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April 5th & 6th, 2025 5th Sunday of Lent

LOOKING AHEAD

STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday starting at 5:30p, We are doing "Mary's Way of the Cross" this year.

Ecumenical Way of the Cross

Starts at Sandtown Park on Bluff Street Good Friday 11am

Holy Thursday at St Paul's 7pm

Good Friday at St Paul's 6pm

EASTER VIGIL

Easter Vigil in

St George begins at 9:30 PM

NO SATURDAY
MASS AT
ST PAUL's
on April 19th

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION TODAY

Q: What is the earliest time that the Easter Vigil may begin?

A:The beginning of the Easter Vigil is governed not by a clock, but by the sacramentality of light and darkness. It is the contrast of the new fire against the backdrop of "nightfall" that the signs of darkness and light become meaningful. Indeed, as the priest lights the Paschal Candle on that most holy night, he invokes these signs: "May the *light* of Christ rising in glory dispel the *darkness* of our hearts and minds" (see 1 Peter 2:9).



The rubrics governing the Easter Vigil specify the circumstances in which this liturgy is to begin and end: "The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil must [debet] take place during the night [noctis], so that it begins after nightfall [initium noctis] and ends before daybreak on the Sunday" (Roman Missal, The Easter Vigil, 3, emphasis added). Since the 1967 document from the Congregation of Rites Eucharisticum Mysterium asserts that the Easter Vigil is not to be celebrated "before dusk, or at least certainly not before sunset" (28), some have used sunset or dusk as their rule. However, in 1988 the Congregation for Divine Worship gave a direct interpretation to the above Easter Vigil rubric: "The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday.' This rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. Reprehensible are those abuses and practices which have crept into many places in violation of this ruling, whereby the Easter Vigil is celebrated at the time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses" (Paschalis Sollemnitatis: "Circular Letter on Preparing and Celebrating the Paschal Feasts," 78, emphasis added). Commenting on the same rubric and lending a practical rule of thumb to this theoretical strictness, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat of Divine Worship has this: "pastoral planners should contact local weather stations for the time sunset will occur. Another 45 minutes or one hour should be added to that time in order to determine the approximate time of nightfall."

As indicated above, from a ritual standpoint, this *strictness* is rooted in the nature of the liturgy's play between the symbols of light and darkness. When the deacon chants the praises of the Paschal Candle, he prays that, as it burns, it might "overcome the darkness of this night" (19). If the Easter Vigil begins while it is still light or even twilight, many of the prayers and accompanying symbols lose much of their force and make little sense. Indeed, as the rhythmic melodies of the deacon's chant, "This is the night...," wash over us, *darkness* is the quality that should govern the time "nightfall" begins.

From the Editors at Adoremus.org

Please Pray for our family & friends & for Pope Francis

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Hector Garduno †
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> Pastor, Reverend David Bittmenn,

Reverend Tristan Dillon Deacon Dan Weber

Communion to the
Sick & Homebound:
Please contact the church office.

Parish Calendar

VIGIL MASS: Saturday 6pm MASS: Sunday 12:30pm

BIBLE STUDY: Mondays @ 12:30p

ROSARY: Monday @ 2pm **KNIGHTS ROUNDTABLE:**

Third Monday at 3pm

CCD CLASS—Tuesdays 5:30-7p COMMUNION SERVICE:

Wednesday @ 9am

BINGO: Next Bingo will be April 24

ADORATION:

Wed. April 9th, 9:30-10 Saturday, after mass April 26th 7-8pm

Ladies Breakfast Club:

2nd Monday April 14th 9:30am at Rooster Run





Saints of Hope Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish Father Dass - Price Utah St. Padre Pio – Hope in God's Mercy and Healing



St. Padre Pio, a Capuchin friar, mystic, and stigmatist, is a profound witness to hope in God's mercy and healing. From an early age, he experienced profound spiritual battles and physical suffering, yet he never lost trust in God's providence. His life was marked by extraordinary gifts, including the stigmata, bilocation, and prophetic insight, yet his greatest mission was leading souls back to God's mercy through confession and prayer.

Padre Pio spent hours daily in the confessional, offering God's forgiveness to countless penitents. He often reminded people that no sin is greater than God's mercy and encouraged frequent confession as a way to restore hope. Many who came to him burdened by guilt and despair left transformed, reassured of God's unconditional love. His famous words, "Pray, hope, and don't worry," remind us that true hope is found in trusting God's divine plan, even amid suffering.

In addition to spiritual healing, Padre Pio was also an instrument of physical miracles. Many who sought his intercession were cured of ailments, yet he himself bore deep wounds—both physical and emotional—for the sake of others. He teaches us that suffering, when united with Christ, becomes redemptive. His Hospital for the Relief of Suffering in Italy was founded on the belief that healing involves both body and soul, emphasizing the importance of faith in the healing process.

Padre Pio's life reminds us that hope is not the absence of pain but the assurance that God's love will never abandon us. In a world where many suffer physically, emotionally, and spiritually, he teaches us to trust in God's mercy, seek the sacraments, and hold onto hope even in darkness.







VOLUNTEERS in the SPOTLIGHT!

This week's Volunteers in the Spotlight are a unique and very special group of gentlemen who give of themselves to our church and congregation every week. They are our Alter Servers who carry out a significant role assisting our priests prepare the Holy Eucharist for communion each week. We thank them greatly for what they do.

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