

Annunciation Roman Catholic Church ~ Havelock, NC
Holy Week Schedule ~ 2019

April 13th & 14th ~ Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday).

With Palm Sunday, we celebrate the first joy of the season, as we celebrate Our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem where he was welcomed by crowds worshipping Him and laying down palm leaves before Him. It also marks the beginning of Holy Week, with the greatest tragedy and sorrow of the year. Mass will begin outside prior to the all of the Masses.



April 17th ~ Tenebrae Wednesday ~ Rosary @ 6:30 p.m. Tenebrae @ 7:00 p.m.

The service of worship tonight is taken from an early Christian service called *Tenebrae*, which is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." Tonight we will experience only a small portion of Christ's pain and suffering the day of His crucifixion.

April 18th ~ Holy (Maundy) Thursday ~ 7:00 p.m.

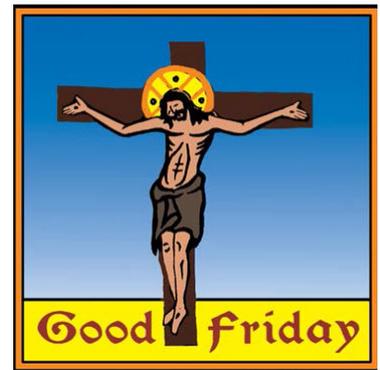
The most complex and profound of all religious observances, saving only the Easter Vigil. It celebrates both the institution by Christ himself of the Eucharist and of the institution of the sacerdotal priesthood (as distinct from the 'priesthood of all believers') for in this, His last supper with the disciples, a celebration of Passover, He is the self-offered Passover Victim, and every ordained priest to this day presents this same sacrifice, by Christ's authority and command, in exactly the same way. The Last Supper was also Christ's farewell to His assembled disciples, some of whom would betray, desert or deny Him before the sun rose again.



April 19th ~ Good Friday ~ The Lord's Passion ~ 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross ~ 7:00 p.m.

On Good Friday, the entire Church fixes her gaze on the Cross at Calvary. Each member of the Church tries to understand at what cost Christ has won our redemption. In the solemn ceremonies of Good Friday, in the Adoration of the Cross, in the chanting of the 'Reproaches', in the reading of the Passion, and in receiving Our Lord in the Eucharist, we unite ourselves to our Savior, and we contemplate our own death to sin in the Death of our Lord.



April 20th ~ Holy Saturday ~ 8:30 pm



This day is, and should be, the most calm and quiet day of the entire church year. Our hearts overflow with joy as we prepare for the coming of the Easter event and the entrance into the church of our new members. The Easter Vigil begins with the assembly, the catechumens and candidates gathered outside the church around the single source of light, the fire. The celebrant prepares the candle with the sign of the cross traced onto the candle while reciting, "Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end". He then lights the Candle saying, "May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds." The Liturgy of the Word takes place in the darkened church during the Old Testament proclamations. The Liturgy of Baptism then begins for the catechumens and reception of the candidates through Confirmation. The water is blessed through the symbolic emersion of the Easter Candle into the waters just as Jesus was baptized in the Jordan. Through anointing with Sacred Chrism the Candidates and Catechumens are fully received into the faith. The Liturgy of the Eucharist commences and all who are baptized participate as we once again are reminded in this celebration of the incredible faith we have been given and the love we are called to live.



April 21st ~ Easter Sunday ~ Masses: 8:30 am and 11:30 am
(The 8:30 am Mass will be followed by an Easter egg hunt for all our little members)