

***God so loved the world that He gave His only son so that whoever believes in Him would not die but have eternal life.***

**That is what we celebrate this week.**

**There is no event that has ever happened on the face of the earth, or will ever happen on the face of the earth more important than what we celebrate in these days – the mystery of our redemption through the mercy and the love of God.**

*—Most Rev. Alexander K. Sample  
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon*

Please join Archbishop during Holy Week for prayer and worship as we strive to maintain and strengthen our communion as the mystical body of Christ, the Church.

All Liturgies will be livestreamed.  
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**Watch live or watch the recordings later.**

## **Day of Fasting and Prayer**

*Wednesday, April 8*

Archbishop asks all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Portland who are able, to join him for a special day of prayer and fasting for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. On this day, the Archbishop also asks us to remember especially those who are sick and dying and all health care workers.

*At noon, Archbishop will live stream the Holy Rosary from the Pastoral Center*  
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# Chrism Mass

*Thursday, April 9*

*10 a.m.*

*Live at [facebook.com/archdpdx](https://www.facebook.com/archdpdx) from Cathedral*

The Chrism Mass is so-called since at this celebration the Sacred Chrism is consecrated together with the blessing of the Oil of the catechumens and the Oil of the Sick which are then distributed to all parishes and used for sacramental purposes throughout the whole Archdiocese in the coming year.

The celebration of the Chrism Mass is a particularly important Archdiocesan occasion since the Church intends it to be a primary manifestation of the priesthood within the diocese, closely connected with the Lord's Paschal Mystery and the Last Supper, but also with the celebration of the sacraments and many sacramental rites throughout the Archdiocese over the coming year.

This year, the Chrism Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop at the Cathedral. Archdiocesan priests are asked to be in attendance via live stream and renew their priestly promises with the Archbishop after the homily.

## Easter

## Triduum

### Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

*Thursday, April 9*

*5:30 p.m.*

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With the celebration of Mass on the evening of Holy Thursday the Church begins the Easter Triduum, and recalls the Last Supper, in which the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, loving unto the end his own who were in the world, he offered to the Father his Body and Blood and commanded the Apostles and their successors in the priesthood to perpetuate his offering.

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## Good Friday

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

*Friday, April 10*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Live at [USCCB](#) and [Archdiocese of Los Angeles](#)*

On Good Friday, Catholics throughout the nation are asked to join as one with Archbishop Gomez, President of the USCCB to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart. The event will be livestreamed here: [USCCB](#) and here: [Archdiocese of Los Angeles](#). Litany of the Sacred Heart can be found here in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). For an informational flyer, see: [Invitation](#).

Passion of the Lord

*Friday, April 10*

*5:30 p.m.*

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On this day, when “Christ our Passover was sacrificed” (1 Cor 5: 7), the Church meditates on the Passion of her Lord and Spouse, venerates the Cross, commemorates her origin from the side of Christ on the Cross (Jn 19:34), and intercedes for the salvation of the whole world.

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## Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass

*Saturday, April 11*

*8:30 p.m.*

*Live at [facebook.com/archdpx](https://facebook.com/archdpx) from Cathedral*

This “mother of all vigils” is the greatest and most noble of all solemnities and it is to be unique in every single church. On this holy night, the Church keeps watch, celebrating the resurrection of Christ in the sacraments and awaiting his return in glory.

It is the turning point of the Triduum, the Passover of the New Covenant, which marks Christ’s passage from death to life.

# Easter Sunday

*Sunday, April 12  
11 a.m.*

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Mass on Easter Day is to be celebrated with great solemnity. It is appropriate that the Penitential Act on this day take the form of a sprinkling with water blessed at the Vigil, during which the antiphon *Vidi aquam*, or some other chant of baptismal character should be sung.

The celebration of Easter is prolonged throughout the Easter time and the fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated as one feast day, the “great Sunday.”