

✠ Lent 2019

St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church
17111 W Bell Rd, Surprise, AZ 85374

✠ Holy Week ✠

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence, but the customary practices depend on your health and age and vary in some countries due to local circumstances. These practices help us to be more united, heart to heart with Jesus and with the poor and those who suffer.

In the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix we observe the following Lenten spiritual and physical disciplines:

Abstinence on Fridays: Catholics who are age 14 and older are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting: Catholics aged 18 and older, through their 59th birthday are required to practice the more severe penitential discipline of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday from all forms of animal meat, (including beef, chicken, pork, etc.) but may eat fish or seafood, (health permitting). Fasting is defined as eating only one full meal that day and two smaller meals, that together do not equal one full meal, and no snacks between meals.

Alms for the Poor: It is a very long tradition that the money saved by not eating three full meals on days of fasting and/or abstinence, are contributed to alleviate the suffering of those who are hungry due to their poverty.

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 6th

- 6:00am ~ Scripture and Ashes
- 8:00am ~ Mass w/distribution of Ashes
- Noon ~ Scripture and Ashes
- 4:00pm ~ Mass w/distribution of Ashes
- 7:00pm ~ Scripture and Ashes

SUNDAY MASSES (Before Palm Sunday)

- Saturday 4:00pm
- Sunday 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm

DAILY MASSES

- 8:00am (through Wednesday of Holy Week)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 10th following 8:00am Mass;
- April 12th at 7:00pm & Good Friday at 7:00pm—*Living Stations of the Cross (Lead by Life Teen)*

CONFESSIONS

- Mondays - 5:00pm to 6:00pm (except Holy Week, Holidays, & April 22nd)
- Saturdays - 2:30pm to 4:00pm (except Holy Saturday)
- See Holy Week confession times in box on right
- Other times by private appointment

PENANCE SERVICE

- Wednesday, April 10th, 7:00pm—9:00pm
Eight priests will be hearing confessions after a brief communal scripture service.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

- 3:00pm Fridays in the Church

GRUPO "EL BUEN PASTOR"

- Oración y cantos, cada Viernes (menos Viernes Santo) a 7:00pm en el salón.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES, April 14th

(Special Schedule for Crowds)

- Saturday, 4:00pm
- Sunday, 7:00am, 9:15am, 11:30am and 5:00pm

Monday, April 15th

- Mass 8:00am
- **Chrism Mass**—*Blessing of Oils and Renewal of Priestly Promises*—7:00pm priests, deacons, laity gather with the bishops at Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral, 6351 N. 27th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85017

Tuesday, April 16th

- Mass 8:00am
- Confessions—9:00am to 10:30am and 5:00pm to 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 17th

- Mass 8:00am
- Confessions—9:00am to 10:30am and 3:00pm to 4:30pm

The Paschal Triduum

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

April 18th

- NO 8:00am Mass
- Confessions—9:00am to 10:30am and 1:00pm to 2:00pm
- Mass of the Lord's Supper— 7:00pm followed by the Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 19th

- Morning Prayer / Lauds—8:00am
- Confessions 10:00am—11:30am
- Church open for private prayer—12 noon to 2:30pm
- Divine Mercy Novena, 1st Day—3:00pm to 3:45pm
- **Solemn Celebration of the Passion**—4:30pm
- Living Stations of the Cross (Lead by Life Teen)—7:00pm in the Church

HOLY SATURDAY, April 20th

- Blessing of Easter Food—10:00am in the Hall
- Divine Mercy Novena, 2nd Day—3:00pm in the Hall

SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL MASS, April 20th

- Saturday, 7:30pm (includes Baptisms, Confirmations and First Holy Communions)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 21st

(Special Schedule for Crowds)

- Masses: 7:00am, 9:15am, 11:30am and 5:00pm
- Divine Mercy Novena, at 3:00pm in the Church today, and continues April 22,23,24,25,26 & 27 at 3:00pm in the Church

Regular Mass Schedule resumes after Easter Sunday

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