**TRIDUUM PASCAL**

**REVISED GUIDE for private use by priests and liturgy teams**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY: only one mass celebrated. MUST BE IN THE EVENING.**

* To celebrate the Eucharist before the evening, whatever the circumstances might be, the express authorisation of the Ordinary of the place is required;
* It is forbidden to celebrate the mass privately, in the absence of the people, all throughout the day.
* We do not celebrate neither **marriage** nor **funerals with mass** during this day since there must only be one mass, in the evening, in remembrance of the Last Supper of the Lord.

**NOTE**: if the circumstances demand the inhumation of a deceased person, we can celebrate funerals according to the following procedure: Rite of Welcome, liturgy of the Word, Last Goodbye rite, without the organ, chants or bells. The mass for the funerals will be celebrated after Easter, starting from Monday.

* **EVENING MASS in memory of the Last Supper of the Lord :**
* From 16:00 only;
* Mandatory in pastoral churches
* **Distribution of the communion :**
* General rule : during the Last Supper mass only;
* For the sick and people who cannot come: any time during the day.
* **The bells and the organ**
* **The bells stop** after the Glory to God of Maundy Thursday Mass until the Glory to God of the Easter vigil. **It is not recommanded to ring them during the March of Forgiveness** since their chant, by already projecting believers to Easter, distorts the meaning of Good Friday.
* The organ (or other musical instrument) should only be used to accompany the chant.

**GOOD FRIDAY of the Passion of Christ**

* + - According to a very old tradition, this day, the Church does not celebrate the Eucharist. Consequently: **no Eucharistic celebration** of any nature will be held.
    - **Funerals:** if the circumstances demand the inhumation of a deceased person, we can celebrate funerals without a celebration of the mass and without communion: Rites of Welcome, liturgy of the Word, rites of Last Goodbye, without organ, without chant and without bells. The mass of the funerals will be celebrated after Easter, starting from Monday.
    - **The sacraments :** 
      * Only the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the sick can be celebrated;
      * In case of emergency: baptism and confirmation.
      * **Service of Good Friday:** towards 15:00 or, to advantage the believers, at a more opportune time between noon and 21:00 with possibility of repetition after 15 :00.
      * **Distribution of the communion**
        + General rule : only during the Service;
        + For the sick and people who cannot come: at any time of the day.

**HOLY SATURDAY**

* + - According to a very old tradition, this day, the Church does not celebrate the Eucharist. Consequently: **no Eucharistic celebration** of any nature will be held.
      * Only the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the sick can be celebrated;
      * In case of emergency: baptism and confirmation.
      * **Marriage:** the celebration of the sacrament of marriage, with or without mass, must be denied.
      * **Funerals:** if the circumstances demand the inhumation of a deceased person, we can celebrate funerals without a celebration of the mass and without communion: Rites of Welcome, liturgy of the Word, rites of Last Goodbye, without organ, without chant and without bells. The mass of the funerals will be celebrated after Easter, starting from Monday.

**EASTER VIGIL**

We will make an effort to only celebrate one Easter Vigil by parish by gathering, if needed, the diverse communities. This is with the aim of highlight, with the largest possible participation, the unique solemnity of this celebration.

* **When?** At nightfall (= sunset, local time).
* **How?** Mandatory with the rites of the Easter vigil, in four parts, with or without baptism.

**Reference:**

There are more detailed norms in:

- The *Guide canonique et pastoral au service des paroisses* (2nd ed. 2004), p. 40.

- The liturgical *Ordo* annual, each day of the *Triduum pascal*.

- The *Roman Missal*, each day of the *Triduum pascal*, p. 140, 149, 162 and 164.

- The circular letter of the Congregation for the divine cult, published on January 16th 1988 : “The preparation and the celebration of the *Triduum pascal*.”, in *La Documentation catholique* no 1958, (1988) p. 300-310.