

# HOLY WEEK

## MARCH 24: PALM SUNDAY

*Schedule of Masses with the distribution of palms:*

- 5:30PM (Saturday, March 23) REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (cantor)  
7AM REV. JOHN HURLEY  
9AM REV. CHRISTOPHER KELLERMAN, SJ (cantor)  
11AM WILTON CARDINAL GREGORY (choir), with Blessing of Palms  
1PM MOST REV. EVELIO MENJIVAR (en Español, con coro), with Blessing of Palms  
5:30PM REV. JOHN BENSON (contemporary choir)

## MARCH 25: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 7:30AM Mass  
8:30AM to 1PM *The Cathedral closes at 8:30AM and reopens at 1PM.*  
† 2PM CHRISM MASS & BLESSING OF OILS, WILTON CARDINAL GREGORY, celebrant, concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese (choir)  
5:30PM Mass

## MARCH 26: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 7:30AM Mass  
11AM *No Confessions*  
† 12:10PM COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE, REV. JOHN BENSON  
5:30PM Mass

## MARCH 27: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 7:30AM Mass  
11AM to NOON Confessions  
12:10PM Mass  
5:30PM Mass  
6:15PM to 7PM Confessions  
7:30PM TENEBRAE (choir), REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON

† Interpreted for the Deaf

## MARCH 28: HOLY THURSDAY

- 8AM *The Cathedral opens.*  
9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel  
11AM to NOON Confessions  
12:10PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (contemporary choir)  
5:30PM SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, WILTON CARDINAL GREGORY (bilingual in English & Spanish) (choir), *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10PM*  
9:45PM Night Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel  
*The Cathedral closes at 10PM.*

## MARCH 29: GOOD FRIDAY

- 8AM *The Cathedral opens.*  
9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel  
11AM to NOON Confessions  
NOON REFLECTION ON THE LORD'S PASSION, REV. JIMMY HSU, CSP, candidate for canon law degree at The Catholic University of America (choir)  
1PM LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, WILTON CARDINAL GREGORY (choir)  
4PM LITURGIA DE LA PASIÓN DE JESUCRISTO, ADORACIÓN DE LA CRUZ, Y SAGRADA COMUNIÓN, MOST REV. EVELIO MENJIVAR (en Español, con coro)  
7:30PM Stations of the Cross, REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (in English)

## MARCH 30: HOLY SATURDAY

- 8AM *The Cathedral opens.*  
9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel  
11AM to NOON Confessions  
NOON to 7PM *No Masses. The Cathedral closes at Noon & reopens at 7PM.*  
8PM EASTER VIGIL, WILTON CARDINAL GREGORY (bilingual in English & Spanish) (choir)

## MARCH 31: EASTER SUNDAY

- Schedule of Masses:*  
7AM REV. JOHN HURLEY  
9AM WILTON CARDINAL GREGORY (choir)  
11AM REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (choir)  
1PM REV. JOHN BENSON (en Español, con coro)  
5:30PM REV. TIMOTHY KESICKI, SJ (contemporary choir)  
*The Rectory is closed today & Easter Monday, April 1.*

# MASSES & CONFESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

## Sunday Masses:

- 5:30PM Saturday Vigil Mass (cantor and organ)  
7AM Mass  
9AM Mass (cantor and organ)  
11AM Mass (Schola Cantorum and organ)  
1PM Mass in Spanish (Spanish Choir, instruments, piano and organ)  
† 5:30PM Mass (Contemporary Choir)  
† Interpreted for the Deaf

The choirs sing from the first Sunday after Labor Day until the Baptism of the Lord, and then again from Ash Wednesday until the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

## Weekday Masses:

7:30AM, 12:10PM & 5:30PM

## Saturday Masses:

7:30AM & 12:10PM

## Masses on federal holidays:

7:30AM & 12:10PM

## Confessions (except Holy Days and federal holidays):

Monday to Friday, 11AM to Noon

Saturday, 4 to 5PM

By appointment

The Cathedral is located at 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., between Connecticut Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street. The nearest Metro rail station is on the Red Line at Farragut North (L Street exit). Metro bus routes stop at Connecticut Avenue and M Street, a few hundred feet to the west of the Cathedral. Metro information can be obtained by contacting 202-637-7000 or [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com).

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CATHEDRAL OF  
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# LENT & HOLY WEEK 2024

Schedule of  
Liturgies & Events



Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson

Rector

Rev. John Benson

Parochial Vicar

Each year on Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that all we see and experience in our world will pass away. Our only hope is in the Lord, who will rescue and bring us to eternal life in Him. While we battle with the trials and sufferings of this world, God is constantly there to refresh us. My prayer for you this Lenten season is that you will reach out to the Lord with a spirit renewed through prayer and penance and with an ever-increasing awareness of the depth and power of His love and mercy. I hope that this Lent will be a time when all of us will grow ever deeper in our love for the Lord Jesus and His Church.

Please join us to experience this season of penance and renewal through liturgies, musical events, prayer, lectures, and other programs. Our aim is to provide you with ample opportunities for prayer, study, reflection, and reconciliation here at the Cathedral.

—REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON, Rector

## ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14

*Schedule of Masses with the distribution of ashes:*

7:30AM	REV. JOHN HURLEY
11AM	REV. TIMOTHY KESICKI, SJ (cantor)
12:10PM	WILTON CARDINAL GREGORY (choir)
1:15PM	REV. ANDRÉ SICARD (cantor)
3PM	Stations of the Cross
5:30PM	REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (cantor)
7PM	REV. JOHN BENSON (en Español, con cantor), followed by the <i>Via Crucis</i> (en Español)

*Ashes will not be distributed outside of Mass.  
No confessions are scheduled today.*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The *Via Crucis* is a journey made in the Holy Spirit, the divine fire that burned in the heart of Jesus and brought him to Calvary. The Stations are prayed in English throughout Lent on Fridays at 6PM and in Spanish on Sundays at 2PM, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday at the times listed.

## LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to the regularly scheduled Confessions, Confessions are heard during Eucharistic Holy Hours on Mondays, February 26 and March 18, 6 - 7PM, and on Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27, 6:15 - 7PM.

## LENTEN MUSIC

### VISITING CHOIR AT MASS

Saturday, February 17, 5:30PM

The LITURGICAL ARTS CHOIR OF BOSTON COLLEGE sings at the Vigil Mass, directed by Meyer Chambers.

### LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

Wednesday, March 6, 12:40PM

J.J. MITCHELL, Director of Music for St. John Neumann (Reston, VA), gives a 45-minute recital on our Lively-Fulcher organ following the 12:10PM Mass.

### TENEBRÆ

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27, 7:30PM

In this ancient and time-honored Liturgy of Tenebræ, the SCHOLA CANTORUM leads the assembly in the singing of psalms and canticles while soloists chant the traditional Lamentations of Jeremiah.

### REFLECTION ON THE LORD'S PASSION

Good Friday, March 29, Noon

REV. JIMMY HSU, CSP, candidate for canon law degree at The Catholic University of America, gives a reflection on the Seven Last Words of Christ, joined by the SCHOLA CANTORUM.

*All musical programs are given in the Cathedral and are open to the public. Free-will donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Thomas Stehle, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Director of Music Ministries, at [tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org).*

## LENTEN FAITH FORMATION

### MEDITATION GROUP

Experience a way of meditation rooted in Jesus. Join us for meditations sessions led by L.J. MILONE:

In-person in the St. Francis Chapel – Mondays & Wednesdays, 12:45 – 1:05PM

On Zoom – Sundays at 1:30PM & Wednesdays at 8PM  
Find Zoom links at [stmatthewscathedral.org/Meditation](http://stmatthewscathedral.org/Meditation).

## THE BLISS OF GOD IS FREE AND EASY: THE WAY OF MYSTICAL NOTHINGNESS – A MINI-RETREAT EVERY WEEK

This series of five mini-retreat sessions, presented by L.J. MILONE, focuses on how to realize the bliss of God simply and directly through Jesus' way of mystical nothingness. Each session has spiritual talks, discussion, and contemplative practice. Jesus' way of mystical nothingness is a way of realizing unruffled bliss and freedom, a way to enjoy the Mystery of God and let go of obstacles to love and relationships.

Each session is offered at two different times—Tuesday and Thursday, 7 - 9PM, in the North Conference Room.

Session 1: The Nature of God and Prayer

February 20 and 22

Session 2: Returning to God and Letting Go

February 27 and 29

Session 3: Mercy and Imperfection

March 5 and 7

Session 4: The Dangerous Memory of Jesus

March 12 and 14

Session 5: Mystical Unity

March 19 and 21

### LIGHT THE CITY

Saturday, March 16, 6:30 – 10:30PM

Come help spread the love of God in Christ to the people of Washington, DC! Parishioners will gather on the steps of the Cathedral after the 5:30PM Mass to invite passers-by in to pray. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the main altar for Adoration. We need volunteers excited about their faith to invite people in! To volunteer, email L.J. MILONE at [ljmilone@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:ljmilone@stmatthewscathedral.org).

### CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

Thursday, March 21, 7 – 8 PM

REV. JOHN HURLEY leads a discussion of “Come Forth: The Promise of Jesus’s Greatest Miracle,” by Rev. James Martin, SJ, in the West Conference Room.

### THE MYSTICAL WORD

Mystical Word is a weekly reflection based on the Sunday Gospel reading, written by L.J. MILONE. Find the reflections at [stmatthewscathedral.org/MysticalWord](http://stmatthewscathedral.org/MysticalWord).

*For more information on our Faith Formation offerings, contact L.J. Milone, Director of Faith Formation, at [ljmilone@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:ljmilone@stmatthewscathedral.org).*

## OTHER LENTEN EVENTS

### SIMPLE LENTEN MEALS

Simple Lenten Meals are offered on Friday evenings of Lent in the North Conference Room at 6:30PM, following the 6PM Stations of the Cross. Each Friday a parish group sponsors a simple meal with the opportunity for almsgiving to a community-based charitable organization. For a list of the charities and the groups serving the meals, see the weekly Cathedral eletter updates during Lent or visit [stmatthewscathedral.org/LentenAlms](http://stmatthewscathedral.org/LentenAlms).

### ADDITIONAL ALMSGIVING OPPORTUNITIES

St. Matthew’s Social Justice Committee offers several opportunities for charitable giving during Lent. Visit [stmatthewscathedral.org/LentenAlms](http://stmatthewscathedral.org/LentenAlms) for more information on the following:

- Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl
- Lenten Food Drive with the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation
- Adopt-a-Family Easter Gift Card Drive

*Are you looking for ways to use your time and gifts to help the community and those in need? Our Social Justice Ministries offer many ways to serve. For more information, contact Ricardo Tobar, Coordinator for Social Justice Ministries, or Fr. John Benson, Parochial Vicar, at [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org).*

### † COMMUNAL Penance SERVICE

Tuesday, March 26, 12:10PM

Experience God’s mercy and forgiveness at “Come Home for Easter,” a communal penance service in the Cathedral, with REV. JOHN BENSON as presider, and many priests available for individual Confessions in multiple languages, including Spanish, Italian, German, and American Sign Language.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Communal prayer in the St. Anthony Chapel is open to all. Morning Prayer is prayed at 9AM on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. On Holy Thursday, Night Prayer is prayed at 9:45PM. Prayer leaflets are provided.

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