

Liturgical Days of Significance for April, 2020

The month of April takes us deeper into our Lenten journey. Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 5th, 2020 commences the most solemn part of Lent, known as Holy Week.



Palm Sunday, the second Sunday of Passiontide. ‘ . . . commemorates the last triumph of our Lord Jesus Christ on earth and opens Holy Week.’ RCDM p 455 On this day, we sing the praise *“Hosanna (glory and praise) to the Son of David. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.”* P 455 We receive blessed palms to take to our homes in remembrance of the journey that Jesus took before his death and Resurrection.

Maundy or Holy Thursday, April 9th is the day that we remember the Last Supper of Jesus Christ when He humbly washed the feet of His disciples. This is the day that He took bread and wine and shared it with His disciples.



“Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

“Let the faithful be taught about the love with which Christ our Lord on the day before He suffered, instituted the sacred and holy Eucharist, Sacrifice and Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of His Passion, to be offered day by day through the ministry of His priests.” RCDM p 506

The day of Jesus’ death, Good Friday, falls on Friday April 10th, 2020. This is the day that commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ for our sins. We continue to pray, fast and abstain from meat, almsgiving, and listening to the Word of God, for the time is at hand.

Please follow this link to participate in The Stations of The Cross by Saint Francis of Assisi:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZ9om4YEIns&t=14s>



We Adore You O Christ and we praise You
Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world!

Sunday, April 12, 2020 marks the end of the Lenten season with the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on this Easter Sunday.



Lord, the Resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and
Renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the
Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
The will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the
Perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.
Amen.

Following the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 19th, 2020. Please follow this link to participate in The Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Rosary). You can pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet any time on April 19th, however If you are available at 3:00 p.m. this would be a good time to pray the Chaplet, because this is said to be the time of Jesus' death.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y48L-yEOPIY>



Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion
Is inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us,
That in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent,
But with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is
Love and Mercy Itself.
Amen

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you through this holy season and always!

References: RCDM (Roman Catholic Daily Missal)