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Holy Week and Easter Liturgies at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral

Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday
April 14, 2019 – April 21, 2018

Holy Week begins Sunday, April 14, and concludes on Easter Sunday, April 21. The liturgical celebrations will take place at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Boulevard. All are invited.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the Proclamation of the Passion, and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

5 p.m. Saturday, April 13 with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Celebrant and Homilist

10 a.m. Sunday, April 14 with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Celebrant and Homilist

Chrism Mass – All diocesan priests, as well as priests of religious communities serving in the Diocese of Toledo, are gathered to concelebrate with the Bishop and to renew their priestly promises. During this Mass, Bishop Thomas will bless the Oil of the catechumens and the Oil of the Sick as well as consecrate the Oil of the Sacred Chrism. These holy oils will be used throughout the Diocese during the coming year in the celebration of the Sacraments.

11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 16 with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Celebrant and Homilist

Tenebrae – Tenebrae is the Latin term for 'darkness,' refers to the darkness held in the heart of the church during the days and hours of our Lord's Passion and Death. This service of prayer incorporates hymns, prayers, a homily and the chanting of the Lamentations.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17 with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Celebrant and Homilist

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) – This Mass commemorates the Last Supper, during which Christ instituted the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament of Holy Orders and gave us His commandment to love one another. After the homily, following the

example of Christ who washed the feet of the Apostles at the Last Supper, Bishop Thomas will wash the feet of various individuals.

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18 with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Celebrant and Homilist

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) – The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion, commemorates the Holy Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. The traditional Adoration of the Cross will take place during the Liturgy.

12:00 p.m. (Noon), April 19 – Stations of the Cross

3 p.m. Friday, April 19 with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Celebrant and Homilist

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night – The Easter Vigil contains four components: Service of Light (Blessing of the Fire and Lighting of the Paschal Candle), Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20 with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Celebrant and Homilist

After a reflective and intense period of prayer during Lent, the Elect (those who have not been baptized) and Candidates (those who will make a profession of faith in the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist) will become full members of the Catholic Church. These Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated at parishes throughout the Diocese on this night.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – On this day of days, we offer Holy Mass as a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead!

10:00 a.m. Sunday, April 21 with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Celebrant and Homilist

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The Diocese of Toledo, established April 15, 1910, encompasses 8,222 square miles in a mixture of urban and rural areas and spans 19 counties across Northwest Ohio, serving approximately 320,000 Catholics in 122 parishes. The Diocese includes Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot counties.

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