

Holy Week Schedule

Horaire De La Semaine Sainte

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25 March 2018 11:00 am
Palm Sunday - Dimanche des Rameaux

***Blessing of
the Palms
Procession
Holy Mass***

***Bénédiction
des Rameaux,
Procession
Sainte-Messe***



The Church has consecrated the time preceding Easter to the remembrance and meditation of the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ. For this reason, the period is called “Passion-tide”, and the Church places veils of penance on the Crucifixes and statues used in public worship.

On this Sunday, we shall solemnly bless the Palms, and carry them in procession. Our Saviour began Holy Week by His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. He continued it by the institution of the Eucharist, in which He gave to His Apostles His body as food and His blood as drink. He consummated it by ending the most cruel sufferings and the most shameful of deaths. He deigned to die upon a cross to satisfy the justice of His Father, and thus to deliver humankind from the power of the Evil One, from eternal death and from hell.

Such are the great mysteries which the Church recalls each year to the faithful in holy ceremonies which should revive our piety, faith, and gratitude.

Each one of you should bring you Palm and hold it devoutly in your hand during the Blessing and Procession as also during the singing (or reading) of the Passion. This pious ceremony recalls the triumphal entry of Christ into

Jerusalem, when the populace went before Him, carrying branches of palm or olive trees in sign of joy and honour. Take back to your homes the blessed palms and keep them with respect.

29 March 2018 8:00pm

Holy Thursday
Jeudi Saint



Thy will be done.—Matt. 26, 42

He knows the time and manner of delivering thee and therefore thou must resign thyself to Him.

Holy Mass
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament on
the altar after Holy
Mass

Stripping of the altar
and removal of the
Blessed Sacrament.

The door of the
tabernacle is left open
and empty

The Sanctuary lamp
is extinguished

Après la Ste-Messe,
l'autel es depouillée.

Seulement les six
chandelles et la croix
recouverte d'un linceul
noir demeurent. La
porte du Tabernacle
est ouverte, et les
Saintes Espèces
transportées dans la
Sacristie. La lampe du
sanctuaire est éteinte.

You will endeavor, on Holy Thursday, to revive in your hearts feelings of love and gratitude towards our Saviour for the great benefit of the Eucharist, which he instituted on that day.

Humbly beg our Saviour to pardon you. Detest with all your heart the sins you have committed; make up your mind to commit them no more, with the grace of God. Unite yourselves also, as much as possible, to the sentiments of humility which Christ showed on this day by washing the feet of His Apostles before institution the Eucharist.

30 March 2018

3:00 pm

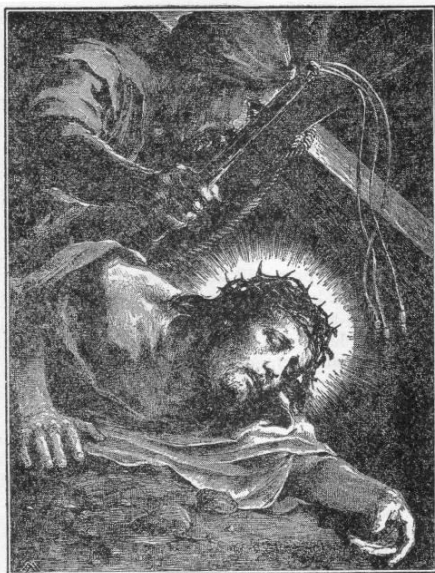
**Good Friday
Vendredi Saint**

***Stations of the Cross
and Veneration of the
Cross***

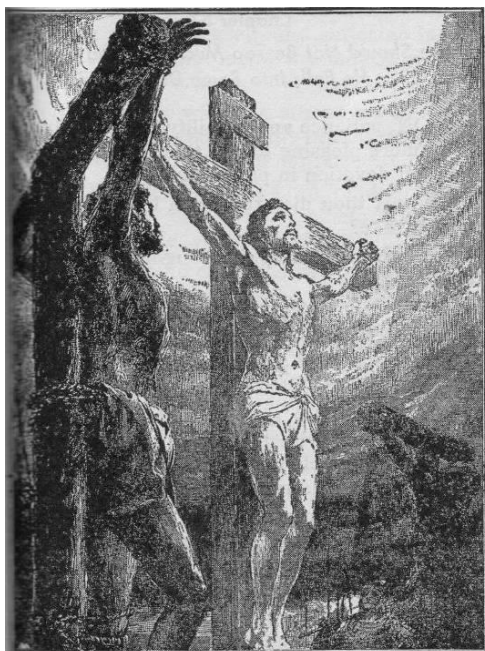
***Reading of the Passion
of Our Lord Jesus Christ***

***Stations de la Croix.
Vénération de la Croix.***

On Good Friday you
should feel the greatest
sorrow at the thought of
the sufferings which
Christ endured in His



*I became the most humble, and most abject of all,
that thou mightst learn to overcome
thy pride by My humility.*

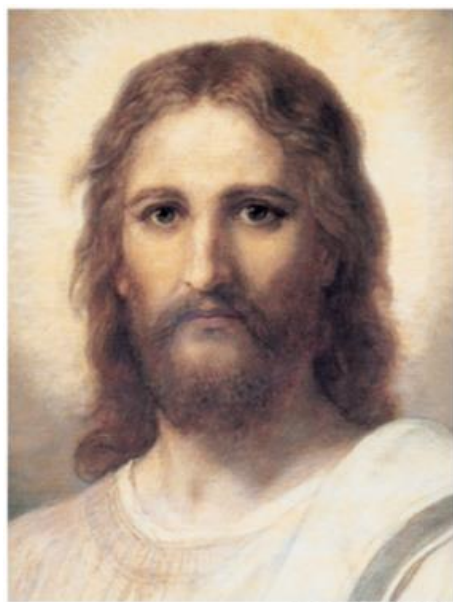


*Remember me, O my God, and direct me by the
straight road to Thy kingdom.*

Passion, and of the
dolorous sacrifice which
He consummated on
the Cross, by shedding
His Precious Blood for
our salvation.
Adore Christ crucified
with compunction, love,
and gratitude.

Pas de chandelles, pas
d'encens, pas de
musique. Le Crucifix
demeure sur le St-
Autel, pour nous
rappeler les Souffrances
et la mort de notre
Seigneur Jésus Christ
pour nous tous.

31 March 2018 8:00 pm
Holy Saturday
Samedi Saint



*Blessing of the
New Fire
Blessing of the
Holy Water
Blessing of the
Pascal Candle
Baptisms*

*Bénédiction du
feu nouveau.
Bénédiction de l'eau.
Bénédiction du
Cierge Pascale
Baptêmes*

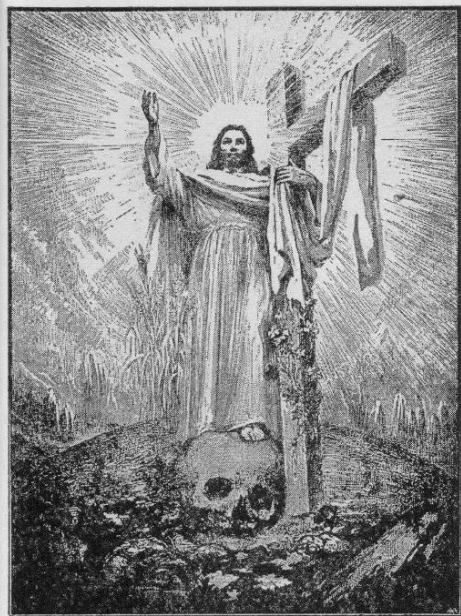
On Holy Saturday you will honour the sacred burial of Our Lord. The thought of this mystery

so absorbed the faithful of former times that they passed the day and night in prayer and fasting, remembering that before Baptism - which may be called the Sacrament of the Death and Burial of Christ - they were, so to speak, enshrouded with Him in Death, before coming forth with Him to eternal life.

The Church on this day blessed the new fire to symbolize the new life received through Jesus Christ, whose Risen Life is represented by the Pascal Candle, which is lit from that time until Ascension.

It was formerly tradition to baptize on Holy Saturday the catechumens, who had been instructed and prepared during the year. The Church still recalls this ancient discipline by the solemn blessing of Baptismal Water on that day. Assist therefore with piety at this ceremony and renew the promises of your Baptism.

1 April 2018 11:00 am
Easter Sunday
Christ is Risen!
Jour de Pâques
Le Christ Est Ressuscité!



I am the Life

***Holy
Mass***

Of

Easter

***Sainte-
Eucharistie***

de

Pâques

On this Sunday we celebrate with joy the holy feast of Easter. On this day our Saviour rose victorious over death and sin; on this day He re-assumed the life which He had given for us, and reuniting Body and Soul, burst the tomb asunder. Prepare then to rise with Him to a lasting life of grace.

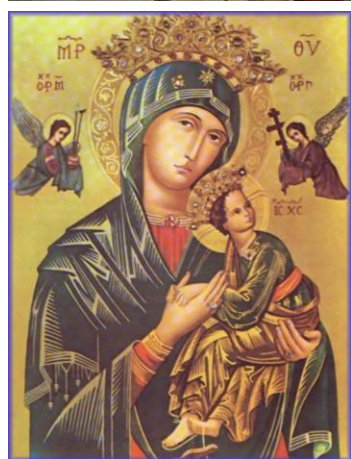
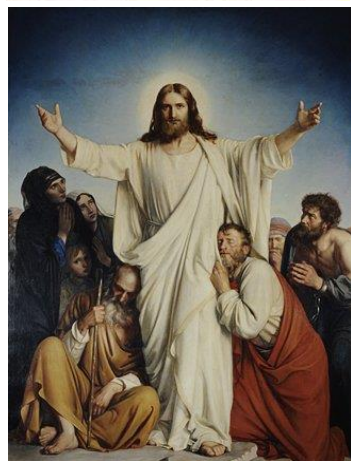
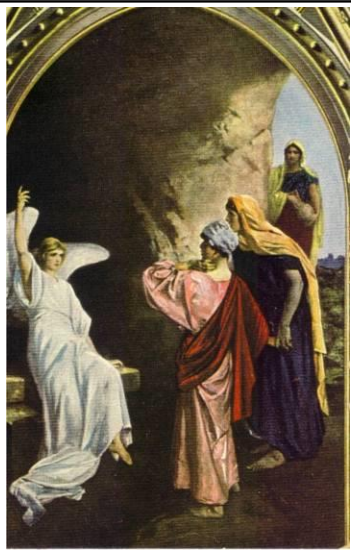
Christ is risen! Such is the mystery of which the solemn octave commences on this day. This mystery is the fulfilling of the work of our redemption and the foundation of our faith, since, by His resurrection, Christ proved His divinity, and opened the gate of heaven to us all.

The name of "Pasch" given to this feast, recalls the ancient Passover eaten by the children of Israel. This name in

Hebrew signifies “passage” and is used to recall the passage of the angel who, charged by God to destroy the first born of the Egyptians, passed over the dwellings of the Hebrews marked with the expiating blood of the Paschal Lamb. Under the Christian law this name signifies that Christ passed from death to life and, triumphing over the Evil One, causes us to pass from the death of sin to the life of grace.

Just as Christ rose bodily and began a new, glorious, and immortal life, we should rise spiritually; that is to say, begin a new life, renouncing entirely, and for all time, sin and the occasion of sins, by giving all our love to God and things of God. The word “Alleluia” so often repeated on Easter Day and throughout the Pascal time, means “Praise to God”. It was a cry of joy among the Hebrew people, which was adopted by the Church and introduced into her liturgy to express the joy and happiness felt by Christian souls at the thought of the glorious Resurrection on which all their hopes repose.

Give thanks on this day to the Lamb of God whose redeeming blood has marked your souls for eternal life; bless the glorious Victor over death who, in bursting the bars of His tomb, has given to you the earnest hope of your own resurrection. Above all things form a good and serious resolution to withdraw your soul from the death and grave of sin through the merits of the Risen Christ.





The Old Catholic Church

Churches have declared themselves to be Old Catholic in various times and places. The first group of Churches to proclaim themselves Old Catholic appeared in the Netherlands in the 18th Century when the Dutch Catholics extended sympathy and hospitality to French Catholics who were denied religious liberty in France.

Their defense of religious liberty brought them condemnation from Rome, and since 1725, the Archbishopric of Utrecht has remained independent of Rome. Old Catholics have always held that under Christ, one finds perfect

freedom. Rather than disavow their historic principles, they have maintained separate existence from Rome since the 18th Century. Other Churches joined them in 1870 when the first Vatican Council proclaimed the doctrine of Papal Infallibility. Since only Christ is infallible, many Churches in Austria, Germany, Bavaria, and Switzerland, realizing their position was closer to Utrecht than to Rome, proclaimed themselves Old Catholic.

The Old Catholic Church of British Columbia, with its Church of Saint Raphael's, established in 1921, is an independent communion which derives its Apostolic Succession from the Old Catholic Church in Holland, thus assuring the Catholic validity of its rites, sacraments and clerical orders.

We do not receive any grants or funds from municipal, provincial or federal governments. We are duly registered in BC, Quebec and Ottawa. Since our existence we have provided room and board for hundreds of people in need and helping them back on their feet.

Our clergy are not paid. We hold secular jobs for a livelihood. Celibacy is optional. The majority of our people attending the church are very different ethnically, socially, religiously. All are welcome. Members of the Old Catholic Church are joyful Christians happily sharing their glorious Faith with others; a love for Christ, and a warm commitment and devotion to Jesus Christ is the criterion for membership

