

St. Patrick Catholic Church, Mount Dora, FL

HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL) - 3/30/2024

Notes for Holy Saturday

3/30 @ 9 AM REHEARSAL TO CONFIRM FINAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Baptismal font to be filled by Sheryl Forsha on 3/30.

Scouts (Dean Chuck) to provide and manage a 'fire pit' at the front of the Church.

Provide tongs (from Sacristy cabinet) to Deacon Chuck for the Presider to simulate lighting the incense from the fire pit. (Charcoal will already be lit.)

Congregation assembles in front of the Church prior to Mass start.

Box containing stylus, tapered candles, and nails for preparing the new Paschal candle is provided by Joe Marshall. A Deacon 'prepares' the new Paschal candle prior. The new Paschal candle, 'box', and stand remain in the Ministry Room until a Deacon secures it. Earlier in the week confirm the new candle fits securely in the existing stand (Sometimes the base needs to be shaved).

Congregation is provided candles to light during the darkened entrance procession (until they run out) by the ushers. Ushers are to collect the candles afterward.

The Church lights and Baptismal Font switches are managed by MG. The rear window spotlight will be managed by Doug.

Altar Servers are instructed during the rehearsal.

Reserve 7 pews on L & R center, rows (total 14 pews) for the Baptism & Confirmation candidates. Number of pews provided by RCIA Leader Joy Wiggins.

Script of the Mass: https://stpatrickmtdora.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Easter-Vigil-Verbiage-2024_St-Patrick_Mt-Dora_revised.pdf

For the Sacristan

Return all Consecrated host to the main Tabernacle from the Reconciliation Room Tabernacle. Light the Tabernacle lamp and extinguish the red devotional candles in the Reconciliation Room. [Approved by Fr. Hank 4/2/2024. Optionally, the hosts would remain in the Reconciliation room Tabernacle and transferred after the Mass. Then the main Tabernacle Lamp would be lit as part of the service when the Hosts are returned to the Main Tabernacle after Communion.]

Return the two Altar side candles from the Reconciliation Room to their normal positions.

Place stands for the new Paschal candle near the Baptismal font (existing stand) and on the left/Altar side of the lectern (Second stand is in the Rear Sacristy with an "x" on the metal tube.).

Prepare Altar for Easter Sunday Masses (The Easter Altar cloth is in the computer room closet.).

Place new 2.5 x 17 Altar candles in the two normal side-Altar candle stands. The 3rd 'Lectern' candle is replaced by the new Paschal candle.

Place the 2 oil candle lamps in their Altar stands; confirm oil containers are full, or nearly full.

Do not light any Altar candles. They will eventually be lit from the fire pit flame to the Paschal Candle to the Altar candles. Confirm sufficient wick is in the candle lighter.

Place the English & Spanish Lectionaries, as identified by the Deacons, on the Altar side table.

Place the four 'side entrance door' Holy Water bowls in their holders. An Altar Server/Deacon will fill them after the Baptismal Font water is blessed.

ID gift bearers.

Prepare incense. Place in Altar incense stand for the Altar Server to pickup. Confirm sufficient incense is in the cup. (Box is in the rear Sacristy over the sink cabinet.)

Place 3 Holy Water pots and broom sprinklers (aspersorium & aspergillum) on the Baptismal Font lower ledge. (A metal pitcher is used for the third pot.)

Set 8 Baptismal candles [6 blue {5 Spanish, 1 English}, 2 red {2 Spanish}], 8 towels plus 1 for the Celebrant, and the shell on the table behind the Baptismal Font. (Eight are being Baptized.) Place the Baptismal Oil tray on the table. (Reference the Sacristan Baptism Guidelines.) There is no 'adult' Baptismal Book for the Presider; notes are in his script. Note: The Spanish families are likely to bring their own Baptismal candles.

Place a small table next to the Lectern (Altar side) for Confirmation. Place a small glass bowl with lemon water (or a cut lemon) and a towel for the Presider to remove the oil from his hands. This table will also receive the Oil tray.

Confirmation will occur later on the Altar. A Deacon/Altar Server will retrieve the Holy Oil tray processed from the Baptismal Font and place them on the table next to the Lectern. There is no Confirmation Book for the Presider; notes are in his script.

MSP indicates 8 host and 4 cup positions. Coordinate with the EMHC Captain to accommodate if there is a second Priest and/or Deacon that is not on the MSP schedule. The extra Priest and/or Deacon will replace EMHC(s). Place a 4th chair on the Altar if needed.

Prepare Credence Table as for a normal Mass.

Check all microphone batteries. This is a 2.5-3 hour service.









