

Father's Notes

April 6, 2025

You'll soon begin seeing our posted schedule of liturgies for the Paschal Triduum and Easter Sunday, for both St. Thomas and St. Philomena.

As an explanation, I consulted staff at both parishes to inquire about what was done last year. My thought has been for this first year as your pastor (for the most part!), to follow what and how it was done in recent years—at both parishes. That includes choices about whether the liturgy is in Spanish, English or is bilingual. Thus, the schedule largely follows what was done last year, as follows:

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

St. Thomas - 7:00pm (bilingual)

St. Philomena - 7:00pm (bilingual)

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

St. Thomas - 7:00pm (bilingual)

NOTE: 3:00pm Stations of the Cross (bilingual)

St. Philomena - 5:00pm (English), 7:30pm (Español)

The Holy Night of the Easter Vigil

Note: per liturgical guidelines, the Easter Vigil must begin after sunset. On April 19th, sunset is scheduled to occur at 8:05pm, thus we will begin at the nearest half-hour (8:30pm).

St. Thomas – 8:30pm (bilingual)

St. Philomena – 8:30pm (bilingual)

Resurrection Sunday

St. Thomas – 8:30am (Español), 10:30am (English)

St. Philomena – 8:30am (English), 10:30am (English), 1:00pm (Español)

Again, based on this first year of experience, we will re-evaluate, and I you likely will see a modified schedule in 2026. On a different note, I believe it helpful to occasionally remind folks to be careful about clicking on links in emails or that pop-up on your computer screens. There are many, many scammers and they prey upon our moments of confusion and fears (e.g. “Your computer is infected. Click here to correct the problem.”). Don't. Scammers commonly utilize software that scans a parish website and identifies any email addresses (including in the online Sunday bulletin). They then email those folks from a bogus email address (e.g. rev.todd@gmail.com) pretending to be the pastor. The email usually says something like, “I'm busy and could use your help. Please reply.” If you reply, they will eventually ask you to 1) purchase gift cards; 2) scratch off the surface over the PIN number; and 3) provide the PIN number in your email reply. Please don't take the bait. If you see an odd email like this, check the email address first. If you're not sure, call the parish office.



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