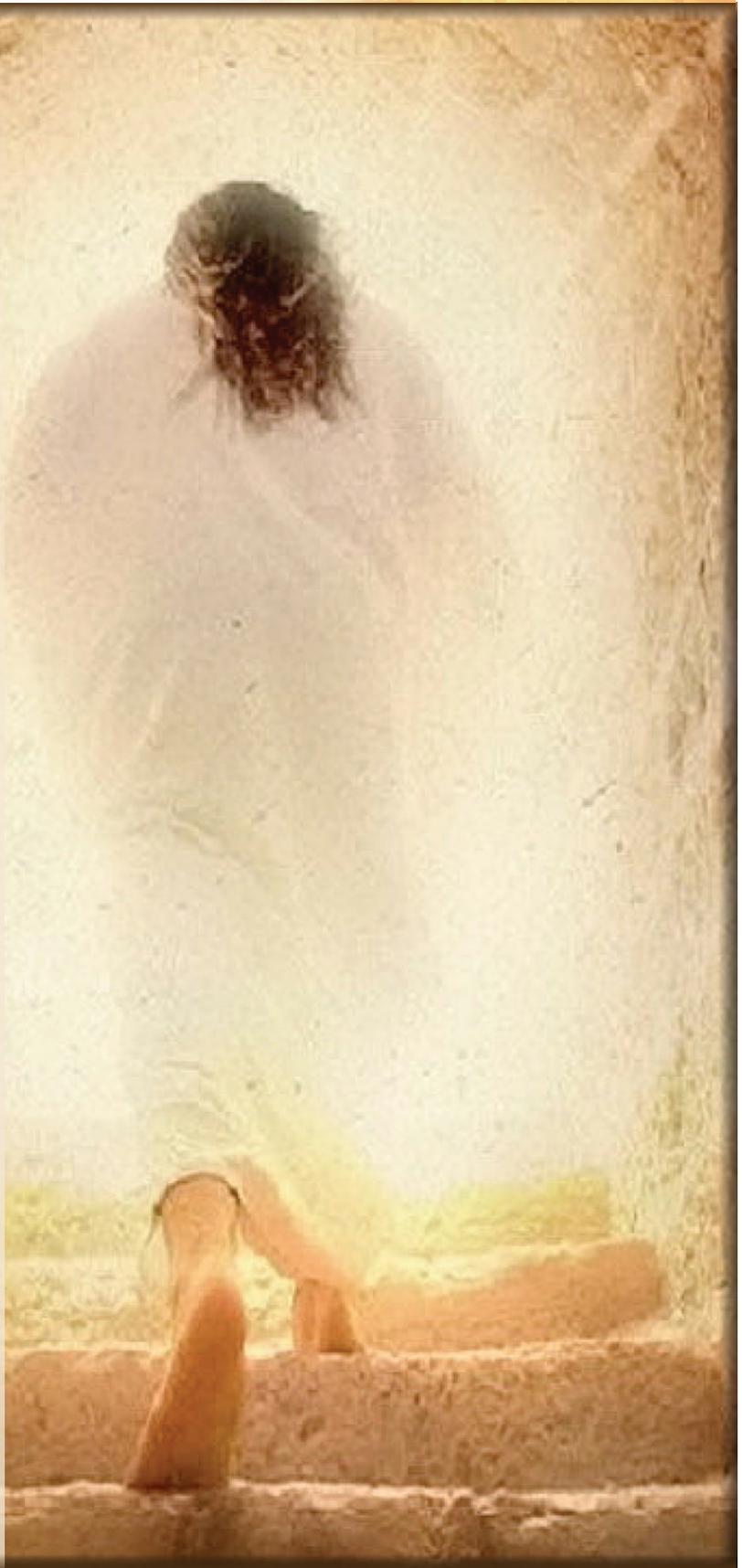




HE IS RISEN!

**“Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth her song begin:
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein;
Invisible and visible,
Their notes let all things blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen
Our joy that hath no end.”**

- Saint John of Damascus



HOLY THURSDAY

Holy Thursday is a powerful beginning to Holy Week. It is this day that Jesus gave us the gift of the priesthood, the model of selfless love, and the institution of the Eucharist the source and summit of our life as Christians.

Christ gathered his apostles for the Last Supper, and in this moment much to their surprise got down on His knees and washed the feet of each one. He did so with the humility of a happy servant, selflessness wanting nothing in return,



and with the love of a confident leader. He was simply serving them as He wanted them to serve others. The commandment given to our first priests - live like Christ's example and be a servant to all people. We all need to hear and obey this for we are on this earth to help others and do our best to live like Christ.

The Last Supper was the first Holy Eucharist for the Church. Every time we receive the Eucharist, we are part of that moment with Christ.

“He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it, saying, ‘This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.’ And likewise, he took the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.’” There exists no greater love than this.

Let us be mindful of this Holy night everyday of our lives. Be a disciple of Christ and listen as Jesus tells us, “Love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends (John 15:12-13).”

GOOD FRIDAY

One of the most important days of the year for the Church – the faithful – Good Friday, the day we walk through Christ’s ultimate sacrifice. Mass is not celebrated today, instead we participate in a solemn liturgy taking us through the moments when Jesus was scourged, sentenced to death, forced to carry His own cross to Calvary, crucified, and took his last breath at the ninth hour (3pm) -the Hour of Mercy.



We are filled with so many emotions on this day especially when we as part of the liturgy repeatedly shout out, “Crucify him!” It’s overwhelming to know that it is our sins that nailed Jesus to the cross. We also are overcome with great humility knowing that all of Christ’s sufferings were to redeem the world – to show us how much he loves us.

Spend time at the foot of the cross.

Meditate on the unthinkable magnitude that Christ in the flesh went through for us, because He believes in us and loves us.

When we face and become consumed by our challenges, burdens, pain, worry, loss, and unrest we are in our darkest hour. We are carrying our own cross. God tells us to be strong in faith because He is always with us and never fails. Believe in Him. Believe in the promises, the teachings of Christ. Joy will come!

Blessed are we that we know that Easter is coming - the glorious resurrection of the Lord.

“Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday,” Venerable Fulton Sheen – *Life of Christ*.

An Easter Treat for the Faithful

This year we bring to you an extra special Easter message. One that will hopefully warm your heart and force a little giggle (or two or three...). It is the story of Easter eagerly told by a group of spunky kiddos.

The video is brought to you by creative team at the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston lead by Mark Haas and Chris Cendaña.

Enjoy this sweet conversation. Oh! At the end Bishop Mark Brennan shares a special memory from his childhood.

“I encourage you to celebrate this Feast of Jesus with great Joy,” he exclaimed, “God bless you all!”

[CLICK HERE](#) to enjoy the special recording made for you!



ROSARY FOR HEALING FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE



Together we pray for healing and protection from sexual abuse. The rosary will help you to lift up these needs in prayer, offering them to God through Mary, who offers her loving protection to all her children.

We have created a special page on our website (DWC.ORG/PRAY-THE-ROSARY/) to help you join in this crusade.

Follow along with the videos for the Sorrowful, Luminous, Joyful, and Glorious Mysteries prayed by members of the faithful in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at the Bishop's Chapel in Wheeling.

We also showcase our Catholic schools that recorded videos showcasing their students reciting decades of the rosary for all the mysteries. Schools that participated include Corpus Christi School (Wheeling); St. Joseph the Worker School (Weirton); St. Paul School (Weirton); Madonna High School (Weirton); St. Francis de Sales School (Beckley); Parkersburg Catholic Elementary School (Parkersburg); Fairmont Catholic School (Fairmont); Sacred Heart Grade School (Charleston); St. Francis of Assisi School (St. Albans); St. Mary's Grade School (Clarksburg); St. Vincent de Paul School (Wheeling); Notre Dame High School (Clarksburg); St. Michael School (Wheeling); Our Lady of Fatima School (Huntington); Sts. Peter and Paul School (Oak Hill); St. Joseph Catholic School (Huntington); St. Joseph Central Catholic High School (Huntington); Central Catholic High School (Wheeling); Parkersburg Catholic High School (Parkersburg); Our Lady of Peace School (Wheeling); St. Francis de Sales Central Catholic School (Morgantown); and Charleston Catholic High School (Charleston).

APRIL IS THE SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH.

A HEALING PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

God of endless love

ever caring, ever strong

always present, always just;

You gave your only Son to save us by his Blood on
the Cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,

join to your own suffering

the pain of all who have been hurt

in body, mind, and spirit

by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters

who have been gravely harmed,

and the cries of those who love them.

Soothe their restless hearts with hope,

steady their shaken spirits with faith.

Grant them justice for their cause,

enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,

heal your people's wounds

and transform brokenness into wholeness.

Grant us the courage and wisdom,

humility and grace, to act with justice.

WALKING WITH NEIGHBORS AS WE WALK WITH JESUS

At some time or another, most of us ask why Good Friday is called “Good.” It’s a day of mourning and coming to terms with the fact that Jesus died on a cross for us. And yet, we do celebrate Jesus’ passion and death because, ultimately, the pain helps us to know and understand the new life of Easter.

In a different way, Catholic Charities West Virginia’s staff, volunteers, and supporters intentionally bear witness to the suffering of our brothers and sisters. Through the heartache of poverty and the desolation of addiction, we refuse to turn away when our neighbors need us the most.

The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus became human so that He could relate to each of us intimately:

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.

-Hebrews 4:15

People come to Catholic Charities West Virginia when they need help. They often feel a sense of weakness. They are never met with judgment, but rather with solidarity and compassion.

Yes, we meet the physical needs of our neighbors. And we also strive to meet their emotional needs as we honor their dignity as children of God. Everyone who approaches us for help is met with a caring, compassionate person who looks deeper than the wounds life has inflicted. We strive to see the image of Jesus in the face of every client.

So, while we do not celebrate the fact that people need our services, we rejoice in our mission of love! Thank you for standing with us in service to our neighbors who need us most.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

The Mission of Catholic Charities West Virginia: *Guided by God’s love, Catholic Charities collaborates with community partners, parishes, and families to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.*



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HOLY THURSDAY THE LORD'S SUPPER

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

The Lord's Passover – The blood - God's salvation and protection from death.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116

“Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Paul teaches about the First Eucharist. Jesus said: “This is my body.... This is my blood.... Do this in remembrance of me.”

Gospel: John 13:1-15

Jesus exemplifies love, service, and humility as he washes the feet of the disciples. Characteristics He expects of His true followers.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR THE HOLY THURSDAY READINGS READINGS.](#)

HOLY THURSDAY PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church Jesus gave us that, that all who serve in the Church do so as our Lord exemplified – lovingly, humbly, and selflessly, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For leaders and emerging leaders of nations, that they work tirelessly for peace on earth, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those entering the Church this weekend and all the faithful, may they be healed, renewed, and loved as they encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all the prayers we hold in our hearts - spoken and unspoken, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer



GOOD FRIDAY ~ THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13, 53:12

The suffering servant is marred beyond recognition – wounds that heal our sins and sinfulness.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 31

Jesus quoted Psalm 31 with, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Let us entrust our life to God.

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

Jesus, Son of God, and High Priest enters into heaven. Let our faith never fail, knowing Jesus walked this earth and knows our weaknesses. Let us praise God, who rescues us from evil and death.

Gospel: John 18:1–19:42

The Passion of our Lord– the end of Jesus' earthly ministry; the fulfillment of Judas' betrayal and Peter's denials; Pilate's questioning and handing over for crucifixion; the unthinkable pains of our Blessed Mother as she witnessed the horrific death; and the preparation of the body of Jesus as was the Jewish burial custom. Let us look to the cross as the sign of our faith. Let His outstretched arms be a sign of His eternal embrace and love for us.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR THE GOOD FRIDAY READINGS READINGS.](#)

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Today the Prayer of the Faithful is replaced with Solemn Intercessions, from The Roman Missal.

I. For Holy Church - Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God, that our God and Lord be pleased to give her peace, to guard her and to unite her throughout the whole world and grant that, leading our life in tranquility and quiet, we may glorify God the Father almighty.

Prayer in silence.

Then the Priest says: Almighty ever-living God, who in Christ revealed your glory to all the nations, watch over the works of your mercy, that your Church, spread throughout all the world, may persevere with steadfast faith in confessing your name. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

II. For the Pope - Let us pray also for our most Holy Father Pope Francis, that our God and Lord, who chose him for the Order of Bishops, may keep him safe and unharmed for the Lord's holy Church, to govern the holy People of God.

Prayer in silence.

Then the Priest says: Almighty ever-living God, by whose decree all things are founded, look with favor on our prayers and in your kindness protect the Pope chosen for us, that, under him, the Christian people, governed by you their maker, may grow in merit by reason of their faith. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

III. For all orders and degrees of the faithful - Let us pray also for our Bishop Mark, for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons of the Church and for the whole of the faithful people.

Prayer in silence.

Then the Priest says: Almighty ever-living God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is sanctified and governed, hear our humble prayer for your ministers, that, by the gift of your grace, all may serve you faithfully. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

IV. For catechumens - Let us pray also for our catechumens, that our God and Lord may open wide the ears of their inmost hearts and unlock the gates of his mercy, that, having received forgiveness of all their sins through the waters of rebirth, they, too, may be one with Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer in silence.

Then the Priest says: Almighty ever-living God, who make your Church ever fruitful with new offspring, increase the faith and understanding of (our) catechumens, that, reborn in the font of Baptism, they may be added to the number of your adopted children. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. For the unity of Christians - Let us pray also for all our brothers and sisters who believe in Christ, that our God and Lord may be pleased, as they live the truth, to gather them together and keep them in his one Church.

Prayer in silence.

Then the Priest says: Almighty ever-living God, who gather what is scattered and keep together what you have gathered, look kindly on the flock of your Son, that those whom one Baptism has consecrated may be joined together by integrity of faith and united in the bond of charity. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

VI. For the Jewish people - Let us pray also for the Jewish people, to whom the Lord our God spoke first, that he may grant them to advance in love of his name and in faithfulness to his covenant.

Prayer in silence.

Then the Priest says: Almighty ever-living God, who bestowed your promises on Abraham and his descendants, graciously hear the prayers of your Church, that the people you first made your own may attain the fullness of redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

VII. For those who do not believe in Christ - Let us pray also for those who do not believe in Christ, that, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, they, too, may enter on the way of salvation.

Prayer in silence.

Then the Priest says: Almighty ever-living God, grant to those who do not confess Christ

that, by walking before you with a sincere heart, they may find the truth and that we ourselves, being constant in mutual love and striving to understand more fully the mystery of your life, may be made more perfect witnesses to your love in the world. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

VIII. For those who do not believe in God - Let us pray also for those who do not acknowledge God, that, following what is right in sincerity of heart, they may find the way to God himself.

Prayer in silence.

Then the Priest says: Almighty ever-living God, who created all people to seek you always by desiring you and, by finding you, come to rest, grant, we pray, that, despite every harmful obstacle, all may recognize the signs of your fatherly love and the witness of the good works done by those who believe in you, and so in gladness confess you, the one true God and Father of our human race. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

IX. For those in public office - Let us pray also for those in public office, that our God and Lord may direct their minds and hearts according to his will for the true peace and freedom of all.

Prayer in silence.

Then the Priest says: Almighty ever-living God, in whose hand lies every human heart and the rights of peoples, look with favor, we pray, on those who govern with authority over us, that throughout the whole world, the prosperity of peoples, the assurance of peace, and freedom of religion may through your gift be made secure. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

X. For those in tribulation - Let us pray, dearly beloved, to God the Father almighty, that he may cleanse the world of all errors, banish disease, drive out hunger, unlock prisons, loosen fetters, granting to travelers safety, to pilgrims return, health to the sick, and salvation to the dying.

Prayer in silence.

Then the Priest says: Almighty ever-living God, comfort of mourners, strength of all who toil, may the prayers of those who cry out in any tribulation come before you, that all may rejoice, because in their hour of need your mercy was at hand. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR THE EASTER VIGIL READINGS.](#)

EASTER VIGIL PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that the Easter joy that surrounds us on this holy night may permeate our hearts and then radiate out to the world through our words and actions, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That Christians everywhere may be inspired to work for justice and peace in every town, city, and country, from here to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For the unity of Christians around the world, that our differences may be reconciled so that we may see our union with Christ expressed in union here on earth, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all newly initiated members of the Church, especially N., N., and N., that they may live now in the newness of life, dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our community of faith, that like the original disciples from Mary Magdalene to Peter, we may go forth in joy and wonder to announce the good news, let us pray to the Lord...

Lord hear our prayer

EASTER

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter, the leader of the apostles, declares Jesus is risen and the mission of the Church begins.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.” Shout for joy, God’s mercy is forever.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 (or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8)

Let the faithful keep their eyes to the heavens.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Upon finding the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John did not understand Christ had risen from the dead.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR THE EASTER READINGS.](#)

EASTER PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that like Christ we find strength and courage to show mercy, exemplify humble service, and love one another unconditionally, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For world leaders, that they may pursue peace and set aside pride in order to compromise for the good of God’s creation, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who all the faithful, that we rejoice in the Eucharist, and bring the source of all that is good to those who cannot celebrate in the Church with us, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all those who are grieving that the promise of eternal life breathe everlasting comfort and hope into their hearts, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer



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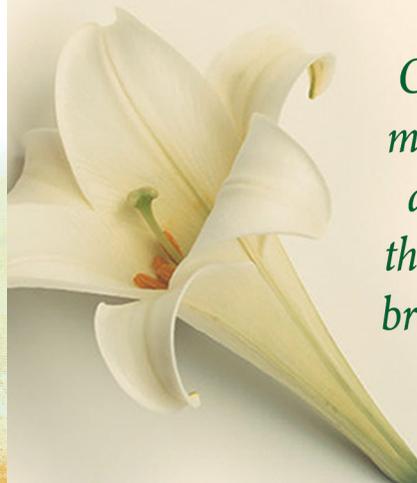
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