

Holy Week: 2021

Holy Week this year will be unlike Holy Weeks of the past. Last year our attendance for each service was 3; Deacon Minos, JoAnn his wife and me. Minos and I presided at the services in our daily chapel and JoAnn served as lector and ran our camera so all could be shared with you. Unfortunately we don't have the equipment in our main church to do this but you can come attend.

After a year of pandemic we are allowed to have you present, as long as we practice **safe-distancing of six feet, wear masks and sanitize**. The services will be adjusted to the pandemic and hopefully you will feel encouraged join us all week.

Passion Sunday, we will have palms available but we can't have a formal blessing on the plaza with a procession of the faithful into the church. You and the music ministers will already be seated in church with palms in hand as the deacon and priest enter to begin the service.

Holy Thursday, the institution of the Eucharist will be as usual but must we forgo the "rite of washing the apostle's feet". This makes the service about 1 hour instead of 1 ¼ hours. Private adoration will follow in the chapel till 10 PM.

On Good Friday the Sacred Service of the Cross will be without actually touching or kissing the cross. You will be invited to come forward and bow before the cross without any physical contact. This service also will be about 1 hour of reverent prayer, scripture and music.

Holy Saturday, which begins Easter will be shortened, will still be a powerful mass of Christ's resurrection. A blessing of the new fire and lighting of the Easter candle will take place on the plaza as the community listens from within the church. Due to Covid-19 there is no blessing of the Baptismal font. We have no RCIA members for this year so there will be no 1st Eucharist or Confirmations during the service.

This is a beautiful service of scripture and the glory of Christ rising from the tomb. This service which is normally about 2 ½ hours will be reduced to **about 1 ½-1 ¾**. This is a great year to bring the whole family, as we will have room for 118 and our usual attendance is 80. Get out of the house and come join us for Easter!