

As [Jesus] rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.... They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."

LUKE 19:36, 38

## The Emptying Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e like to fill life with good things—good friends, good times, good jobs, good memories. They are all graced moments of life. Life is also marked by an emptying process. Friends move away, good times come to an end, jobs become boring. Saint Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) once noted how even God can't fill what is already full. The emptying process may very well be the action of God in our lives, emptying us to make room for God's gift of resurrection and life in its fullest.

Holy Week is the story of such a process—one long saga that begins with Palm Sunday as it focuses on how Jesus willingly emptied himself even unto death. The story moves on to Holy Thursday and the gift of the Eucharist to sustain us in the emptying. On to Good Friday, where, once more, a narration in stark liturgical strokes tell of the emptying of Jesus. Finally, the Easter Vigil and the Feast of the Resurrection, the culmination of a journey through death into life. We tell this weeklong story because the story of Jesus is also our story—more of God working in us rather than our own doing. The Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner once noted that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. Our willingness to learn that lesson, again and again, is how we begin to share in the resurrection, even as we live our lives today. ●

### Reflect

*How does my faith help me through times of emptiness?*



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**Mass Intentions**

**Sat. April 12 Vigil**  
7:00 p.m. Graces/Jennifer Willeke - JW  
**Sun April 13 Mass/Palm Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. Graces/Madeline Willeke  
- Altar & Rosary

**Tues April 15 NO Mass**  
**Wed April 16 NO Mass**

**Thu April 17 Mass/Holy Thursday**  
6:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving  
**Fri. April 18 Good Friday**  
3:00 p.m. Liturgy

**Sat. April 19 Easter Vigil**  
8:15 p.m. Parishioners (living/deceased)  
**Sun April 20 Mass/Easter Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. Parishioners (living/deceased)

**In need of prayer support, call**

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**Please Pray For Our Sick:**

Kane Schrock, Mary Ann Kreutzer, Barbara  
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Frenzl, Dan Killip, Ray Hottinger, Deacon  
Taylor Elder, Bridget Glosson, Ken Kuntz,  
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Don Mollendor, Beverly Gebauer, Tricia  
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Robert McMillion, MaryAnne Middlebrook,  
Ken Richards

**Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph**  
**Tuesdays / 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**  
*Spend time with our Lord....*

**St. Joseph's corner:**

“St. Joseph, help me to have open arms and a loving heart to invite all to come just as they are. Amen”

**Holy Week 2025**

**Holy Thursday, April 17**

6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph's

6:00 p.m. - St. Mary's\*

*\*Adoration after Mass till 9:00 p.m.*

**Good Friday, April 18**

**St. Joseph's**

1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
from the cemetery

3:00 p.m. Liturgy

**St. Mary's**

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

4:00 p.m. Liturgy\*

*\*Afterwards Divine Mercy Novena*

**St. John's**

6:30 p.m. Liturgy

**Holy Saturday, April 19**

8:15 p.m. - St. Joseph's

8:15 p.m. - St. Mary's

**Easter, April 20**

8:00 a.m. - St. John's

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph's

10:00 a.m. - St. Mary's

**2025 Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

Christians are now less than 2% of the population. Conditions are such that they are in need of everything. With your help the Franciscans can be a light of hope and also help preserve the sacred shrines.

**April 20, 2025**

No Religious Education

**Lay Minister Schedule  
Natalie Gross 620-952-9208**

**April 17, 2024 / Holy Thursday**

Greeters/Gifts: Volunteer

Pianist: Marcia Pieper

Cantor: Jim Pieper

Lector: Mark Hart

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Head Usher: Volunteer

Euch Ministers: Jim Kuemmerig, David Poss

**April 18, 2024 / Good Friday**

Greeters/Gifts: Volunteer

Pianist: Julie Green

Cantor: Piper Green

Lector: Tracy Samber

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Head Usher: Volunteer

Euch Ministers: Terry & Rita Hart

**April 19, 2024 / Easter Vigil**

Greeters/Gifts: Gene & Marjie Hottinger

Pianist: Marcia Pieper

Cantor: Jim Pieper

Lector: David Poss, Cathay Schrock

Altar Servers: E Williams, C Poss, S Poss

Head Usher: Volunteer

Euch Ministers: L Littleton, C Schrock

**April 20, 2024 / Easter Sunday**

Greeters/Gifts: Chad & Natalie Gross

Pianist: Marcia Pieper

Cantor: Joan Pieper

Lector: Jerry O'Halloran

Altar Servers: A Etl, E Hart, C Gross

Head Usher: Roger Kuntz

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# Dear Padre,

*I'm thinking about going to the Easter Vigil, but why does it have to be so long?*

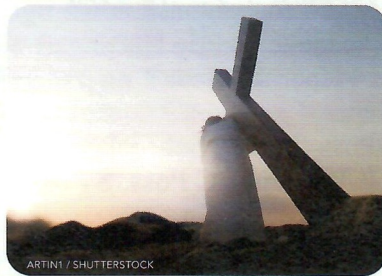
When an event seems long, it may have to do with our expectations. If we go to the Easter Vigil and expect it to be like a Sunday Mass, then it will seem long. The typical parish Easter Vigil lasts two to three hours. There are some communities who vigil all night. Why does it have to be so long? Because this is one night of the year when we Catholics tell our whole story.

There are four parts of the Vigil. Part One is the *Lucernarium* (Light) when we gather around the paschal fire from which the paschal candle is lit. Then follows the passing of the light to members of the congregation, who are holding candles. By candlelight, we hear the Exsultet—the Easter Proclamation, sung only on this night. Part Two is the Liturgy of the Word, when we take our time listening to readings, singing psalms, and reflecting on salvation history. Part Three is the Sacraments of Initiation, when new members are welcomed into the Church, baptized, and confirmed, and all renew their baptismal promises. And Part Four is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when new members receive holy Communion for the first time. The Easter Vigil is rich with meaning, solemn as well as joyful, and to fully experience it, we must take our time. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death.... But today, there is a war.... Christ bore his cross to free us from the dominion of evil. He died so that life, love, peace may reign.... What victory is there in planting a flag on a pile of rubble?***

ANGELUS, ROME, APRIL 10, 2022

### Monday

April 14  
*Monday of Holy Week*  
Is 42:1-7  
Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday

April 15  
*Tuesday of Holy Week*  
Is 49:1-6  
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday

April 16  
*Wednesday of Holy Week*  
Is 50:4-9a  
Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday

April 17  
*Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)*  
*Chrim Mass:*  
Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9  
Rv 1:5-8  
Lk 4:16-21  
*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:*  
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14  
1 Cor 11:23-26  
Jn 13:1-15

### Friday

April 18  
*Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)*  
Is 52:13-53:12  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
Jn 18:1-19:42

### Saturday

April 19  
*Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)*  
Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a  
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Ex 14:15-15:1  
Is 54:5-14  
Is 55:1-11  
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4  
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28  
Rom 6:3-11  
Lk 24:1-12

### Sunday

April 20  
*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8  
Jn 20:1-9