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GOOD FRIDAY ~ Year C

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Mass Times

Saturday: 6.00 p.m.
Sunday: 9.00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday – 12.00 p.m.
Wednesday – 9.15 a.m.
Thursday – 9.15 a.m.
Friday – 12.00 p.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 5.15 – 5.45 p.m.
Rosary: Tuesday 11.30 a.m.
* Friday 11.30 a.m.
Saturday 11.00 a.m.

Adoration: Last Wednesday of the month 7-8pm
which includes Rosary and last Friday of the
month 11-12pm which includes the Rosary.



The Order of Service

Liturgy of the Word – includes the reading of the:

- Passion of the Lord
- The Solemn Intercessions
- Veneration of the Cross
- Collection for Holy Places Appeal
- Holy Communion
- All depart in silence

Good Friday Reflection

The celebration of the Lord takes place at 3pm. The Altar is left bare, without cloth or candles. The Passion is proclaimed without candles, incense, greeting, signs of the cross or final acclamation. It is read in parts with the Priest taking the role part as Christ. The ancient tradition of receiving communion on Good Friday links this celebration with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and looks forward to the Eucharist of the Easter Vigil. After the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, the Eucharist may be kept privately for the needs of the sick and dying.

GOOD FRIDAY

First Reading Is 52:13 – 53:12

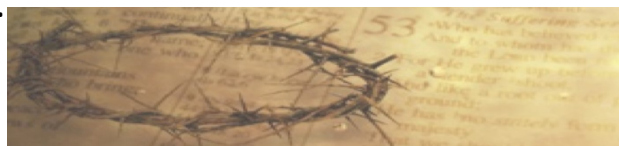
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

See, my servant will prosper; he shall be lifted up, exalted, rise to great heights. As the crowds were appalled on seeing him – so disfigured did he look that he seemed no longer human – so will the crowds be astonished at him, and kings stand speechless before him; for they shall see something never told and witness something never heard before: ‘Who could believe what we have heard, and to whom has the power of the Lord been revealed?’

Like a sapling he grew up in front of us, like a root in arid ground. Without beauty, without majesty (we saw him), no looks to attract our eyes; a thing despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering, a man to make people screen their faces; he was despised and we took no account of him. And yet ours were the sufferings he bore, ours the sorrows he carried. But we, we thought of him as someone punished, struck by God, and brought low. Yet he was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins.

On him lies a punishment that brings us peace, and through his wounds we are healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each taking his own way, and the Lord burdened him with the sins of all of us. Harshly dealt with, he bore it humbly; he never opened his mouth, like a lamb that is led to the slaughter-house, like a sheep that is dumb before its shearers never opening its mouth. By force and by law he was taken; would anyone plead his cause? Yes, he was torn away from the land of the living; for our faults struck down in death. They gave him a grave with the wicked, a tomb with the rich, though he had done no wrong and there had been no perjury in his mouth.

The Lord has been pleased to crush him with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul’s anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself. Hence I will grant whole hordes for his tribute, he shall divide the spoil with the mighty, for surrendering himself to death and letting himself be taken for a sinner, while he was bearing the faults of many and praying all the time for sinners.



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Responsorial Psalm Ps 30:2. 6. 12-13. 15-17. 25. R. Lk 23:46

(R.) Father, I put my life in your hands.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame. In your justice, set me free. Into your hands I commend my spirit. It is you who will redeem me, Lord. **(R.)**
2. In the face of all my foes I am a reproach, an object of scorn to my neighbours and of fear to my friends. **(R.)**
3. Those who see me in the street run far away from me. I am like a dead man, forgotten in men's hearts, like a thing thrown away. **(R.)**
4. But as for me, I trust in you, Lord, I say: 'You are my God.' My life is in your hands, deliver me from the hands of those who hate me. **(R.)**
5. Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your love. Be strong, let your heart take courage, all who hope in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

During his life on earth, he offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey him through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Gospel John 18:1-19:42

The Gospel is read in parts.



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GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION- HOLY PLACES APPEAL

Today we have a special collection for the Holy Places Appeal. The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to the local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 Churches and Shrines associated with the life of Jesus, visited by millions of Catholics every year.



THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. The Paschal Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lords Supper on Holy Thursday and has its centre in the Easter Vigil, closing with Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the Sunday of the Resurrection.

Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be observed everywhere on Good Friday and where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, as a way of coming to the joys of the Sunday resurrection with uplifted and welcoming hearts.



Easter Saturday Vigil	7pm	<i>Followed by a supper in the foyer.</i>
Easter Sunday	9am	
Divine Mercy Sunday	9am	<i>24 April with devotional prayer at 3pm</i>
Pentecost Sunday June 5	10am	<i>Followed by Multicultural Lunch</i>