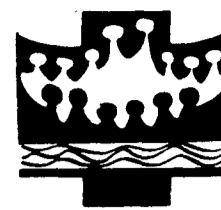


# Holy Week

Insights  
In Liturgy



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## ... At the Vatican

**Vatican City (NC)** — Pope John Paul began his Holy Week activities with the blessing of palms and olive branches March 27 and close Easter celebrations with his traditional address "Urbi et Orbi" (to the city and the world) April 3, Easter Sunday.

Holy Thursday, April 1, celebration of the Mass of Chrism with Rome's cardinals, bishops and diocesan and religious priests in St. Peter's Basilica. Later in the day, the pope will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper in St. John the Lateran Basilica.

Good Friday, April 1, celebration of the Passion of the Lord in St. Peter's Basilica. Later the pope will lead the via caucis (stations of the cross) at the Colosseum.

Holy Saturday, April 2, Easter Vigil in St. Peter's Basilica.

Easter Sunday, April 3, Mass atop the steps in front of St. Peter's Basilica. The "Urbi et Orbi" message will follow.

## ... At the Cathedral

**Wednesday, March 30**

Lenten Masses — 6:30, 8 a.m., 12:10 and 5:20 p.m.

Confessions — 4-5:15 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m.

**Holy Thursday, March 31**

No morning Masses. 12:10 p.m. Mass.

Confessions — 4-5:15 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Solemn concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bishop Matthew H. Clark and the Cathedral staff presiding). At this Mass, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will reaffirm their dedication to their ministry.

Adoration at the Repository until midnight only.

**Good Friday, April 1**

(Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence; i.e., only one full meal may be taken by persons between the ages of 21 and 59, and everyone past their 14th birthday may not eat meat at anytime on this day.)

7 a.m. Church doors will open for private prayer.

10-11 a.m. Confessions.

2:15 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross.

3 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Bishop Matthew H. Clark presiding). Holy Communion may be received during this liturgy.

Confessions will be heard after the liturgy until 5 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross.

8 p.m. Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross. Confessions will be heard after this service.

**Holy Saturday, April 2**

8 a.m. Church doors will open. **No Mass is permitted before evening on this day.**

11 a.m.-12 Noon. Confessions.

3:45-5 p.m. Confessions.

**Note: No 5 p.m. Mass.**

11 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil and Concelebrated Mass of the Resurrection (Bishop Matthew H. Clark and the Cathedral staff presiding). Participation in this Mass will satisfy the Easter Sunday obligation. Only during this Mass may Holy Communion be received on this day.

Catechumens will be received into the Church at this celebration.

**Easter Sunday, April 3**

7 a.m. Mass with spoken participation.

9:30 a.m. Family Mass with folk music.

11 a.m. Solemn Sung Mass of the Resurrection (Bishop Matthew H. Clark, celebrant). Music by the Sacred Heart Adult Choir.

1 p.m. Mass with sung participation. (Note: Mass time change on this day.)

5 p.m. Mass for the Evening of the Lord's Resurrection.

## Crossroads To Reconciliation

We have entered a sacred time in our liturgical year. The words of last Sunday's Passion reading still echo in our ears. The readings (for Mass) of the last two days reflect the betrayal of Jesus — traitorism can be a part of the human spirit. The spirit of Holy Week overwhelms us as we see the tensions and conflicts which Jesus experienced reflected in our own lives. Into this arena of conflict, we introduce: RECONCILIATION.

Bishop Clark's Lenten journey, Crossroads to Life, has brought him into various areas of our diocese. Hundreds of people have had contact with him. Last night, all roads converged on Sacred Heart Cathedral, in ancient prayers and rituals the diocese celebrated the annual Chrism Mass. During that Mass, in addition to the blessing of the holy oils, Bishop Clark called for renewal. He asked all baptized persons to renew their commitment to service. Further, he called upon all priests to renew their commitment to service in the priestly ministry. For all, this call to service necessarily requires a person to be a reconciler: one who would extend him/herself to share in the life of another and to raise that life to a level of dignity and wholeness. Ministry calls all people to heal the brokenness which is so much a part of human life. For ministry to be dynamic and effective, it must involve RECONCILIATION.

We stand at the dawn of another Easter Season. The call of the coming Easter-time is a call to grow from our Lenten Crossroads, to be refreshed by the Paschal Mystery, and to continue to live a life reconciled by the reality of Jesus alive among us. Jesus came, St. Paul tells us, to reconcile the world to his Father. We cannot escape, then, the fact the RECONCILIATION plays an important part in our Easter living.

It seems clear that all

Christian people are called to a ministry of reconciliation. "If anyone is in Christ, that one is a new creation. The old order has passed away; now all is new! All this has been done by God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." (2 Cor. 5:16-17)

The moments of meeting in people's lives are times of intimate sharing. The human experience is an overwhelming gift of conflicts, tensions and misunderstandings as well as forgiving, peacemaking, and living the true challenges of life. When paths cross and reconciliation is experienced a real growth is realized.

During this Holy Week, many people will gather in churches for moments of sacramental reconciliation. Certainly, in these celebrative moments, the call to reconciliation will be understood. Treasure those moments. The days that follow offer us opportunities to put our sacramental experience into action. In day-to-day contact with people we are asked to "forgive as God has forgiven you." The fact that I can be reconciled with a God whom I cannot see challenges me to work harder with those I can see!

In the liturgy of Good Friday, the Church prays: "Almighty and eternal God, you have restored us to life by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ. Continue this healing work within us. May we who participate in this mystery never cease to serve you." Again, we are called to renew our ministry of service and reconciliation.

As our lives continue, we will continue to travel up and down many roads. At certain moments in time, roads will cross and we will be made richer from the experience. May we be open to this mystery as it unfolds in our lives, and may our ministry to be reconcilers deepen and grow as we become vehicles of forgiveness and peace through our service to those who journey with us.

# Crossroads Walk-a-thon A Co-Parish Endeavor

Nearly 100 parishioners from Holy Name of Jesus Church and St. Michael's Church participated in a walk-a-thon on Sunday, March 20, sponsored by the seventh grade class of Holy Name's School of Religion.

The event coincided with the Lenten Crossroads to Life program across the diocese. The two parishes have formerly had a close working

relationship with each other, but have drifted apart in the last few years. Through the walk-a-thon and a parish staff exchange the week before, relations between the two parishes have been re-established.

Holy Name of Jesus parish is located on St. Martin's Way, about two miles northwest of Kodak Park. St. Michael's is on Clinton

Avenue. Representatives from the two parishes met and decided that the midpoint between the two should be the meeting place for the walk-a-thon — that place was Maplewood Park, 2.4 miles from each parish.

At 2 p.m. that afternoon, each group began its way toward the park. At approximately 3 p.m. the groups met, exchanging hugs and

handshakes. A brief prayer service was then held, followed by the presentation by Father Vincent Panepinto, pastor of St. Michael's, of a painting of Christ to Holy Name's pastor, Father Thomas Reddington.

Following a brief time for refreshments, the groups headed back to their respective parishes.



Father David Simon, Holy Name's associate pastor, holds the painting of Christ aloft for the those gathered to see.



Members of both congregations join hands in prayer.