

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

April 1, 2012

*Regular Sunday Mass Schedule with
Palm Procession at the
9:00 AM Mass*

**HOLY THURSDAY OF THE
LORD'S SUPPER**

April 5, 2012

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer

*7:30 PM - Evening Mass of the
Lord's Supper
Followed By*

*Procession and transfer of the
Holy Eucharist to the Eucharistic Chapel
and Adoration until 11:00 PM*

**GOOD FRIDAY OF THE
LORD'S PASSION**

April 6, 2012

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon - Stations of the Cross

*3:00 PM - Liturgy of the Word,
Veneration of the Cross, and
Distribution of Communion*

HOLY SATURDAY

April 7, 2012

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer

*12:00 Noon - Blessing of the Easter
Baskets and Easter Food - Church*

EASTER VIGIL

*7:45 PM - Gather at the front of
Church*

8:00 PM - Vigil begins

EASTER SUNDAY

April 8, 2012

*Regular Sunday Morning
Mass Schedule
No 6:00 PM Mass*

MERCY SUNDAY

April 15, 2012

*3:00 PM - Singing of the
Chaplet of Mercy & Holy Hour*



**Prayer for the Good of the Soul
Fasting for the Good of the Body
Almsgiving for the good of our neighbor**

**LENT 2012 ACTIVITIES
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF
ST. PATRICK**

LENTEN FISH FRY

5 to 7 PM - Every Friday

STATIONS OF THE CROSS -

*7:00 PM in Church
Begins Fri., Feb. 24th*

March 16th - 7:00 PM

Mary's Way of the Cross

March 30th - 7:00 PM

Living Stations by the Teens

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

"Our Lenten Journey"

March 5th, 6th, & 7th

Leader: Fr. Rock Travnikar, O.F.M.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Evening Confessions

5-8 PM Thursday, March 15th:

LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE

St. Patrick - Sat., March 24th - 10:00 AM

Incarnation - Mon., March 26th - 7:00 PM

Christ the King - Tue., March 27th - 7:00 PM

St. Lawrence - Wed., March 28th - 7:00 PM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 3:30-4:30 PM

**NO Confessions scheduled during
Holy Week or on Holy Saturday**

PARISH OUTREACH PROJECT:

Pinellas Hope

Sunday, April 1st

Diocesan Guidelines and Regulations for Lent

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. **Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.** In addition to a fast of food, more is recommended than the minimum of Friday's fast and abstinence required by Church law. What is more? An attitude of mind and heart. The elect, for example, with whom the fast places us in solidarity, are to fast from more than food: ***"They should refrain from their usual activities, spend their time in prayer and reflection, and . . . observe a fast."*** (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #185*)

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter. Lent is a time for us, like the elect, to reevaluate who we truly are.

Are we compromising our integrity to gain the whole world? Are our lifestyles reflective of followers of Jesus? This is the kind of soul searching our elect are doing at this time. So should we all. We can't live these days well unless we change our schedule of meals, their content, and their quantity. Business as usual, entertainment as usual, chatter, shopping, diversion, dining - these must be radically altered, if we want the darkness before Easter dawn to be filled for us with light and words and water and bread and wine and Alleluias!

The Paschal Triduum is the heart of the liturgical year. We hear in the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians that ***"We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free."*** This could well be our theme for the Triduum.

The Holy Thursday liturgy focuses on foot washing, the *Mandatum*, and the Eucharist. Christ taught us to love one another through service and table fellowship. The dramatic gesture of foot washing embodies Jesus' call to service. This was the first act of self-giving that began the rest of his outpouring of self - his body and blood, given to us this

night, and his body and blood poured out on Calvary tomorrow.

We come to the afternoon hours of the Paschal Triduum on Good Friday to commemorate the redemption Jesus won for us through the free gift of his life. The wood of the cross is the sign of our salvation and the sacred article of our worship. The infinite love of God is demonstrated through his son's passion. "Come, let us worship." We, also, are called to die to ourselves so that we may rise again.

The Easter Vigil will take place in the following way: at **8:00 PM**, the community will gather in front of the Church for the lighting of the Easter fire and the procession of the Paschal candle into the Church for the Easter readings.

On this night, we hear the central stories of and experience the major symbols of our faith. Following the readings, we will celebrate full-immersion baptisms of the catechumens and the celebration of the Mass. The entire ceremony is expected to last about two hours, so please come prepared. Tonight, the elect will die to their old lives and be born into life with Christ. So, too, will we, if we choose to celebrate this liturgy with full faith and understanding.