

Holy Week Mission FAQs 2021

What is the HOLY WEEK MISSION? This Mission is an awesome four day event in which teen girls and boys join with their friends to become missionaries during Holy Week. During the preparation for Christ's passion, by placing ourselves in His service, we will create a fun atmosphere while at the same time experiencing some strong moments of prayer and retreat to foster the spiritual formation of each teen. This Mission is a great opportunity for teens to learn to give of themselves and experience and pass on the love of Jesus. Holy Week Mission 2021 will be in person but **not overnight** with an option for the missionaries to participate remotely in some activities if necessary.

What do you do during the MISSION? As a missionary, you will be commissioned to the service of our Lord starting Wednesday, March 31st until Saturday, April 3rd. During this time, we will have scheduled programs and activities related to our theme and participate in all of the scheduled services and Masses for the Triduum. Our mission is a mission of love, discovering and sharing the joy of an intimate relationship with Jesus.

When is the MISSION? It starts with registration at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 31st with dismissal at 9 pm. The mission will resume on Thursday and Friday at 2 pm with dismissal at 9:00 pm each night. All missionaries are then asked to return with their families to attend the Great Easter Vigil. There will be a celebration for all missionaries and their families following the Easter Vigil.

Can I just come to part of the MISSION if I'm not available from Wed-Friday? We encourage each teen to be available and participate in all aspects of the Holy Week, however because of the remote opportunities and no overnights this year, there is an opportunity for each teen to participate as they are able provided they are registered. For safety and planning purposes registration is necessary for participation in any part of the mission. Medical and COVID 19 waiver forms are necessary for all in person participation.

Can members of my family attend any part of the Holy Week Mission? YES! There are events that your family are welcome to attend. All of the following events will be held at St. Columbkil Church and are open to everyone.

Wednesday March 31: Commissioning Mass (7pm) followed by Praise and Worship Adoration;

Thursday April 1: Mass of the Lord's Supper (7 pm)

Friday April 2: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (3 pm), Stations of the Cross (7 pm)

Saturday April 3 : The Great Easter Vigil (8 pm)

Who can participate? Any teen grades 7-12.

What do I need to bring? You MUST bring a desire to discover Christ by serving others!

Please wear sensible and modest clothing. You will be attending church services throughout your missionary experience. When entering the church sanctuary it is important that we show reverence by our appearance.

What is the cost? The cost is \$30 to participate, which includes a t-shirt, mask, Holy Week Survival Kit, dinner for Thursday and Friday and an experience that will change your life! Hoodies with the same theme will also be available for purchase.

Will the missionaries be leaving the church? No. All activities will be confined to the grounds of St. Columbkil Church. All missionaries are responsible to arrange for transportation to and from the church for each day of the mission.

Who will be chaperoning the missionaries? The missionaries will be chaperoned by parent volunteers. All adult chaperones have the appropriate clearances approved by the Allentown Diocese. If you are interested in helping, PLEASE contact Colleen, Megan or Heather!

How do I sign up? Register online on our church website.

Can I ask my friends to come? Yes, absolutely. Everyone is invited to participate, whether they are Catholic or not.

What if I have questions?

Call or text:

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We are praying for you!

Love, The Holy Week Mission Team