

The Triduum Part I: Holy Thursday and Good Friday

For Roman Catholic Christians as well as many Protestant denominations, the Easter Triduum is the proper name for the three-day season that concludes and introduces Easter. Technically speaking, a triduum refers simply to any three-day period of prayer. *Triduum* comes from Latin meaning "three days."

The three 24-hour periods of the Triduum include the major feasts for all four days at the heart of the Easter celebration: the evening feast of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. The Easter Triduum memorializes the suffering, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Anglican and Protestant denominations, the Easter Triduum is not considered a separate season, but rather one that includes portions of Lent and the Easter festival. For Roman Catholics since 1955, the Easter Triduum is formally considered a separate season.

Starting with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday, continuing through the Good Friday service and Holy Saturday, and concluding with vespers (evening prayer) on Easter Sunday, the Easter Triduum marks the most significant events of Holy Week (also known as Passiontide).

On *Holy Thursday*, the Triduum begins for Catholics with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, during which bells are rung and the organ played. The bells and organ will then remain silent until the Easter Vigil Mass. The Mass of the Lord's Supper includes a ritual washing of feet in most Catholic congregations. The altars are stripped of ornamentation, leaving only the cross and candlesticks.

For Catholics and many Protestants, the *Good Friday* church ceremony is marked by a ritual unveiling of the main cross near the altar. This is the day that marks the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The Catholic worship service does not include Communion on this day. Catholics may ritually kiss the feet of the Jesus figure upon the cross; for some Protestants, a similar devotion has them simply touching the cross.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

160 Holt Spur Drive

Jamestown, Tennessee 38556

Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor



March 24, 2018

Palm Sunday

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 6:30 P.M. (CST)

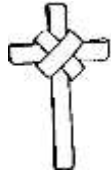
Holy Days (Vigil): 6:00 P.M. (CST)

Confessions: After Mass (1st Saturday of month or as needed)

Spanish Communion Service: Sundays 8:00 A.M.(CST)

Father Michael Sweeney: Rectory 865-882-9838

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**Liturgical Ministers for Next Week
(Easter Vigil - March 31, 2018)**

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**Readers:** R. Germann / W. Allen / P. Dalton / M. Criswell / L. Savastano  
**Altar Servers:** D. Briggs / M. Mahon / S. Mahon  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** G. Savastano / D. Hailey  
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April Sacristan:M. Cottrell / D. Romer
Hospitality: Linda Savastano
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Bulletin: Mary Germann
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**INTENTIONS**



Together, let us pray for the needs of our brothers and sisters. Remember the sick, home-bound, caregivers and recovering of our parish and all those on the St. Christopher prayer list (available to view in the narthex) in your daily prayers: Juan Herrera; Zachary Chamness, grandson of George & Linda Savastano; Cissy and Vickie, daughters of Joyce Vaughn; Pete Yahner, brother of Sarah Mahon; Don Briggs; Mary Henise; Joyce Mulligan; Bruce Bigard, brother of Allen Bigard; Mollie Ann Wenzel, daughter of a friend of Allen Bigard; Teddie Stevenson; Leo Duchon; Mike Emmons; Terry McDonald; Mike Baldalament and for those of us who suffer in silence. Also, pray for our military personnel, especially those serving in harm's way. For these and all other unspoken needs; we pray to the Lord.

**ATTENDANCE & DONATIONS**

**March 17, 2018**

Parish: \$ 281  
Building Fund: \$ 45  
Candles: \$ 5

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 41 / 3  
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MASS INTENTIONS

March 24, 2018

For the repose of the souls of **Mary and Jake Fackler**;
Requested by their son **Anthony Fackler**.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Directly after the **Good Friday service**, please help the Ladies Guild get the Parish Hall ready for the Easter Vigil Dinner.

**After the Easter Vigil Mass** we will have our **dinner celebration**. If you wish to bring something, sign up sheets are in the narthex. Be advised that the **Easter Vigil Mass will start at 4:00 pm**.

Don't forget about the **Easter Egg Hunt** **Easter Morning** after the Bilingual Service. We hope **all children of the parish** will be able to participate!!

**2018 Holy Week Liturgical Schedule**

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Holy Thurs (Vigil)</b>   | <b>March 28<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Wednesday 6:00 pm CDT</b> |
| <b>Good Friday Service</b>  | <b>March 30<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Friday 12:00 noon CDT</b> |
| <b>Easter Vigil Service</b> | <b>March 31<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>Saturday 4:00 pm CDT</b>  |

***Liturgical Ministers for Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup>***

**Mass Time: 6:00 PM**  
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Readers: R. Germann / M. Criswell / L. Savastano
Altar Servers: J. Rindler / F. Schuch
Eucharistic Ministers: G. Savastano / J. Vaughn
Washing of Feet: K. Allen / E. Germann / TBA