



Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays

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April 16, 2022

Holy Saturday — Easter Vigil

Liturgy for Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday, the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and on his Descent into Hell and awaiting his Resurrection. The Church abstains from the Sacrifice of the Mass, with the sacred table left bare, until after the solemn Vigil, that is, the anticipation by night of the Resurrection, when the time comes for paschal joys, the abundance which overflows to occupy fifty days. Holy Communion may only be given on this day as Viaticum. —The Roman Missal, Third Typical Edition

From the Easter Vigil Liturgy of Light:

May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

From the Exsultet:

*O truly necessary sin of Adam,
destroyed completely by the Death
of Christ!
O happy fault that earned so great,
so glorious a Redeemer!
O truly blessed night, worthy alone
to know the time and hour
when Christ rose from the
underworld!
This is the night of which it is
written:
The night shall be as bright as day,
dazzling is the night for me, and
full of gladness.*

Holy Saturday (from *Sabbatum Sanctum*, its official liturgical name) is sacred as the day of the Lord's rest; it has been called the "Second Sabbath" after creation. The day is and should be the most calm and quiet day of the entire Church year, a day broken by no liturgical function. Christ lies in the grave, the Church sits near and mourns. After the great battle He is resting in peace, but upon Him we see the scars of intense suffering...The mortal wounds on His Body remain visible...Jesus' enemies are still furious, attempting to obliterate the very memory of the Lord by lies and slander.

Mary and the disciples are grief-stricken, while the Church must mournfully admit that too many of her children return home from Calvary cold and hard of heart. When Mother Church reflects upon all of this, it seems as if the wounds of her dearly Beloved were again beginning to bleed.

According to tradition, the entire body of the Church is represented in Mary: she is the "credentium collectio universa" (Congregation for Divine Worship, *Lettera circolare sulla preparazione e celebrazione delle feste pasquali*, 73). Thus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, as she waits near the Lord's tomb, as she is represented in Christian tradition, is an icon of the Virgin Church keeping vigil at the tomb of her Spouse while awaiting the celebration of his resurrection.

The pious exercise of the *Ora di Maria* is inspired by this intuition of the relationship between the Virgin Mary and the Church: while the body of her Son lays in the tomb and his soul has descended to the dead to announce liberation from the shadow of darkness to his ancestors, the Blessed Virgin Mary, foreshadowing and representing the Church, awaits, in faith, the victorious triumph of her Son

over death. — *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*

Although we are still in mourning, there is much preparation during this day to prepare for Easter. Out of the kitchen comes the smells of Easter pastries and bread, the lamb or hams and of course, the Easter eggs.

There are no liturgies celebrated until the Easter Vigil. Some local parish priests bless the food baskets on this day. In Slavic countries there is a blessing of the traditional Easter foods, prepared in baskets: eggs, ham, lamb and sausages, butter and cheeses, horseradish and salt and the Easter breads. The Easter blessings of food owe their origin to the fact that these particular foods, namely, fleshmeat and milk products, including eggs, were forbidden in the Middle Ages during the Lenten fast and abstinence. When the feast of Easter brought the rigorous fast to an end, and these foods were again allowed at table, the people showed their joy and gratitude by first taking the food to church for a blessing. Moreover, they hoped that the Church's blessing on such edibles would prove a remedy for whatever harmful effects the body might have suffered from the long period of self-denial. Today the Easter blessings of food are still held in many churches in the United States, especially in Slavic parishes.

Collections:

April 09, 2022

Envelopes	\$325.00
Loose	\$5.00
Share Lent	\$25.00
Donation	\$200.00
Cemetery Fund	
	\$555.00

1: Thank you to everyone who made the fishcake supper a great success, a sellout

2: Holy Week Schedule

Saturday, April 16, 2022 At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:
8:30pm SH

Easter Sunday April 17, 2022 The Resurrection of the Lord
8:30 AM SJB
10:00 AM SP & Chapel Island
11:30 AM HGA

3: April 28: Spring Deadline for Bishop Power Foundation The late Bishop William Power recognized the importance of the laity in strengthening Christian faith in today's modern world. A family charitable foundation in his name continues to support: individuals in university Catholic Studies (full or part time) and non-profit groups that: a) empower the poor and/or b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church and/or c) aid the missionary activity of the church Applications are accepted each spring and fall for consideration. The foundation typically distributes up to \$20,000 annually to successful applicants. Deadline is April 28 for consideration this spring. To apply or for more information: www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca

4: Bingo: Merchandise Bingo to be held on May 1st, 1:45 PM at the Tara Lynne Centre. River Bourgeois. Sponsored by the River Bourgeois Community Seniors Club.

5: The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Market:

Calling all vendors! Are you an artisan, bee keeper, farmer, baker etc..? Then we are looking for you! The Johnstown Community Development Co-operative Ltd. has developed its very own outdoor market space!

The location is directly across from the Johnstown Parish Hall located at 15290 Highway 4 in Johnstown. The outdoor market will run bi weekly starting Saturday June 4th ending the season on Saturday October 8th, 2022.

Vendors looking at participating in this outdoor market are responsible for bringing all materials required for your space ie. tents, tables, chairs, table cloths, etc.

Vendor spaces will be \$20.00 which can be e-transferred or paid in cash the day of the market. For more information, or a vendor application, please email johnstownlanding@gmail.com.