



April, 2023

Special Dates:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (April 2)

Chrism Mass (April 4 / 6:30pm Sacred Heart Cathedral)

The Sacred Pascal Triduum (April 6-8)

Easter Sunday (April 9)

Extended Deanery Meeting (April 15/ St. Joseph Parish / Deanery 1,2,3)

Rosary & Reflection with Bishop Stephen (April 15 /6:30pm Sacred Heart Cathedral)

Divine Mercy Sunday / 2nd Sunday of Easter (April 16)

St Kateri Tekakwitha (April 17)

St Catherine of Siena (April 29)

Extended Deanery Meeting (April 29/ Edam Community Hall / Deanery 4,5,6)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations / 4th Sunday of Easter (April 30)

Featured Special Days: **The Sacred Paschal Triduum**

Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the Liturgical Year. The Easter Solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week.

The celebration of the Easter Triduum opens with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its climax in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer II on Easter Sunday.

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Food for Thought!

Full, conscious, active participation

In most parishes on a given Sunday you will find people participating in the liturgy through song and the spoken prayers and petitions of the celebration. But “full, conscious, and active participation” is more than an eternal response; it means entering into the celebration with our “whole mind, body and soul.” Liturgy does not just tell us about our covenant relationship as the people of God. It allows us to experience and deepen our relationship with God and God’s creation, through Christ in the power of the Spirit, ever transforming us into the image and likeness of Christ. This continues to be our challenge today.

To encourage and enable the assembly to carry out an active ministry within the celebration, we have revised our ritual books, remodeled our churches, moved musicians out of choir lofts, and placed hospitality ministers at the door. These exterior changes are just the first step. Our interior attitude and understanding must also change.

(Preparing for Liturgy Series / ‘Preparing the Assembly to Celebrate’ by Kim Aldi-Wanner)