



SAINT PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS



EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE – 2009

Holy Thursday marks the end of Lent. That night we begin the “Three Days” (Triduum) that are the center of our year. Why are these “Three Days” so important? What do they mean for you? You are invited to make these “Three Days” different from all the days of the year. Adults in the community are invited to plan ahead so that the whole time - from Thursday night until the Easter Vigil - is free of social engagements, free even of work, free of entertainments, free of meals except for the simplest nourishment. We are asked to fast during Good Friday and to continue fasting, if possible, all through Holy Saturday as strictly as we can, so that we come hungry and full of excitement to the Easter Vigil. We make Good Friday and Holy Saturday free for prayer and reflection and preparation and silence. The church is getting ready. Whether you are young or old, currently active in the parish or not, please set aside these days. All of us should know that our presence for the liturgies is not just by invitation. We are all needed here. All of us need this whole community together on its greatest days. These Three Days, we gather a number of times. Together we hear some of the church’s most beautiful prayers and scriptures and we make some of our finest music. Please look closely at the parish schedule and plan to participate in the various liturgies and other gatherings of Holy Thursday night, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Above all, come on Saturday night for the Vigil.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – April 5

VIGIL (Saturday)	5:00 pm
SUNDAY	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Student Mass	5:00 pm

(There will NOT be a 10:00 pm Mass on Palm Sunday)

Note: the changed time of Sunday morning Mass

Palms will be blessed and distributed at the Vigil and all Sunday Masses

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Monday, Apr. 6	7:00 pm to 8:00 pm – upper church
Tuesday, Apr. 7	7:00 pm to 8:00 pm – upper church
Wednesday, Apr. 8	7:00 pm to 8:00 pm – upper church

HOLY THURSDAY – April 9

One Mass Only -There will be no 8:00 am or 12:00 Noon Mass

MASS of the LORD’S SUPPER

Liturgy of the Word

Washing of the Feet

Collection for the poor (Rice Bowls returned) and Reception of the Holy Oils

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends at 10:15 pm

Night Prayer sung at the conclusion of Adoration and stripping of the altar

7:30 pm



GOOD FRIDAY – April 10

MORNING PRAYER
CELEBRATION of the PASSION of the LORD
 Prostration in silence
 Liturgy of the Word
 Intercession for the world
 Veneration of the cross
 Holy Communion
STATIONS OF THE CROSS



8:00 am
3:00 pm

7:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY – April 11

MORNING PRAYER & RITES of PREPARATION of the ELECT

9:00 am

NIGHT WATCH of the RESURRECTION – April 11

EASTER VIGIL

Easter Fire
Giving Thanks for the Light
Proclamation of Scripture
Blessing the Water
Liturgy of Baptism and Confirmation
Liturgy of the Eucharist
Easter Collation -

7:30 pm

Following the liturgy, all are invited to DiGiovanni Hall to share in the Easter collation. Our guests of honor this night are the newly baptized.

EASTER SUNDAY – April 12

Note: changes from usual Sunday schedule

Parish Adult Choir
Boston Boy Choir & Men's Schola (upper church)
Parish Adult Choir (lower church)
Student Mass
(There will NOT be a 10:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

7:30 am
9:00 am
11:00 am
11:00 am
5:00 pm

EASTER WEEK

The Feast of Easter is followed by an octave, that is, an eight-day prolongation of a liturgical feast. The Paschal Mystery is too deep for exploration, too precious for analysis, too special for anything but celebration. So the church keeps celebrating Easter for a full week.

Then, to crown that number, which has symbolized completion since the Creation, the church adds an eighth day, as if to say that in the Mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, a new creation has begun.

ECUMENICAL SERVICES

The Harvard Square Clergy Association will sponsor THE WAY OF THE CROSS: STATIONS OF THE CITY – An Ecumenical Pilgrimage through the City of Cambridge – beginning at noon, Good Friday, April 10 – at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Central Square (across and to the right of City Hall), ending at the Old Burying Ground in Harvard Square.

