

# APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 Palm Sunday	30 Catechumen Class	31	1	2 Holy Thursday	3 Good Friday	4 Holy Saturday
5 Easter Sunday	6	7	8	9	10 Pro-life Vigil	11 Young Roses of Mary
12 Low Sunday (Divine Mercy)	13	14	15	16	17	18 Altar Guild
19 Second Sunday after Easter	20	21	22	23	24 	25
1st Communion Class	All-Night Adoration					
26 Third Sunday after Easter	27	28	29	30	1	2
Confirmation Class						

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION + CATHOLIC CHURCH +

Palm Sunday ~ March 29, 2026



"O Mary, through thine Immaculate Conception make my body pure and my soul holy."

**Sunday Schedule:**  
Low Mass: 7 a.m.  
9 a.m.  
Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

**Daily Mass Schedule:**  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8 a.m.  
Thursday: 6 p.m.  
Friday, Saturday: 8 a.m.

**Confessions:**  
One-half hour before Mass,  
Saturdays at 4 p.m.

**Holy Hour, Benediction:**  
Thursday: 7 p.m.

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### Please pray for:

#### Rest of the Souls of:

Lamar Cole  
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Petty Officer 1st Class Paula Gennitti,  
U.S. Navy  
Command Sgt. Major Chad Keirns,  
U.S. Army  
1st Lt. Andrew Rodgers, U.S. Army

Staff Sgt. Marc Snyder,  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Spec. 3 Patryk Stepien, U.S. Space Force  
Sr. Airman Joseph Tuttle, U.S. Air Force  
Spec. 3 Noah Velasco, U.S. Space Force  
2nd Lt. Jacob Vore, U.S. Space Force  
Sgt. Daniel Walsh, U.S. Army  
Sr. Airman Thomas Walsh,  
U.S. Air Force  
Lt. Col. Nathan Wike, U.S. Army  
Master Sgt. A. Youngblood, U.S. Army  
Sgt. 1st Class Cinthya Zuniga, U.S. Army

# HE is DRAGGED through the STREETS of JERUSALEM

*The Sufferings of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by Fr. Thomas of Jesus*

Friday, the happiest day that ever came to the world, having dawned, found men in very different moods. Christ could not behold a more sorrowful day for Him, nor, at the same time, one more desired since it was the day on which His love, restrained out of obedience for so many years, was at last to satisfy itself by the consummation of its sacrifice.

He had ardently looked forward to that day all His life and He saw it come with joy, because he was just on the point of triumphing over Hell, of uniting together heaven and earth, of making the hearts of His elect submissive to His will, of redeeming sinners, and of open-

ing to all men the reassures of His infinite mercy. But the world looked upon that day indifferently because it was ignorant of the immense good it was to bring forth. And our Savior's enemies, blinded by their own malice, abandoned by God, and having become at the same time the ministers of satan and the executors of an eternal design which they knew not, imagined that they ought to lose no moment of a day in which they were to satisfy their hatred, though it was to be to them a source of miseries and to Christ of immortal glory.

Thus, without its being necessary to send for them, they came to the house of Caiphas at the dawning of the day. They agreed together about those points on which they should condemn our Savior. They resolved to insist on these, whatever might be said in His favor, to oppress him by their clamor and numbers, if He undertook to defend Himself, and to bring Pilate to their way of thinking either willingly or by force. They were so afraid lest their plan should not succeed that they imparted it to no one. They would lead him away themselves, being persuaded that since they were masters of the people, priests of the temple, doctors of the law and having with them the Pharisees, who made profession of a holy life,

## Upcoming Parish Events

### March 30 ~ Catechumen Class

Class for adults preparing to join the Catholic Church meets with Fr. James Gordon 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This class replaces individual catechesis.

nothing could be capable of resisting their authority.

Before Pilate who, being governor of the province, was engaged in other affairs, and the people, who a few days before had received Christ with such great acclamations, could have time to raise any commotion for saving Him, they ordered Him to be dragged ignominiously through the streets of the city in order to render Him odious and contemptible to the people who judge of things only by appearances, and pass so easily from love to hatred. They took Him therefore out of the prison, calling Him a thousand opprobrious names. They no longer called Him by His holy name, which they were unworthy to pronounce, and they were completely untouched by all He had gone through during the night.

Some asked Him in a spirit of cruel raillery whether He would not work some miracle. Others blessed God for having discovered such a dangerous imposter. They pulled Him to one side, pushed Him to another, and continually pressed Him to walk on, though He was overwhelmed with weariness after a night in which He had suffered so much.

If He happened to stumble or fall, they loaded Him with strokes and kicks as the most contemptible of all men. The more He deserved veneration for His modesty and sanctity, the more unworthily was He treated.

At the noise made by those who led Him along the whole city turned out and could not sufficiently wonder to see, dragged through the streets with so much infamy, a man whom they had received as the Messiah a few days previously. His silence, his chains, the presence of the magistrates and priests, made the people judge that He was guilty and that everything they had admired in Him had been nothing but imposture and hypocrisy. And so most of His friends declared against Him; those on whom He had heaped favors, became His persecutors, and His miracles served but to increase His ignominies.

Among all these persecutions, they obliged Him to make four journeys that morning. He went from Caiphas to Pilate; from Pilate to Herod; from Herod He returned to Pilate's house, and from there He was led to Calvary, to be fastened. These were in addition to the two journeys He had taken in the night, from the Garden of Olives to the house of Annas, and from the house of Annas to that of Caiphas.

Those souls who love their Savior may accompany Him in spirit in all those stations, having compassion on His sufferings, observing His behavior, imitating the virtues He practiced, kissing the ground on which He walked, and gathering the treasures of grace which He abundantly distributes.

## MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, March 30 ~ Monday of Holy Week

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Tuesday, March 31 ~ Tuesday of Holy Week

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Wednesday, April 1 ~ Wednesday of Holy Week

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Thursday, April 2 ~ Holy Thursday

7 p.m. — Private Intention

### Friday, April 3 ~ Good Friday

NO MASS

### Saturday, April 4 ~ Holy Saturday

7 p.m. — Private Intention of Fr. McWhirter

### Sunday, April 5 ~ Easter Sunday

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Fr. Gordon may accept Mass intentions

### Holy Week Schedule

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#### April 2 ~ Holy Thursday

Mass at 7 p.m., followed by Adoration until midnight.

#### April 3 ~ Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at noon.

Confessions 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Mass of the Pre-Sanctified at 3 p.m.

#### April 4 ~ Holy Saturday

Vigil Mass begins at 7 p.m.

*There will be no Confessions on Holy Saturday*

*nor*

*at 6:30 a.m. Easter Morning*

Those who have not attained this standard of recollection will not fail to draw great advantages also from this exercise if they compare the ways in which they go astray with those which Christ followed in order to save them, and if they humbly implore His mercy that they may return by His merits into the way of salvation, if they have left it, and may persevere if they already walk in it.

For our Lord has left us, in these six journeys, wonderful examples of all kinds of virtues, but especially of patience and humility. In the first He allows Himself to be seized as a malefactor, out of obedience to His Father's will. In the second,

though He is the sovereign judge of the living and the dead, He voluntarily submits Himself to the judgement of His enemies. In the third, He loses that great reputation which He had acquired by His miracles and by the sanctity of His life. In the fourth, He appears before Herod as if He was the meanest of his subjects, though He is the master and creator of the universe. In the fifth, He permits His eternal wisdom to pass for folly. And in the sixth He is placed between two thieves. If the Son of God had not followed them, who would ever have thought that these ways were the straightest and surest for arriving at glory? +++