

# St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague

and

St. Michael Catholic Church in Meeker



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## Holy Week & Easter 2025 Schedule

The season of Lent gives way to the celebration of Easter in Holy Week, the most sacred period of the liturgical calendar. Holy Week includes both the Church's most solemn observances and joyous feasts. Unique, beautiful liturgies fill the period of time that begins on Palm Sunday and culminates with Easter Sunday. Holy Week 2025 is a great time to recommit to prayer and draw close to God.

### Palm Sunday Mass

April 13, 2025

- 9:00 AM - St. Michael Meeker
- 11:00 AM - St. Wenceslaus

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is the first time we hear the Lord's Passion in the liturgical calendar. Those attending the service receive palms, a reminder of Scripture telling us that people welcomed Jesus by laying down their cloaks and waving palm branches (John 12:13).

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## Bulletin EASTER 2025



### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Daily Mass & Holy Hour

Tue.-Fri., 9am

1<sup>st</sup> Sat., 9am

#### Sunday Mass

Sat. (Vigil), 5pm

Sun., 11am

No Mass on Mon.

### CONFESSIONS

Sat. after 5pm Mass

Daily during Holy Hour

(or by appointment)

### SHRINE HOURS

Tue.-Fri., 8:30am-3pm

Sat., 4-6pm

(+ 1<sup>st</sup> Sat., 8:30-10:30am)

Sun., 10am-2pm

Mon. closed

### OFFICE HOURS & GIFT SHOP

Tue.-Fri., 10am-3pm

Sun., 12-1pm

Sat. and Mon. closed

## **Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Thursday, April 17, 2025

- 7:00pm - St. Wenceslaus
- Adoration follows Mass until 10:00 pm.

## **Good Friday - Communion Service and Veneration of the Cross**

Friday, April 18, 2025

- 3:00pm – Stations of the Cross (Outside)
- 7:00pm – The Passion of the Lord (Veneration of the Cross) and Communion Service.

## **Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass**

Saturday, April 19, 2025

- 8:30pm – Easter Vigil Mass

## **Easter Sunday Mass - The Resurrection of the Lord**

Sunday, April 20, 2025

- 9:00 AM - St. Michael Meeker
- 11:00 AM - St. Wenceslaus

Dear brothers and sisters! The most important and joyful day of Christianity is today's Easter. If Christ had not risen from the dead, then the whole foundation of our faith would have collapsed, become meaningless, and the suffering and crucifixion of Christ would have been terrible bad news, not Good News. Therefore, every Sunday Mass, we commemorate the event of the Resurrection of the Lord: the Lord is present among us and gives us spiritual food to nourish our souls.

If the dark tomb could not hold the Resurrection Jesus, and the chains of death were broken by Him, then nothing can destroy us. St. Paul wrote: **“What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?”** (Rom 8:35). Therefore, to live the joy of Easter is to die to sin and rise again with God in a new life, the life of Easter.

The empty tomb was a sign that Jesus sent to his disciples that morning. Standing before the empty tomb, each person had a different reaction. The women were frightened and ran to the men to ask for help. Peter was surprised at what had happened. The disciple whom Jesus loved believed that the Master had risen. The Lord had truly risen. Alleluia.

This truth has the power to transform our lives, to lead us out of the darkness of fear and doubt, to live out our faith in Christ to the fullest. An empty tomb, interpreted in different ways, will lead to different reactions.

In our life of faith, each of us has many times stood before the empty tomb of Jesus, those are the times we wondered and searched for the answer to the true meaning of Christian life. Even though we have learned about the Christian faith, heard the Word of God preached, and shared the experience of living the faith of countless generations of believers, these things do not exempt us from having to face our own faith.