



## St Peter's Catholic Church

### **HOLY WEEK 2024**

Why did it have to come to this? *He did it for us.* There is no other answer. For us. Brothers and sisters, today this is not merely a show. Every one of us, hearing of Jesus' abandonment, can say: *for me.* This abandonment is the price he paid for me. He became one with each of us in order to be completely and definitively one with us *to the very end.* He experienced abandonment in order not to leave us prey to despair, in order to stay at our side forever. He did this for me, for you, because whenever you or I or anyone else seems pinned to the wall, lost in a blind alley, plunged into the abyss of abandonment, sucked into a whirlwind of so many "whys" without an answer, there can still be a hope: Jesus himself, for you, for me. It is not the end, because Jesus was there and even now, he is at your side. He endured the distance of abandonment in order to take up into his love every possible distance that we can feel. So that each of us might say: in my failings, and each of us has failed many times, in my desolation, whenever I feel betrayed or betrayed others, whenever I feel cast aside or have cast aside others, whenever I feel forsaken or have abandoned others, let us think of Jesus, who was abandoned, betrayed and cast aside. There, we find him. When I feel lost and confused, when I feel that I can't go on, he is beside me. Amid all my unanswered questions "why...?", he is there.

*(From homily given by Pope Francis on Palm Sunday 2023)*

#### **Palm Sunday (March 24<sup>th</sup>)**

Mass with Blessing of Palms

6.00pm (Sat), 9.00am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

*Polish Mass: 7.30pm (Sat), 12.30pm.*

3.00pm: Stations of the Cross

4.00pm – 5.00pm: Confessions

#### **Monday of Holy Week (March 25<sup>th</sup>)**

7.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10am: Morning Prayer

9.30am: Mass for Monday of Holy Week.

*6.00pm: Polish Confessions*

#### **Tuesday of Holy Week (March 26<sup>th</sup>)**

5.45pm: Exposition on the Blessed Sacrament

7.00pm: Mass for Tuesday of Holy Week

7.30pm – 8.00pm: Confessions

**Wednesday of Holy Week (March 27<sup>th</sup>)**

6.00pm: Mass with Reception of the Holy Oils

6.30pm – 7.15pm: Confessions

**HOLY THURSDAY (March 28<sup>th</sup>)**

**7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Watching until Night Prayer at 10.45pm

**GOOD FRIDAY (March 29<sup>th</sup>)**

9.30am: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

11.00am: Stations of the Cross

12noon – 1.00pm: Confessions

**3.00pm: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

7.00pm: At the Foot of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY (March 30<sup>th</sup>)**

9.30am: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

*10.30am – 11.30am: Polish Food Blessing*

**8.00pm: Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter**

**EASTER SUNDAY (March 31<sup>st</sup>)**

Easter Day Mass

9.00am, 10.30am, 5.30pm.

*Polish 12.30pm.*