



St. Jude Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin the sacred Paschal Triduum, the three days when we not only commemorate the saving actions of Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection, but when we also celebrate God putting to death in us anything that keeps us from the Resurrection and the life Jesus offers to us.

St. Jude Church will celebrate and livestream the Paschal Triduum. The Triduum liturgy can be accessed through our website – judes.org – both during the livestream and afterwards. The times for Triduum liturgy are:

Holy Thursday, April 9, 7:00 PM
Good Friday, April 10, 6:00 AM
Holy Saturday, April 11, 8:30 PM
Easter Sunday, April 12, 6:00 AM

Other resources for Mass and prayer that are available from our website are:

- Links to worship aids from *Give Us This Day* for the Triduum liturgy.
- Pray at Home prayer services in English, French and for families.
- Photos of the Stations of the Cross in our church and text to pray that devotion.

With respect to Good Friday, which remains a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Archbishop Jackels shares the following message about a means to pray on Good Friday:

Archbishop Gomez, the Archbishop of Los Angeles and the president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, will lead the nation in praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Good Friday, 10 April 2020, at 11 am Central Time, to seek healing for all who are unwell, wisdom for those whose work is halting the spread of coronavirus, and strength for all God's children.

A livestream will be available at lacatholics.org/sacredheart or [facebook.com/usccb](https://www.facebook.com/usccb). The prayer, in both English and Spanish, can be found at lacatholics.org/sacred-heart.

By a special grant from the Vatican, a plenary indulgence is available for those who join Archbishop Gomez in praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart on Good Friday. A plenary Indulgence removes all of the temporal punishment due to sins, and may be applied to oneself or to the souls of the deceased.

To receive this indulgence, the faithful need to: pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart on Good Friday; be truly repentant of any sins they have

committed and receive the sacrament of reconciliation (at the earliest opportunity); and pray for Pope Francis' intentions.

Please join our country in prayer, and please join with our parish in prayer. The St. Jude Church parish family remains in my prayers as we begin this great prayer of the Church, the Paschal Triduum, our celebration of Jesus victory over sin and death.

~Father Mark Murphy