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Basilica of Saint Mary Celebrates Holy Week and Easter

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – The Basilica of Saint Mary welcomes all to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. The vibrant beauty and traditions will return this year for the sacred celebrations. The liturgies will be livestreamed on The Basilica's website www.mary.org and Facebook page.

The most important days of Holy week, known as the Sacred Triduum, begins with Holy Thursday on April 14, and continues with Good Friday, April 15, Holy Saturday, April 16, and Easter Sunday, April 17.

"Join us for Holy Week and rejoice in the Easter celebration" said Dr. Johan van Parys, director of liturgy and sacred arts at The Basilica.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Holy Thursday, April 14



7:00pm: Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

The congregation takes part in the tradition of washing of the feet, a beautiful act of compassion, following Jesus' example.

Good Friday, April 15



Noon: Stations of the Cross: This ancient custom allows participants to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as they remember the last moments in his life leading up to his death on the cross.

3:00pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion: This solemn service commemorates the suffering and death of Jesus. Central to the service is the passing of a large cross.

7:00pm: Celebration of the Office of Tenebrae
This service commemorates the death of Jesus and his descent into hell. *Tenebrae* is Latin for shadows/darkness.

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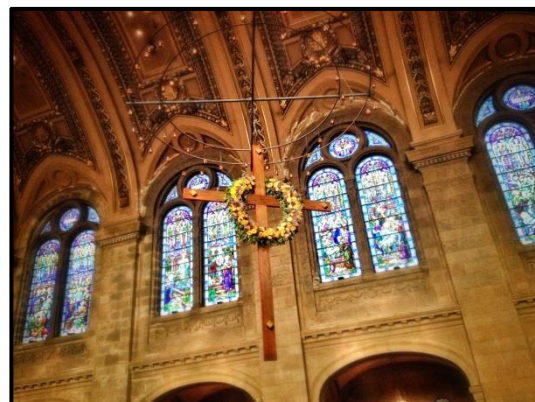
Holy Saturday, April 16



7:00pm: Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection

The service begins around **the large bonfire built on the plaza in front of the church**. The Easter Light is shared with members of the congregation as their candles are lit. All walk into a darkened church filling it with candlelight.

Easter Sunday, April 17



There are a variety of beautiful Easter liturgies.

7:30am: Sunrise Mass, a peaceful celebration.

9:30am and 11:30am: Festive Masses with The Basilica Cathedral Choir, organ and brass. Includes a large entrance procession of cross, banners, candles, and bells.

5:00pm: Mass with Mundus Contemporary Ensemble.

Photo opportunities: 10:45am and 12:15pm festive crowds exiting Mass, greeting the presiders, on the front plaza with bells ringing.

Interview opportunities are available with Dr. Johan van Parys, director of liturgy and sacred arts at The Basilica. Please schedule in advance.

About Basilica of Saint Mary

The Basilica of Saint Mary, located in downtown Minneapolis, is a welcoming Catholic community committed to the well-being of the city. It is a center for the arts and a place of refuge for the poor. The Basilica provides quality liturgy, religious education, pastoral care, and hospitality to all. The parish is the spiritual home to over 6,500 families of all ages, races, ethnicities, and economic backgrounds.

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