



Lenten and Easter Worship Schedule

Stations of the Cross

All Tuesdays during Lent – 12:30 pm
(Mary's Way of the Cross)

Fridays during Lent – 5:30 pm
(Family Stations of the Cross)

Saint Matthew's Fabulous Fish Fry

All Fridays during Lent
4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Communal Reconciliation Service - NEW DATE

Sunday, March 22 – 2:00 pm

Palm Sunday*

Saturday, March 28 – 4:00 pm
Sunday, March 29 – 10:15 am



Holy Thursday – April 2

Celebration of the Supper of the Lord – 7:00 pm
Altar of Repose – 8:00 pm – 10:30 pm

Good Friday – April 3

Altar of Repose continues
Stations of the Cross – Noon Only
Good Friday Service – 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday – April 4

8:00 pm

Easter Sunday – April 5

10:15 am

**Palms distributed at St. Matthew are eco-friendly. They are purchased from a vendor who works with suppliers committed to environmental and social stewardship.*

Palm Sunday Procession

To commence our Holy Week celebration, we will have a Palm Procession in the church on both Palm Saturday and Sunday, March 28-29. All are invited to begin Mass in the aisles as our procession moves through the church. Those who are not comfortable standing may watch from their chairs in church, as usual.

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Blessing of Liturgical Ministers

April 2, 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Sacristans, Musicians and Ushers are invited to receive a special blessing on Holy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord Supper.

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Holy Thursday

Worldwide Collection for the Poor

On Holy Thursday, the Catholic Church around the world offers the evening's collection to the poor. Please bring your rice bowls to place in the offering baskets during our Holy Thursday collection.

Altar of Repose

Holy Thursday – April 2

8:00 pm – 10:30 pm

Good Friday – April 3

10:00 am – Noon, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

What is the Triduum?
pronounced: trl-doo-Uhm

The Holy Triduum refers to the Feasts of Holy Week – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter. Each of these feasts is the fulfillment of three spring Jewish feasts with which they originally coincided.

Jesus died on the afternoon of the **Feast of Passover**, a day on which a lamb was slain and eaten to commemorate the sparing of the firstborn of Israel during the tenth plague in Egypt. The blood from the lamb was placed on the doorposts of each home so that the Angel of Death would pass over the Israelites and only strike down the firstborns of Egypt. In the same way, Jesus – the lamb of God – saves us through His own death.

Jesus lay in the tomb on the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**, after offering Himself to the apostles as the Bread of Life. In Deuteronomy 16:3, leavened bread is called “the bread of affliction.” Leaven, a sign of sin, was removed from Jewish homes on the eve of Passover. So, the Feast of Unleavened Bread was a day when the Israelites rejected sin.

Jesus’ resurrection occurred on the **Feast of First Fruits**, a feast that commemorates the first sheaf of the barley harvest. The Feast of First Fruits involved a ceremonial cutting and offering of the first fruits of the harvest, asking God’s blessing in anticipation of the full harvest in the spring at the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost. On Easter morning, Jesus revealed himself as Saint Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:20, as “the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

Jesus instituted the Eucharist and died on Passover, lay buried during the feast of Unleavened Bread, and rose on First Fruits.

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**St. Matthew's 37th Annual
Dine-in & Curbside-to-go**

Table service for dine-in, no buffet line



Every Friday Feb. 20-Good Friday April 3

Serving Time: 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Baked and/orfried wildAlaskan pollock,baked potato, vegetable, cole slaw, roll and dessert. Grilled cheese or spaghetti available as non-fish option.

Beer, wine and pop available for purchase

Adult meal \$16 fish / \$14 non-fish. Cash, check or card.

Children's meals at reduced price

Dine-in: enter at Door 5 at the rear of the church.
Curbside-to-go line off Humboldt Ave. onto Robie St.

For more information, visit st-matts.org

St. Matthew's Social Hall, 510 Hall Ave., St. Paul

Catholic Order of Foresters at Fish Fry

Members of the Catholic Order of Foresters hope to see you on **Friday, March 27**, beginning at 4:30 PM until 7:30 PM in the St. Matthew Social Hall.

All Catholic Order of Foresters members will receive a \$5 meal discount, sponsored by the court. Please sign our member attendance roster at the main ticket table.

Calendar for Week of March 22

- 22 Sun. Third Scrutiny of the Elect
- 23 Mon. Optional Memorial of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
- 24 Tue. International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims
- 25 Wed. Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
- 28 Sat. Earth Hour

Let the Children Come to Me

Last fall, we introduced inviting Children of the Assembly to the altar area during the Eucharistic Prayers on the fourth Sunday of the month. The children who attend Children's Liturgy of the Word practice the Eucharistic Acclamations before coming up to the altar. All Children are welcome to participate.

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Funeral Mass for **Janet Lackner** was held at St. Matthew on Thursday, March 12, 2026.

Please remember Jan and her family in your prayers.

La Pasión de la Monarca Migrante
The Passion of the Monarca Migrante

Rezando el Vía Crucis con quienes cruzan nuestras fronteras de E.E.U.A
Praying the Way of the Cross with those who cross our U.S. borders

Viernes/Friday, Marzo/March 27th
7:00 pm, via ZOOM

Regístrese utilizando el código QR o contactándose con rickerj@archspm.org
Please register using QR code or by contacting rickerj@archspm.org

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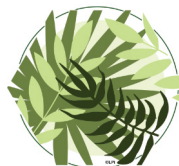
Palm Sunday: Faith Action

Reclaiming Christianity in the Public Square **Sunday, March 29, 2026**

Join thousands of Christians on Palm Sunday to celebrate the call of our faith to love our neighbors: healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and welcoming the stranger.

2:00 PM Procession launching from several churches at University and Dale

2:30 PM Worship and program at Minnesota Capitol Mall



Visit palmsunday2026.com to learn more and register.

Little Sisters of the Poor Spring Necessities Drive

Saturday March 28, 2026
10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Please help stock up on some items residents use on a regular basis. While shopping for your family, consider buying a few extra things. Items needed:

Coffee

Pop - Coke, Diet Coke, Root beer, & Sprite

Adult Disposable Undergarments - Large & Extra-Large Underwear & Briefs

White Wash Cloths & Towels

Cash or check donations are also gladly accepted.

Drive to our front entrance and volunteers will be there to greet you and accept your kind gifts.

May God bless you abundantly for your kindness!

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