

Holy Week 2022

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

10 April

"On Passion Sunday the Church enters upon the mystery of its crucified, buried, and risen Lord, who, by his entrance into Jerusalem, gave a glimpse of his own majesty. Christians carry branches as a sign of the royal triumph that Christ won by his acceptance or the cross. Since Saint Paul says: "Provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified in him" (Rom 8:17), the link between these two aspects of the paschal mystery should stand out clearly in the liturgical celebration and catechesis of Palm Sunday." (Ceremonial of Bishops, 263)

The commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem is commemorated at the principal Mass either by the First Form (the Procession) or the Second Form (the Solemn Entrance). The Third Form (the Simple Entrance) may be used at other Masses.

The narrative of the Lord's Passion is read without candles and without incense. The greeting ("The Lord be with you.") is omitted, and the book is not signed. It is read by a Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, by a Priest. It might also be proclaimed using several ministers. Lay persons are allowed to do any of the parts, but the part of our Lord should, if possible, be reserved to a priest. Deacons, but not others, ask for the blessing of the Priest before reading the Passion, as at other times before the Gospel. The Passion proclaimed on this day is essential to the liturgy and cannot be omitted or replaced for a play or other type of theatrical representation.

Tuesday of Holy Week Chrism Mass

12 April 10 am

Please refer to the Cathedral website (ctlcathedral.org) for details.

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

14 April

On this day "... the Church begins the Easter Triduum and recalls the Last Supper in which the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, showing his love for those who were his own in the world, he gave his Body and Blood under the species of bread and wine offering to his Father and giving them to the Apostles so that they might partake of them, and he commanded them and their successors in the priesthood to perpetuate this offering." (Roman Missal)

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the evening (after 4 pm) with the full participation of the whole local community and with all the priests and minsters exercising their office.

The Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a closed tabernacle or pyx. Under no circumstances should it be exposed in a monstrance. The place of reposition should not resemble or be referred to as a tomb.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament may continue during the night, but after midnight the adoration should take place without solemnity.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

15 April

The celebration of the Passion of the Lord consists of three parts, the Liturgy of the Word, the Adoration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. The liturgy should be celebrated at about three o'clock unless a later hour is chosen for a pastoral reason.

The Good Friday Collection for the support of the shrines in the Holy Land is taken up in all churches. The proceeds should be forwarded to the Chancery in a timely manner.

In light of lingering pandemic concerns, it is recommended that the Veneration of the Cross be by a simple bow or genuflection instead of a kiss. Another option is for the priest to hold the cross, invite the people to adore the Holy Cross, and then elevate it higher for a brief time for the faithful to adore in silence. Only one cross should be used for adoration.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

16 April

The Vigil may not begin before sunset and should end before daybreak on Sunday. 8 pm is the earliest recommended time this year.

A pastor intending to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to a previously baptized Catholic completing his or her initiation at the Easter Vigil, must apply to the Bishop for the faculty to confirm well in advance of the Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday Mass during the Day

17 April

At Masses of Easter Sunday the Rite of Renewal of Baptismal Promises may take place after the homily, using the text from the Easter Vigil. In that case the Creed is omitted.