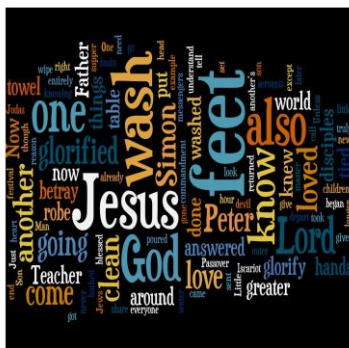
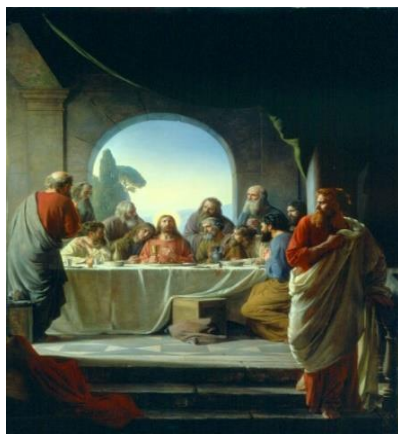


HOLY THURSDAY



Holy Week 2020

Saint Pius Tenth Parish

will be live-streaming one Mass or Service (Good Friday) each evening during of Holy Week at the times below. Also, we will have the opportunity for a virtual sharing of **Mass at 11:00 am on the successive Sundays** until we can once again gather as community to celebrate Eucharist and receive the Holy Body and Blood.

Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*, 7 pm

Good Friday, *Celebration of the Passion of the Lord*, 7 pm

Holy Saturday, *Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord*, 8 pm

Easter Sunday, *Easter Mass*, 11:00 am

Please note that these Masses are not open to the public. If you are unable to view 'live', the Masses will be archived on the home page of our website www.stpiustenthparish.org.

Please share this announcement, as many people have been asking how they can participate in a local mass from home.

The stream can be accessed from a computer or mobile device on our website www.stpiustenthparish.org A person DOES NOT have to have a YouTube account to view the livestream.

The worship guide will also be available on www.stpiustenthparish.org for Holy Week Triduum, Easter Sunday, and successive Sundays.

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Practical Suggestions for Maximum Participation at Home

Meanwhile, here are some ways that you might involve your family to prepare at home for each of these very special days of the holiest week of the year?

ON BOARD? On Holy Thursday, plan for an early evening meal with those in your household. **Dress up** as for your Sunday best and use the best you have to create a table like Jesus had the apostles prepare for Passover Supper. Connect with simple language your family meal and that of the Israelites ready to flee into the desert as the Angel of Death plague passed over Egypt. Have a table discussion about the connection to the Last Supper, and your own family supper. After the meal (and dishes!) prepare to gather in your prayer room for the livestreaming opportunity at www.stpiustenthparish.org a few minutes before 7 pm.

READY, TECH, GO? Test your device for battery life/plug in capability as needed and for sound volume to fit your group and size of your “prayer space” for Mass online.

HOME PRAYER CENTER? Prepare a small prayer setting on a table or in the center of the floor FOR EACH SERVICE OR MASS in the room you will use for viewing.

Children will Love Helping with This

CAUTION: A parent or family member over 21 must be present to use a candle safely. If possible, use an LED candle.



Suggestions for Holy Thursday

White is the liturgical color for today. A loaf of bread, grapes in a bowl, a bottle of wine (empty or full), and some stems of wheat, if you have some make for great

reminders of the simple gifts Jesus used to institute the greatest gift of all—His own Body and Blood for us to eat and drink. What is your offering tonight? Is it sacrificial?

You may want to use a small pitcher of water, a small hand towel, and a large bowl as a visual symbol of what it means to wash each other's feet in our lives. A parent could perform this after Mass ends tonight.

Meanwhile, after Mass tonight, the altar will be stripped and all decoration in the Church sanctuary removed, a symbol of Jesus being stripped of his freedom and of even of his clothing on his way to the Cross. We leave the prayer space in Grand Silence to "watch & pray."

Or after Mass you might pray the Rosary using the *Luminous Mysteries* as Judas betrays Jesus and they arrest him. Jesus spends the night in jail alone. Can you, can I, watch one hour with Him in the Garden of Agony? How will he watch after me in my greatest hour of need?

For Holy Thursday, open the Bible to the Gospel of John 13:1-15.

MY BIBLE OR YOURS? Especially on Good Friday when the longer Passion narrative is proclaimed, follow the specific version provided in the worship aid to make the appropriate responses as a family.

ME? SING? Look for the upcoming Mass worship aid on the parish web site and print it out, save it to any other devices in your home, or take photos of it on your mobile phone or tablet camera to use or share during Mass singing.

WELCOME ALL Consider the needs of infants and young children in the family to help them remain “present,” for example, a toy, a book, or other noiseless item that maintains the atmosphere of prayer. Remove items from the room that may be distractions to anyone.

IS IT REAL? Yes, as real as the movie you might get from Netflix or other streaming services. So, we **suggest preparing your mind and heart** as you do for any Sunday liturgy you attend. We are blessed to have 2020 technology.

1. Fast from food and drink (except water) and dress as you would for Mass on Sunday.
2. Prepare to sit, stand, and kneel at appropriate times along with the ministers in the livestream video. We are real and blessed to serve.
3. Respond to prayers as you normally do at Mass with intention, attention, and devotion (really mean what you say).
4. For the readings, you may have the family Bible marked for the readings or read them together the day before and LISTEN to the lectors and cantors who carefully prepare to proclaim the Word.

Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.**