



## The Shell

An e-letter for

Saint James the Greater Church,  
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April 6, 2020 ... UPDATES...

### THE BISHOPS OF OHIO HAVE EXTENDED THE SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL AND INCLUDING MAY 3.

We continue our physical separation out of charity for all people. The absence of public Masses has been very difficult; it is much like the suffering of the Lord in the Garden. The uncertainty of the weeks ahead increases our anxiety. So, we continue to pray together, our greatest weapon in this time. Don't forget the *Memorare* at Noon every day.

The parish and school offices remain closed. The cancellation of all parish events also continues until further notice. The church is normally open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon for private prayer. On Good Friday the church will remain open until 5:00 p.m. Confessions will **not** be heard on Holy Saturday.

The sad news is that as of April 6 we have furloughed all our non-contract employees. Some have been reduced 100% in their hours and others have been partially reduced because they are still providing some essential services. We have been told by the archdiocese officials all are eligible for unemployment with the COVID-19 benefits approved by the federal government. All will retain their health care benefits, etc. These people are not terminated; they will return to their jobs when the school and parish reopen.

We have entered the holiest week of the year. By now all of us would have begun the journey into the Great Mystery. This year we will find deep emptiness as we cannot celebrate in person the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Jesus, the Easter Vigil (with the baptism of adults) or Easter Sunday Mass. I anticipate we all will feel like we have missed the most important events of the year, and we will. That doesn't mean we cannot pray. This is why I have listed various ways for you to participate in the Holy Week and Easter liturgies. It may expand our understanding of the rites to see them in a venue we haven't experienced. As often as I have been to St. Meinrad Archabbey for retreat, I've never had the opportunity to join the monks for Holy Week. I think I will this year. If you haven't been to our cathedral for Holy Week, begin with the Chrism Mass on Tuesday afternoon and continue all week. However you choose to do so, be sure to join in the Holy Week liturgies.

Have a blessed Holy Week and a joyful Easter!

*Father Nolker*

## Notices

### Recent Deaths

**Janet Deller**, wife of the late Howard

Died on 3/19/20

**Margaret “Peggy” Seta**, wife of the late Joseph

Died on 4/1/20

**Eugene “Gene” Masur**, husband of Margaret

Died on 4/1/20

**William “Bill” Meiners**, husband of Joan

Died on 4/3/20

### **Easter Mass Live on Fox 19 Cincinnati**

Fox 19 Cincinnati will broadcast the 11:00 a.m. Mass live from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains on Easter Sunday. This will be a great benefit to Catholics who reside in nursing homes or who do not have access to live streaming. Please be sure to tell your family and friends.

### **Holy Week from the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains – NEW TIMES**

Join Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and Bishop Joseph Binzer of our own archdiocese for the liturgical celebration for Holy Week and Easter from the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. These will all be livestreamed:

- Tuesday, April 7 1:00 p.m. Chrism Mass (Archbishop Schnurr)
- Thursday, April 9 5:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Archbishop Schnurr)
- Friday, April 10 **3:00 p.m.** Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion (Bishop Binzer)
- **5:30 p.m.** **Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion in Spanish**
- Saturday, April 11 **8:45 p.m.** Easter Vigil (Archbishop Schnurr)
- Sunday, April 12 11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass (Bishop Binzer)
- **9:30 a.m.** **Easter Sunday Mass in Spanish**

To watch, go to [catholiccincinnati.org](http://catholiccincinnati.org).

### **Holy Week at Saint Meinrad Archabbey**

St. Meinrad Archabbey is in Indiana between Louisville and Evansville. It might be interesting to see how a Benedictine monastery, noted for its liturgy, celebrates the liturgies of Holy Week. They are livestreaming from the abbey church. Times listed are OUR times. They are an hour earlier, on Central Time, so don’t be confused if the stream shows a different time. Think about joining them for prayer at [www.saintmeinrad.org/live](http://www.saintmeinrad.org/live). The schedule is:

#### **Holy Thursday, April 9:**

6:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper

#### **Good Friday, April 10:**

8:15 a.m. Vigils and Lauds (*Morning Prayer*)

4:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord

**Holy Saturday, April 11:**

- 8:15 a.m. Vigils and Lauds
- 6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Evening Prayer*)
- 9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, April 12:**

- 9:30 a.m. Lauds
- 11:30 a.m. Easter Mass during the Day
- 6:00 p.m. Vespers

**Holy Week with Pope Francis**

It is always a prayerful moment when we can pray with Pope Francis. **Join him on EWTN for these liturgies.**

## Thursday, April 9: Holy Thursday

- 3:30 a.m. Chrism Mass in Rome with Pope Francis
- 8:00 a.m. Encore Chrism Mass in Rome with Pope Francis
- 11:00 a.m. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper from Rome

## Friday, April 10: Good Friday

- 11 a.m. Solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion

## Saturday, April 11: Holy Saturday

- 2:30 p.m. Pope Francis celebrates the Easter Vigil Mass, live from Rome.

## Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday

- 4 a.m. Pope Francis celebrates the Solemn Mass of Easter, live from Rome.
- 6 a.m. Urbi et Orbi, Pope Francis delivers his Easter blessing to the city of Rome and the world.
- 7:00 p.m. Encore Pope Francis celebrates the Solemn Mass of Easter from Rome
- 9:00 p.m. Encore Urbi et Orbi, Easter blessing

**Mass on the web or TV**

The archdiocesan website will be livestreaming a daily Mass and weekend Mass from the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. Daily Mass will be available online at 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Sunday Mass will be live-streamed at 9:30 a.m. in Spanish and at 11 a.m. in English. All live-streaming Masses will also be available on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicCincinnati/>.

Daily Mass is also available on [catholicstv.org](http://catholicstv.org) at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Sunday [catholicstv.org](http://catholicstv.org) televises Mass from the Sacred Heart Basilica at Notre Dame at 10 a.m.

Daily Masses are also available on TV from EWTN at 8:00 a.m., Noon and 7:00 p.m.