

Paschal Triduum during COVID-19

For use in parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

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1. Date of Easter will NOT be moved.

2. Palm Sunday

- a. The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem is celebrated **inside** churches.
- b. The Cathedral will adopt the second form – The Solemn Entrance.**
 - i. The presider goes to a suitable place outside the sanctuary, while remaining on the inside of the building. Anyone present/assisting ministers hold palm branches.
 - ii. As the presider approaches the appointed place, the antiphon *Hosanna* is sung.
 - iii. Blessing of branches and the proclamation of the Gospel of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem takes place according to rubrics 5-7.
 - iv. Following the Gospel, a procession moves through the church to the sanctuary while a hymn is sung.
 - v. The presider arrives at the altar, venerates it, goes to the chair and prays the Collect. Mass continues as usual.
- c. In parish churches and other places of worship, the third form is used – The Simple Entrance.**
 - i. The priest proceeds to the altar while the entrance antiphon/hymn is sung.
 - ii. Upon arriving at the altar, the priest venerates the altar, goes to his chair and begins Mass in the usual way.
 - iii. The blessing of palms, the gospel of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem, and any procession are OMITTED.
 - iv. This form does include the Penitential Act before the Collect.
 - v. If there is no one to sing the entrance antiphon, or other suitable song, the priest reads this after the Sign of the Cross *and* Greeting.

3. Holy Thursday

- a. Let people know the times so that the Faithful can be in prayer when the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper is being celebrated by the Archbishop.
 - i. Pope has asked local dioceses create resources to help the Faithful unite themselves in prayer during this time.

- ii. Televised and livestreamed Masses can be helpful to keep households in prayer and united in prayer with the priests. Triduum cannot be pre-recorded.
- b. Washing of Feet is OMITTED
- c. Procession with the Blessed Sacrament is OMITTED
- d. Blessed Sacrament is kept in the tabernacle instead of being placed in a Chapel of Repose.
- e. Priests unable to celebrate Mass should pray Vespers of the Day from the Liturgy of the Hours (19 March 2020 Decree).
- f. ***Priests are “exceptionally granted” the faculty to celebrate Mass in a suitable place without the presence of the people (25 March 2020 Decree).***

4. Good Friday

- a. Nothing is omitted
- b. Solemn Intercessions – special mention of those who are sick, those who have died, and those who feel lost or are despairing.
- c. 25 March 2020 Decree specifically calls for a special intention to be prepared for those who find themselves in distress, sick, or for those who have died.
 - i. An 11th Intercession is added to the Solemn Intercessions.
 - ii. Three options for this intercession is included in the accompanying ritual scripts.
- d. The Adoration of the Cross by kissing it is limited solely to the celebrant.

5. Easter Vigil

- a. Preparation of the Candle and Paschal Fire is omitted.
- b. The Procession of the Candle is omitted..
- c. The Paschal Candle is simply lit
- d. Exsultet follows after the lighting of the Paschal Candle.
- e. Liturgy of the Word follows as usual.
- f. No Baptismal Liturgy; there is simply the Renewal of Baptismal Promises alone.
- g. No Blessing of the Font and No Sprinkling
- h. Liturgy of the Eucharist follows as usual, omitting any references to the newly baptized.
- i. Those who cannot celebrate the Vigil in the church itself should pray the Office of Readings for Easter Sunday from the Liturgy of the Hours.
 - i. Priests
 - ii. Lay persons