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HOLIEWEEK BULLETIN

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HOLY WEEK OF 1956





## SCHEDULE OF THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### PALM SUNDAY - HAIL TO CHRIST THE KING

Services at 9:00 A.M. Blessing & Distribution of Palms;  
Procession and Holy Mass

### HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

Services at 5:00 P.M. High Mass; Procession to the Repository and Stripping of Altars

### GOOD FRIDAY - LITURGY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION & DEATH

Services at 3:00 P.M. Prayers and Reading of Passion;  
Adoration of the Cross and Distribution of Holy Communion

At 8:00 P.M. WAY OF THE CROSS

### HOLY SATURDAY - NIGHT WATCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Services at 10:30 P.M. Blessing of the New Fire and Easter Candle; Procession of Light, and Easter Proclamation; Reading of Prophecies; Litany of All Saints and Blessing of Baptismal Water; Renewal of Baptismal Vows; Easter Vigil Mass

### EASTER SUNDAY - EASTER MASS at 9:00 A.M.

## CONFESSIONS DURING THE HOLY WEEK

ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.

ON FRIDAY: 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 to 3:00 P.M.

ON SATURDAY: 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.

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- Masses on 1st Sunday after Easter: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
- Holy Saturday is a day of Fast & Abstinence until midnight
- Collection of Good Friday is for the upkeep of Holy Places in Palestine

## THE HOLY WEEK IN BRIEF

It was on November 16, 1955 that the Holy See provided for the restoration of the Order of Holy Week Services all over the Catholic World.

With the restoration of the Holy Week services we go to the original Holy Week rites and we observe the sacred mysteries of our Redemption at the same hours and days on which they occurred.

The Holy Week services have such dignity, sacramental force and power for nourishing Christian life that no Catholic should fail to reap their rich spiritual benefits.

To understand the Restored Holy Week services properly, we must not only go back to the final week of Our Blessed Saviour's mortal life on earth, but we must go beyond to the Old Testament:

We will recall how Adam, by his sin of disobedience, lost for us human beings the great gift of divine life. But God promised to send a Redeemer, who would restore the divine life to us. God promised to send the Redeemer through His chosen people, the Israelites. Later on these, God's chosen people, were oppressed as slaves in Egypt. God then chose Moses to liberate His people. They were liberated on the night they were told to eat the Paschal Lamb with whose blood they were ordered to mark their door posts so the destroying Angel would not kill their first-born as he did kill those of the Egyptians.

God led His chosen people out of the slavery of Egypt through the Red Sea. He went before them and guided them through the desert by a Pillar of Light and fed them with Manna for 40 years. Finally God made His chosen people a great Nation under King David from whom Christ, the Divine Son was descended through Mary.

Now, all these Old Testament events were divinely guided types that were fulfilled in Christ particularly as they are being recalled in our Holy Week worship:

- 1) Palm Sunday recalls Christ's solemn entry into Jerusalem and is now a popular demonstration in honor of Him as our King
- 2) Holy Thursday marks the Paschal Supper at which Christ gave us Himself in the Holy Eucharist as food and the spiritual manna
- 3) On Good Friday we recall how the Lamb of God, like the Paschal Lamb, was slain to redeem us.
- 4) On Holy Saturday the "Blessed Light" brings us the Risen Christ who is the "Light Shining in the Darkness" the "Pillar of Fire" who leads us from sin to life through the waters, not of the Red Sea, but of Baptism.

During the Holy Week, we must be mere spectators of the re-enactment of the great Drama of the Redemption. To profit by it all, we must live it and grow into it. We do this through a devout Holy Communion and the understanding of Sacred Liturgy as found explained in the Holy Week Booklet

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## PLEASE NOTE

A constant vigil is to be kept at the Repository on Holy Thursday from the end of the evening Mass until midnight.