

Dear Families,

Blessings on you and your families during this Holy Week. Please know that I am praying for all of you. As we draw near to Holy Thursday and the example that Jesus set by washing the disciples' feet, I cannot help but be moved each evening at 7:00 p.m. when neighbors cheer for all the essential workers who are serving our communities every day through their work as cleaners, grocers, farmers, healthcare workers and more. Likewise, each person who is respecting the quarantine is tangibly serving the needs of our neighbors, especially those most vulnerable. May we respond to the great call to service in this holy time and recognize that we are serving one another in life and death ways.

I am sharing the link to the Archdiocese Marriage & Family Life page which has some excellent, step-by-step resources for the coming days: <https://evangelization.archdpx.org/holy-week-at-home>. I will also attach the resources I shared last week for celebrating these high holy days.

I encourage you to join the parent support panel this evening for support around emotional and spiritual well-being. All are welcome! Join URL: <https://zoom.us/j/949507381>.

Please keep our RCIA catechumens and candidates and our children preparing for First Communion in your prayers as they continue with an extended preparation period.

And finally, visit our St. Ignatius Parish webpage often at www.sipdx.org as it is updated regularly with resources and weekly bulletins. There's a video message from Fr. Craig, a musical contemplative prayer series for the Triduum from Joseph Byrd, a self-guided Stations of the Cross from Grace Byrd and more. All the family life resources are also on the webpage. The Mom's group is having an evening Easter "happy hour check-in" if you want to casually connect with other moms at 7:30 p.m. in the evening on Sunday. (Just let me know and I will send you the link.)

Blessings on your holy week and please feel free to share a picture or an email about your Holy Week or Easter!

Warmly,

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Hours: Mon-Thur, 9am-noon

Sun, 8am – noon