



# CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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## Synod Young Adult Listening Session with Bishop Michael Barber

Thank you for keeping Bishop Barber and our Young Adults in your prayers! Last Friday's Diocesan Synod Listening Session for Young Adults with Bishop Michael Barber was a big success. Over 70 young adult delegates from around the diocese attended this special event. Thank you to all who helped especially our very own YAG, Faith Formation staff, Paul Jackman, the Knights of Columbus, and the bishop's team.

## ARE YOU READY FOR HOLY WEEK? *5 Tips for Celebrating Holy Week*

In Holy Week, the Catholic Church invites us to experience the most critical moments in history. In the business of daily life, the repetitive nature of the liturgical calendar, and the extended season of Lent, it's easy to miss the power of these days.

### 1. Be Intentional. Take Time Off

Don't make this just another week. Dive into this week. The number one way we recommend doing this is taking time off from work. As young professionals, we fought this idea. We attended the liturgies, we participated in the activities and even helped guide our RCIA students in their final days before being welcomed home into the Catholic Church. Yet, we can say from personal experience there was a profound difference in our experience when we took the days off from work.

Use this week to double down, maybe add a

sacrifice, creating extra space and silence for the Lord to grow in detachment. But remember, "Detachment is never just a letting go; it's letting go of lesser things so that we can attach ourselves to something better, to a higher good." (*Father Mark-Mary, Habits for Holiness*). Consider giving an Easter gift to a non-profit or religious community that you are passionate about.

**2. Pray.** Again, making space, giving up Social Media, TV, music, or deserts detaches us from worldly comforts to find comfort in God and create space and dedicated time for him. This week spend time meditating on the Stations of the Cross. Don't miss the Divine Mercy Novena starting on good Friday and bring a little more mercy you're your life and world. Find intentional time between noon and 3 pm on Good Friday and consider technology and electricity outage between noon on Good

Friday and Easter.

**3. Make the Liturgies a Priority.** Make time and space for *Holy Thursday* Mass. In this liturgy, we celebrate the washing of the feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the transition into the Garden of Gethsemane, and Jesus's arrest. Often there are beautiful opportunities for Adoration to stay awake with Jesus in the garden for one hour. Good Friday services include veneration of the cross, and some churches provide a burial of Christ or community stations. Saturday Easter Vigil is the most extraordinary liturgy of the entire year. If you have never been, consider experiencing salvation history unfold as we welcome new members into the church.

#### **4. Activities – Great Ways to Experience the Week For the Entire Family.**

***Palm Sunday:*** Making palm branches and doing a procession, and reading Matthew 21 (our kids love screaming Hosanna). There are so many great crafts and ideas.

***Holy Week:*** Traditions include cleaning out your home, putting together a donation, finishing Lenten activities. We like to make peg dolls and find this version easy enough to let the kids do most of the work with me. We enjoy doing the passion and Easter set to talk about the characters and story in a tangible and physical activity. They also have a printable version. There are about a thousand activities with ***Catholic Icing*** - we enjoy using legos and blocks to build different scenes.

***Holy Thursday:*** Our favorite family event of the week is a Lenten Story meal, where each item on the menu represents a section of the story of Jesus' passion. You can also consider a Passover meal. Making unleavened bread and don't miss a family foot washing.

***Good Friday:*** Since Good Friday is a day of fasting, make sure to Pray the Stations of the Cross.

***Holy Saturday:*** Make a paschal candle and find out here what it symbolizes. Sit around a fire and read the vigil readings.

***Easter Sunday:*** You can work on Easter crafts all eight days of the Octave. We enjoy doing resurrection eggs and resurrection story cookies on Easter itself, and then making resurrection crafts throughout the week.

**5. Celebrate hard on Easter.** After you dive deep during Holy Week, it's time to celebrate hard! The joy of Easter should permeate all eight days of the Easter octave. Before all of the brunches and time with family and friends, a great place to start is with Mass! Let's commit to keeping the focus on Christ and the joy because "if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins" (1 Cor 15:17). But our faith is not in vain, and he has RISEN!

For more, listen to Drew and Katie Taylor at Catholic-Link.org and watch the video on <https://youtu.be/1r0xuqpc8s>.



### **Faith Summer Camp Volunteers Needed**

Faith Camp for kids is back. This summer, we are hosting a Faith Summer Camp program for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Middle schoolers will be CIT's and counselors. It is a week long camp which will be held August 8 thru 12. This year's theme is Monumental — Celebrating God's Greatness. We're looking for volunteers who can help teach Bible lessons, act in skits, sing and dance for worship, lead crafts and games, and/or help with props, snacks and sound. You can help on the weekend if you aren't available during the actual program. Come make disciples with us!

Volunteers are needed in order to make this camp possible for the youth of our community. To volunteer now contact Mary Schirmer at the

**APRIL 2 - APRIL 9, 2022**  
***\*We Remember at the Eucharist\****

**Saturday 2**

8:15am. Forgotten Souls in Purgatory  
Ray Perasso+  
4:30pm Ruben Cervantes (Living)  
Grace Fascilla+

**Sunday 3**

8:00am Frank McDonnell+  
James McCloy+  
10:00 am Jean & Alice Dupont+  
Margie Diaz+  
Sharon Perasso (Living)  
12:00 pm Anselm & Ana Cunha+  
Jean Holt & Laly Lavarias

**Monday 4**

8:15a.m. Agripino Andrade, Jr.+  
Richard Sequeira (Living)  
Margie Diaz+

**Tuesday 5**

8:15a.m. George & Elizabeth Westrick+  
Evie Gray+  
Margie Diaz+

**Wednesday 6**

8:15a.m. Respect for the Dignity of Life  
Henry McCloy+  
Margie Diaz+

**Thursday 7**

8:15am Emmett Van Buskirk+  
Thomas Sorensen (Birthday)  
Margie Diaz+

**Friday 8**

8:15am Katie Meyers (Living)  
Grace Fascilla+  
Margie Diaz+

**Saturday 9**

8:15am Edgar Borbon+  
Adrian Blanco+  
4:30pm Ana Maria Robles+  
Francis Mendonca+

***Please remember Assumption Church  
in your will.***

**THANK YOU for your generosity!**  
**Sunday Collection**

Sunday Collection 3-27-22	\$5,954.50
Overseas Relief	\$1,543.00

**Holy Week and Easter Schedule**  
**April 10 - 17**

**Palm Sunday, April 10**

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm Mass  
1:30pm Outdoor Stations of the Cross Youth  
Social Activity Team

**Holy Monday, April 11**

8:15am Morning Mass  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross

**Holy Tuesday, April 12**

8:15am Morning Mass  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross

**Holy Wednesday, April 13**

8:15am Morning Mass  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross

**Holy Thursday April 14**

8:15am Morning Mass  
11:00am School Stations of the Cross  
6:30pm Mass of the Last Supper  
8:00pm Procession  
9:00pm-11:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

**Good Friday, April 15**

8:15am Morning Prayer  
12:00pm Stations of the Cross  
1:00pm Seven Last Words of Jesus  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena  
4:30pm Lord's Passion & Veneration of the  
Cross  
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Cross

**Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil April 16th**

Morning Prayer 8:15am  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena  
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday April 17th**

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 pm Mass  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday thru Thursday  
9:00AM -12:00PM – 12:30PM - 3:00PM  
Friday 9:00AM to 12:00PM



## ***We've been preparing for Holy Week!***

*Have a glimpse of behind the scenes as we get ready to celebrate Christ's Passion,*

*We have been busy preparing Fr. John's Easter message which has been mailed out*



*Our Sacristans getting ready the items needed for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday.*



**Spring cleaning & providing supplies for our baby changing table.**



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*Putting together candles for the Procession on Holy Thursday and Easter*



***Tuesdays with Larry beautifying our garden which is an extension of the sacred space of the church***



*Spring is here. All the roses will be in full bloom just in time for Easter*

