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Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

- * Liturgy of the Hours at 9:00 AM in the Church
 - * Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) 9:30 - 11:00 AM
- On this day, the parish community gathers to prayerfully recall the death of Jesus "in the sure hope of the resurrection" (Prayer over the People, Good Friday). Because his Resurrection is inseparable from his death the Lord's Passion is truly celebrated. Today's liturgy unfolds in three distinct movements: The Liturgy of the Word, featuring John's account of the Passion and the solemn intercessions; the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.
- * Collection for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land is taken up today
 - * The Way of the Cross at 8:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 7

On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and on his Descent into Hell, and awaiting his Resurrection. The Church abstains from the Sacrifice of the Mass, with the sacred table left bare, until after the solemn Vigil, that is, the anticipation by night of the Resurrection, when the time comes for paschal joys, the abundance of which overflows to occupy fifty days.

- * Liturgy of the Hours - 9:00 AM. Our church will remain open during the day
- * Blessing of the festive foods for the First Meal of Easter at 1:00 PM Holy Saturday at Sacred Heart Cathedral and after the Vigil in our church.

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT - APRIL 7TH AT 8:00 PM

The Easter Vigil is "the solemnity of solemnities" (PS, 80), the "mother of all vigils" (St. Augustine), the crown of the Church's liturgy. Everything we believe flows from the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, so much so that Saint Paul could write to the Corinthians, "if Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:17). It might also be said that all our liturgies flow from the great night Vigil, which developed to commemorate the Lord's rising from the dead. This was the first, since it is the greatest of our feasts. As the Easter proclamation insistently remind us, "This is the night!"

- * The Solemn beginning of the Vigil outside the church (Lucernarium)
- * The Liturgy of the Word
- * The Liturgy of the Eucharist - The First Mass of Resurrection

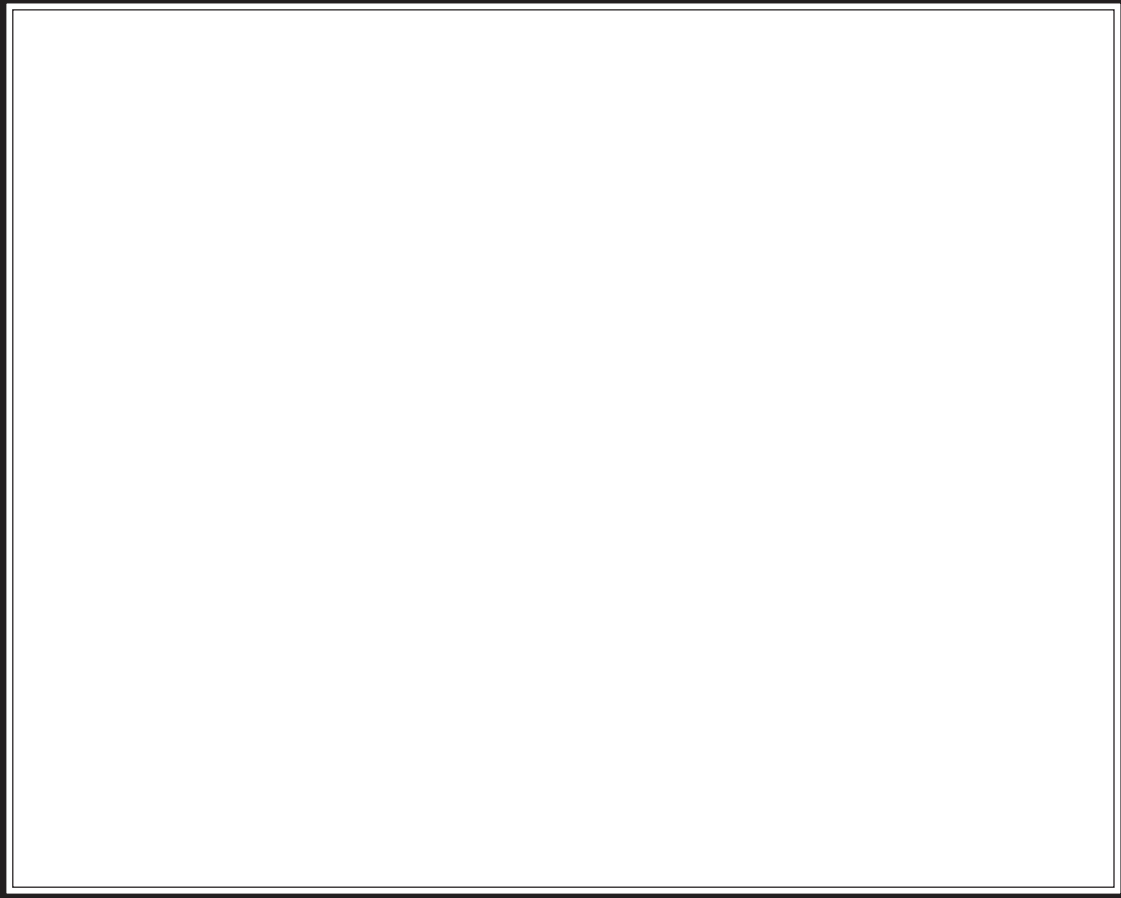
The Vigil, celebrated in its fullness, is exhausting and exhilarating; it is the true renewal, not only for the elect but for the entire parish community. This is the night!

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - APRIL 8

- Our Lady of Lourdes - Heffley Creek 8:30 AM
- St. John Vianney - Westsyde 10:30 AM
- Sun Peaks Resort 4:00 PM

Easter is the most important solemnity of the liturgical year. It celebrates Christ's Resurrection from the dead, which is the central truth of the Church's faith. Easter Time lasts 50 days. Besides being the most important period of liturgical time, it is also the most joyous. The church is filled with flowers and plants. The altar is decorated with a white cloth. We sing Alleluias, we pray the Gloria, and we ring bells. Why? Because, through his Resurrection, Christ has conquered death and sin. Death and sin no longer have power over us.

**HOLY WEEK AND
THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM - 2012**



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Holy Week is the week which precedes the great feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday - it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

**THE LITURGIES OF THE HOLY WEEK IN OUR PARISHES:
ST. JOHN VIANNEY AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - APRIL 1, 2012

With the celebration of Palm Sunday, the Church enters the most solemn week of the liturgical year - a week we simply name Holy Week. The liturgies that mark the unfolding of this week are some of the oldest in the Church's tradition. Many of the assigned scripture texts are from the earliest days in the history of the Lectionary. The prayers that are used date from the first centuries of the Church's worship; the best example being the great intercessions of Good Friday.

From the proclamation of the Gospel that announces Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the excited announcement of the first visitors at the empty tomb that he is risen, the Church marks out the last days of Jesus' life, his Passion and death, and his Resurrection with poignant and powerful liturgical ritual. The celebration of the Paschal Mystery during this week is the summit of the Church's liturgical tradition. The whole of the liturgical life of the Church leads to this week, and at the same time, flows from it as the Church, each year, is reborn and renewed in the saving grace of the risen Lord.

THE MASS OF THE CHRISM

Tuesday, April 3 - 10:00 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

We celebrate this liturgy in Holy Week, when the saving events of the Lord's paschal mystery are commemorated. If you never attended the Chrism Mass, you're missing one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our church. During the Mass, which is celebrated by Bishop Monroe and all the priests of the diocese, Bishop Monroe will bless the oil of the sick and the oil of catechumen and consecrate the oil of chrism which will be used in the parishes of the diocese throughout the year. This Mass also acknowledges the ministry of priests as they renew the commitments they made at their ordination and receive the prayers and support of the people. This Mass, therefore, expresses the fullness of the bishop's priesthood and the close bond between the bishop and his priests and gathers the faithful of the diocese at their mother church with their shepherd to prepare for celebrations of Christ in all our churches throughout the year.

PARISH COLLECTION - MARCH 25TH

St John Vianney	Collection	\$2,751.05
	Share Lent	\$2,041.64
	Total	\$4,987.37
Our Lady of Lourdes	Collection	\$281.66
	Share Lent	\$235.00
Sun Peaks		110.25
Thank you for your generosity and good stewardship!		

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THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Paschal Triduum is the heart of the liturgical year.

The image of the heart fits this time, which bridges the 40 days of Lent and the 50 days of Easter, because during these Three Days we enter into the mystery of divine love. As we have "lived into" this liturgical year, we have experienced the light and life of Christ. Now, in a most profound and particular way, we experience the enormous, gratuitous love of God. The rituals and prayers of the Paschal Triduum will direct and sustain us for the rest of the year. As *Paschale Solemnitatis* (PS) from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (1988) explains, "just as the week has its beginning and climax in the celebration of Sunday, which always has a paschal character, so the summit of the whole liturgical year is in the sacred Easter triduum of the passion and resurrection of the Lord, which is prepared for by the period of Lent and prolonged for Fifty Days". (LTP p. 139) Our "worship over the course of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday is not a series of individual liturgies, but the span of the Three Days itself is one rite".

THE THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - APRIL 5 AT 7:00 PM

The Entrance Antiphon for Holy Thursday from Saint Paul's letter to the Galatians perfectly expresses the paradox of our faith, which is also the paradox of the sacred Paschal Triduum, into which we enter with this Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. We are not ashamed of the cross; rather, we glory in it, because through the Paschal Mystery, the instrument of death has become the sign of Resurrection, life and grace.

This Mass marks the beginning of a new liturgical time. The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper has many distinctive elements. The Gloria returns. There is the optional ritual gesture of the washing of the feet, there is a solemn procession of gifts for the poor, and there is the transfer of the Holy Eucharist to the place of repose, with which the liturgy concludes. One theme unites all these disparate elements: love. The liturgy of Holy Thursday does not simply tell us about Christ's love. Through word, ritual action, and sacrament, we experience it.

**Reposition of the most Blessed Sacrament and adoration
in our chapel of Divine Mercy until midnight.**

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - APRIL 6

St. John Vianney: 3:00 PM Our Lady of Lourdes: 7:00 PM

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday ends without any formal dismissal; the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday begins without any formal introduction or procession, not even the Sign of the Cross. This is one great liturgy, and our prayer flows without interruption, from one celebration to the next. The emphasis of the liturgy is not less on mourning for Christ's sufferings, than on pondering the mystery of his sacrifice. Lawrence Johnson observes that "there is a day for hope, a day for remembering that it is through the paschal mystery in its totality that we join Christ in conquering death and in gaining life anew" (The Three Days: A Liturgical Guide, 52).

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