

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PRAYER SERVICE

Good Friday is the day we recall the suffering and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Take some time to create a prayer space with a candle and a crucifix that is concealed under a small cloth. Also have a piece of computer paper for each person participating, scissors, and markers or crayons.

LEADER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: Lord God, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. You love us so much that you allowed Him to undergo great suffering and even death so that we could experience freedom from our sins and everlasting life. Help us to have a deeper appreciation for the crosses we carry in our own lives, seeing them as a way to share in Christ's perfect offering of love.

READER: *From the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (Phil 2:6-8)*

Though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ADORATION OF THE CROSS

During the liturgy on Good Friday, the faithful are invited to come forward and venerate the cross. As you listen to Dan Schutte's song, *Behold the Wood of the Cross*, uncover one part of the crucifix each time you hear the refrain. Once the crucifix is uncovered, allow each person to hold it as long as they want and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for Christ's sacrifice.



<https://youtu.be/3RMDIoJ5NoA>

READER: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (Mk 15:22-27, 33-34, 37)*

They brought him to the place of Golgotha (which is translated Place of the Skull). They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left.

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Pause for silent reflection on the death of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



SALESIAN EASTER TRIDUUM 2020

THE FATHER'S LOVE

As you watch this powerful portrayal of a father's love for his son, reflect on what it must have been like for God the Father to watch his Son suffer and die. <https://youtu.be/3tQwI7EY4KM> (“A story of a father's love, and an unfathomable circumstance and choice”)

After watching the video, share about the following questions: What was your reaction to the video? Have you ever thought about how God the Father felt the day Jesus died? What hope do we have as a result of Jesus' death?

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

Jesus suffered an excruciating death, and even though we may not have to endure the same pain he endured, we all have to carry our own crosses and bear our own share of suffering. Each person is invited to take a piece of computer paper and cut out a cross. Using markers or crayons, decorate the cross with words or images that demonstrate the pains, sufferings, difficulties, and trials you or someone you know is experiencing. As you do this activity, ask God for the grace to carry these crosses. If you would like, play some instrumental music such as, *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord* (<https://youtu.be/qx6rMKgbB5Q>) When you are done, leave your crosses in a visible place until Easter Sunday.

LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offenses; **have mercy on us.**
Heart of Jesus, obedient unto death; **have mercy on us.**
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance; **have mercy on us.**
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation; **have mercy on us.**
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection; **have mercy on us.**
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation; **have mercy on us.**
Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins; **have mercy on us.**
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in You; **have mercy on us.**
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in You; **have mercy on us.**



LEADER: Lord Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom as we pray,

ALL: Our Father...

LEADER: May we spend this time between now and Easter Sunday in a spirit of silent reverence, remembering the great sacrifice Jesus made for us. May we lift up the daily sufferings we experience and unite them to the cross of Christ.

ALL: Amen

