HOLY WEEK BUZZ REPORT

OFFICE OF SPIRITUALITY AND FORMATION FOR MINISTRY

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LIVESTREAMS OF HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

ROME - On Friday the Vatican published the official schedule for Pope Francis's Holy Week liturgies, which will all be livestreamed from St. Peter's Basilica without faithful due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

"Due to the extraordinary situation that has arisen due to the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic," the Vatican said in a March 27 statement, "an update was necessary in relation to the coming liturgical celebrations presided over by the Holy Father Pope Francis: both in terms of the calendar and of participation."

"We therefore communicate that the Holy Father will celebrate the Holy Week rites at the altar of the Chair in St. Peter's Basilica, according to the following calendar and without the gathering of people," the statement said.

Confirmation of Pope Francis's formal liturgical schedule for Holy Week and Easter came just two days after the Vatican formally published guidelines for priests from its office for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on how to celebrate Holy Week ceremonies without faithful given the global coronavirus outbreak.

Francis's schedule for Holy Week is now composed of the digital celebration of Palm Sunday Mass on April 5; Mass of the Lord's Supper on April 9; the celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, April 10, at 6 p.m. local time, and the traditional Via Crucis, which this year will be done in front of St. Peter's Square at 9 p.m. local time.
On Saturday, April 11, the pope will celebrate the Easter Vigil Mass at 9 p.m. local time, and on Easter Sunday he will celebrate Mass at 11 a.m., after which he will offer the traditional *Urbi et Orbi* blessing, "to the city and to the world."

Typically only offered at Christmas and Easter, the blessing offers a plenary indulgence for those who receive it.
Elise Allen, CRUX

HOLY FATHER'S SCHEDULE (VATICAN TIME ZONE)

-- April 5, Palm Sunday, 11 a.m.

-- April 9, Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper 6 p.m.

-- April 10, Good Friday, 6 p.m. liturgy of the Lord's passion.

-- April 10, Way of the Cross, 9 p.m., in front of St. Peter's Basilica.

-- April 11, Easter vigil Mass, 9 p.m.

-- April 12, Easter morning Mass, 11 a.m. followed by the pope's blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world).

Try:

Vatican Media Youtube channel

EWTN (Vatican Time: http://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/covid-19-ewtn-holy-week-schedule/64851)

Vatican News: https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html

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HOLY WEEK RESOURCE FROM USCCB

Holy Week

The **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** is pleased to share a downloadable *lectio divina* resource for Holy Week.
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DIOCESAN HOLY WEEK LITURGIES LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

Next week's live stream schedule is:

- Palm Sunday / Domingo de Palma, April 5: Mass in English at 11 a.m. and Misas en español a las 12:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 6: Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 7: Chrism Mass at 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 8: Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- Holy Thursday, April 9: Liturgy of the Lord's Supper at 8 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 10: Liturgy at 3 p.m.
- Easter Vigil, April 11: Mass at 8 p.m.
- Easter Sunday / Domingo de Pascua, April 12: Mass in English at 11 a.m. and Misas en español a las 12:30 p.m.

Parishioners can join the livestreams on facebook.com/DioceseChas and youtube.com/DioceseChas.

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PALM SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

From Estela Landaverde, Hispanic Youth Ministry Coordinator for the Diocese of Charleston:

The young adults in my ministry are doing a series of videos to motivate families to hang a green branch or palm with a white or red ribbon on their front door as a sign of observance for Palm Sunday. I want to share a link to one of the videos and invite you all to join this initiative. Here is the link: https://youtu.be/io8ksEbCZD0. Thank you all for your support!

HELPFUL RESOURCES DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES

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A Note from Sister Terry: When Things Fall Apart

Kathleen Norris, a noted author on spirituality, writes, “We human beings learn best how to love when we’re a bit broken, when our plans fall apart, when our myths of self-sufficiency and safety are shattered.” This past month as the Covid 19 virus has ravaged our communities, we as a nation and world are experiencing our brokenness and vulnerability in a frightening way. The spread of this virus heightens our awareness of what little control we have over our lives. The suffering of those inflicted with the virus, the fatigue of our health-care workers, and the rising anxiety that can be crippling also challenges our certitudes. It makes us look more deeply for meaning amid the suffering.

I firmly believe that the Covid 19 virus is not God’s will, but God can enter this time of illness, death, and economic instability with redemptive love. As we enter into Holy Week amid the pandemic, we unite the suffering of the world with Jesus’ suffering, trusting in the promise of the resurrection.

In Christ,

Sr. Theresa Rickard, OP
President and Executive Director

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RENEW INTERNATIONAL PRAYER AMID A PANDEMIC

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for your healing touch during this pandemic.
We ask you to accompany those in our small groups,
our parishes, our communities, our nation,
and throughout the world who are impacted by the virus
through infection, economic loss, or anxiety.
Renew our faith in your promise to be with us always.
Keep us mindful, Lord, that we share in this crisis
as a family and that whatever we are asked to do
to prevent the spread of infection, we do
for the good of all. May we be patient and generous
with each other, following your example,
you who live and reign with the Father and
the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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Receive access to a new video each day for the next 8 days.
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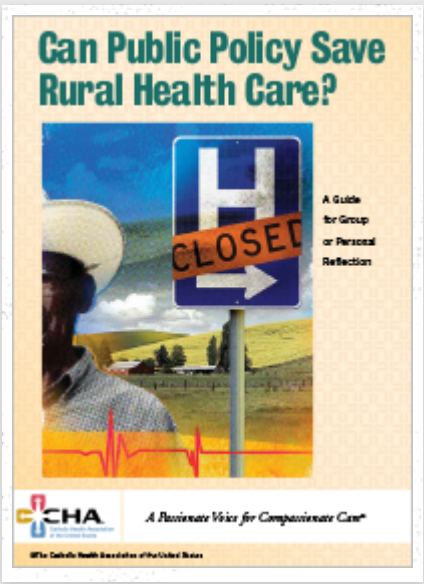
https://wordonfire.institute/unwavering-christocentrism

THE CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OFFERS "SPIRITUAL RESOURCES"

The Catholic Health Association (www.chaus.org) offers many "Spiritual Resources" at this time and is pleased to share this *Health Progress* reflection guide with you.

Now more than ever, the idea of the common good is deeply entwined with the function of public policy. This reflection guide focuses on how the Catholic health ministry can support the state of rural health care by advocating for policy changes to Medicare and Medicaid guidelines at national and regional levels. Using the principles of human dignity, solidarity and stewardship, the guide examines specific needs for rural health and the opportunities we have to support better policy.

Please use the reflection guide as it best works for you and share it with others. You can access all of our Reflection Guides online, as well as all of the current journal's content and archives at www.chausa.org/healthprogress.



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