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PASCHAL TRIDUUM & EASTER OCTAVE



The **PASCHAL TRIDUUM**, 3 days counted from sunset to sunset, that will end on Easter Sunday evening. The holiest days of the year.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 6:30PM

We shall remember the institution of the Sacrament of Love, the Holy Eucharist. The Washing of the Feet will take place. After Mass, the Church will remain open for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 11PM.



GOOD FRIDAY

Day of fasting and abstinence.

STATIONS of the CROSS, 11AM

with families and children

SOLEMN LITURGY of the CROSS, 3PM

The Passion from the Gospel of St John

The great prayers of intercession

The veneration of the Cross

Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY

Day of silence, prayer and expectation. Avoid shopping, entertainment, internet.

PASCHAL VIGIL, 8PM

Everyone seated by 7:45pm in Church

We move in silence to **Wilmington Sq.**

The Blessing of the Fire

The Exsultet

The Liturgy of the Word

Blessing of the Water

The Renewal of the Baptismal Promises

The Passover Eucharist



EASTER SUNDAY, 9:45AM & 12NOON

We rejoice with the women and the Angels at the greeting of the **Good News.**

We sing **ALLELUIA** for 50 days!

Easter Monday 1st April, Mass at 10am
(No weekday Mass this week)

SUNDAY 7th April, 9:45AM & 12NOON

(No weekday Mass this week)

LENT

Today is Palm Sunday, next Sunday is Easter Sunday!
During our Lenten journey, like any other journey, we can catch some 'diseases' and stumble over some 'malfunctioning' modes.

Over the past weeks we tried to draw up a catalogue, a list of probable '**Lenten diseases**'. An '**Abstract Lent**' where Spirit and flesh never seem to come into contact, where the reality of our life remains untouched by the Holy Spirit. A '**Formal Lent**' made of diligent external Lenten observances but which does not go deep enough to produce within us a real change of heart. An '**Orphan Lent**' struggling to find its place in the womb of the Paschal Baptismal font, our Mother. A Lent in miniature, a '**Half Lent**' with a set expiry date, limited to 40 days, nothing more than a parenthesis in our Christian journey. A '**Performance-Oriented Lent**' where regrets, apologies and expectations do not allow us to reap the spiritual fruits coming out of the experience of our weakness, limitations, temptations and falls.

So, if these are the 'diseases' of Lent, what makes a healthy Lent? One, and one alone, is the meaning of Lent, the point of meditating over the humiliation, the passion, suffering and death of Christ: **the announcement of the GREAT LOVE of God for us.**

Why did the Word of God take on a human body? Why did He humble himself so much? Why did he stretch out that holy body on the cross? Why? God did all of this for no other reason than to make known to the world his love, so that we could 'fall prisoners' of that same love and so love in return out of that great love. Lent is about Love: the great Love of God becoming the cause of our love.

The passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ is not in order to save us from our sins alone, and not for any other reason but only so that the world may meet the Love of God.

Oh Lent... Oh Holy Lent...
you are the mirror of the Great Love of God for the world.

In. Ivan.

Father Ivano