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Catholic Around the Tampa Bay Celebrate the Easter Triduum

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. – More than 500,000 Catholics in the Tampa Bay community will celebrate the Easter Triduum with liturgies taking place from Thursday, April 2 through Sunday, April 5, 2026. The Easter Triduum is the most sacred time in the Catholic Church that spans from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. It commemorates the final days of the life of Jesus Christ, including His Last Supper (Holy Thursday), His Crucifixion, and His Resurrection.

Bishop Gregory Parkes, the leader of the Catholic Diocese of Saint Petersburg, will be celebrating these sacred days during at a variety of celebrations at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, in St. Petersburg.

WHO: More than 500,000 Catholics in the Tampa Bay area
WHAT: Easter Triduum
WHEN: Thursday, April 2, through Sunday, April 5, 2026

- Holy Thursday, April 2: 7:00 P.M. | Mass of the Lord's Supper (Livestream)
- Good Friday, April 3:00 P.M. | Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Livestream)
- Easter Vigil, April 4: 8:30 P.M. (Livestream)

WHERE: Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, 5815 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg, FL 33710

DETAILS:

Holy Thursday | April 2 | Mass at 7 p.m. | The first celebration of the Triduum is the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. At this Mass, we recall when Jesus gathered with his twelve Apostles for the Last Supper, which established the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and instituted the priesthood. After the homily, we commemorate Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, a ritual that reminds Catholics of their baptismal commitment to be servants of one another.

Good Friday | April 3 | Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m. | The commemoration of our Lord's Passion is also known as Good Friday, a day of fasting and a day to recall the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. A veiled cross is brought to the center of the sanctuary and uncovered before the faithful are invited to venerate it. The faithful approaches the cross and makes a gesture of reverence, such as kneeling, bowing, or kissing the cross. Solemn hymns are sung and chanted throughout the veneration period.

Holy Saturday | April 4 | Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m. | The Easter Vigil is the first Mass of Easter, the joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. The Easter Vigil begins with the Service of Light. A blazing fire is prepared, and people gather around it and experience the flames dispelling the darkness and lighting up the night. During the Easter Vigil, individuals who have been preparing to become Catholic will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist at their home parishes and become initiated members of the Catholic Church.

Additional Easter service locations and times across the Diocese of Saint Petersburg's 74 parishes and five missions can be found here: **https://www.dosp.org/parish-easter-mass-schedules/**

Photos from our 2025 celebrations are currently available for media use here, with credits going to "*Diocese of Saint Petersburg*".

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