

# HOLY WEEK

**MARCH 29: PALM SUNDAY**

*Schedule of Masses with the distribution of palms:*

5:30PM	(Saturday, March 28) REV. JOSEPH MCHENRY (cantor)
7AM	REV. JOHN HURLEY
9AM	REV. ISAAC SAGASTUME (cantor)
11AM	REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (choir), with Blessing of Palms
1PM	MOST REV. EVELIO MENJIVAR (en Español, con coro), with Blessing of Palms
5:30PM	REV. JOSEPH MCHENRY (contemporary choir)

**MARCH 30: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

7:30AM	Mass
8:30AM to 1PM	<i>The Cathedral closes at 8:30AM and reopens at 1PM.</i>
2PM	CHRISM MASS & BLESSING OF OILS, ROBERT CARDINAL MCELROY, celebrant, concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese (choir)
5:30PM	Mass

**MARCH 31: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

7:30AM	Mass
11AM	<i>No Confessions</i>
12:10PM	COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE, REV. ISAAC SAGASTUME
5:30PM	Mass

**APRIL 1: 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

<b>APRIL 2:</b>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>
8AM	<i>The Cathedral opens.</i>
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, ROBERT CARDINAL MCELROY (bilingual in English & Spanish) (choir), <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10PM</i>
9:45PM	Night Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel <i>The Cathedral closes at 10PM.</i>

<b>APRIL 3:</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
8AM	<i>The Cathedral opens.</i>
9AM	Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
11AM to NOON	Confessions
NOON	REFLECTION ON THE LORD’S PASSION: THE SEVEN LAST WORDS L.J. MILONE, DMin., Director of Faith Formation at St. Matthew’s.
1PM	LITURGY OF THE LORD’S PASSION, ROBERT CARDINAL MCELROY (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)

<b>APRIL 4:</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>
8AM	<i>The Cathedral opens.</i>
9AM	Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
11AM to NOON	Confessions
NOON to 7PM	<i>No Masses. The Cathedral closes at Noon &amp; reopens at 7PM.</i>
8PM	EASTER VIGIL, ROBERT CARDINAL MCELROY (bilingual in English & Spanish) (choir)

<b>APRIL 5:</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
	<i>Schedule of Masses:</i>
7AM	REV. JOHN HURLEY
9AM	REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (choir)
11AM	REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (choir)
1PM	REV. ISAAC SAGASTUME (en Español, con coro)
5:30PM	REV. JOSEPH MCHENRY (contemporary choir) <i>The Rectory is closed today &amp; Easter Monday, April 6.</i>

# 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)

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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# LENT & HOLY WEEK 2026

Schedule of  
Liturgies & Events



**Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson**  
Rector  
**Rev. Joseph McHenry**  
**Rev. Isaac Sagastume**  
Parochial Vicars

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 18

*Schedule of Masses with the distribution of ashes:*

7:30AM	REV. JOHN HURLEY
11AM	REV. ISAAC SAGASTUME (cantor)
12:10PM	REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (choir)
1:30PM	REV. JOSEPH MCHENRY (cantor)
3PM	Stations of the Cross
5:30PM	REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (cantor)
7PM	REV. ISAAC SAGASTUME (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 MUSIC

### MUSICAL AND THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION

Monday, February 23, 7PM, North Conference Room and Cathedral  
Start your Lent with a well-tuned ear to the treasures of the music of the season. Tom Stehle, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Director of Music Ministries, leads a 75-minute musical and theological reflection on the hymns, chorales, motets, and chants of Lent focusing on the unique character of Cycle A readings. Cathedral Organist Paul Hardy will also participate. No previous musical experience is required to enjoy and appreciate the way music can convey profound insights and promptings of the Spirit at this special time of the year.

### ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday, March 22, 3:15PM  
Robert Gallagher, DMA, served as Cathedral Organist here from 1988-1996, and was greatly involved in the design and initial installation (1995) of the now completed Lively-Fulcher organ. This concert marks the first public performance by Dr. Gallagher on the completed instrument he shepherded over 30 years ago.

### TENEBRÆ

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 1, 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

**Seven Last Words**, Good Friday, April 3, Noon  
L.J. Milone, DMin., Director of Faith Formation at St. Matthew’s and respected speaker on spirituality, scripture and lives of the saints and mystics in the Roman Catholic tradition, gives a moving reflection on The Lord’s Passion, 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. Come, plunge into the healing, refreshing silence of God. Join us for meditation sessions led by L.J. MILONE:  
On Zoom – Sundays at 1:30PM.  
Find Zoom links at [stmatthewscathedral.org/Meditation](http://stmatthewscathedral.org/Meditation).

### LENTEN MORNING RETREAT: REAL CHRISTIANS BECOME NOTHING

Saturday, February 21, 9 – 1PM,  
North Conference Room  
Experience the spiritual depth and transformation of the main Gospel practice: the cross. How do we live the way of the cross in everyday life? It involves surrender, prayer, and letting God change us. The retreat will include talks, small groups, prayer, and solitude.

### HAPPINESS NOW: HOW TO LET GO LIKE JESUS AND ENJOY LIFE

Tuesdays in Lent, 7 – 8:30PM, Cathedral  
Jesus teaches us how to be happy regardless of our circumstances, no matter what is going on in life or in society. He gives us a revolutionary spiritual practice that transforms consciousness and makes us discover a joy that cannot be ruffled. Come, learn and experience the spiritual practice of the Gospel, one that was passed down through the Christian mystical tradition. Come to “Happiness Now,” a Lenten series of classes composed of spiritual teaching, silent meditation, and time for questions.

### CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

Thursday, March 19, 7 – 8:15 PM  
West Conference Room  
REV. JOHN HURLEY leads a discussion of “DO NOT JUDGE ANYONE”: DESERT WISDOM FOR A POLARIZED WORLD by Isaac Slater, OCSO.

*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.

### ADDITIONAL ALMSGIVING OPPORTUNITIES

St. Matthew’s Social Justice Committee offers several opportunities for charitable giving during Lent. Visit [stmatthewscathedral.org](http://stmatthewscathedral.org) or contact Anthony Arreaga, [aarreaga@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:aarreaga@stmatthewscathedral.org), 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

### COMMUNAL Penance SERVICE

Tuesday, March 31, 12:10PM  
Experience God’s mercy and forgiveness at “Come Home for Easter,” a communal penance service in the Cathedral, with 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.

### LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to the regularly scheduled Confessions, Confessions are heard during Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, March 16, 6 - 7PM, Wednesday, April 1, 6:15-7PM, and Friday, April 3, 11am – NOON.