to have the “*mind and heart of Christ Jesus*”.

We have added extra masses for Palm Sunday and Easter. We are limited to 30% but nothing limits our participation at home alone or with our family. Easter is an OCTAVE – EIGHT DAYS OF EASTER SUNDAY – there is no reason not to gather on one of the days.

Feed the poor. In addition to our annual collection for the Holy Land, this year I ask that we gather monies to help Father Martin Vuni, a priest of South Sudan who once lived here in the Rectory. Risking his life, he has returned as chaplain to four refugee camps of 35,000 persons each in Uganda. They are all Catholics displaced by horrible civil war. They try and live on \$6 a month. This is not enough, Fr. Les Paquin told me that many have decided to go back home to die in their homes and not starve in a refugee camp. COVID has gone through the camp ... but, miraculously, it did not affect them seriously. Ironically, the tyrannical president of South Sudan with his five sons all became deathly ill. We have a way of getting moneys to help Fr. Martin directly. This is how we defeat the Devil and his diseases. Please consider this prayerfully.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Registration for Masses will begin Monday, March 22nd after 9:00 am

* Indicates Masses that are livestreamed

Palm Sunday, March 28th - 8:00 am, *10:00 am, 12:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Holy Monday, March 29th: NO NOON MASS

**Chrism Mass* at Holy Family Cathedral (livestreamed)

Holy Tuesday, March 30th: 12:10 Mass

Confessions: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Confessions: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Holy Wednesday, March 31st: 12:10 Mass

Confessions: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Confessions: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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Holy Thursday, April 1st: NO NOON MASS

Mass of the Lord's Supper - *7:00 pm

Adoration after Mass until Midnight

Good Friday, April 2nd: Morning Prayers 9:30 am*

Preaching of the Seven Dolours of St. Joseph 12:00 pm*

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm*

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Stations of the Cross & Evening Prayers 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 3rd: *Morning Prayers* 9:30 am*

Easter Vigil 8:00 pm* (Livestreamed only - limited attendance as priority to RCIA)

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Mass 8:00 am, 10:00 am* (with Bishop Mark), 12:00 pm

& 2:00 pm

Solemn Vespers 8:00 pm*

