

Holy Week and Easter

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT ANDREW

My dear friends,

Each year during Holy Week, we are reminded in a profound way of the foundation of our Christian faith – the mystery of Christ’s victory over death and his resurrection. As we walk through the turbulent final week of Christ’s earthly life, we are immersed through Scripture and sacrament in the events of Holy Week and Easter which identify so clearly the importance of Jesus’ life and our own.

Matthew’s recounting of Jesus’ Passion is more than just a historical timeline. His Gospel message conveys a new understanding of our own suffering and the promise of our resurrection. In the midst of pain and loss, we can find comfort in knowing that God is leading us to new life and joy. Each time we celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist at Mass when the priest recites the words “Do this in memory of me”, the events of Holy Week and Easter are “made present” and we find in that experience the boundless love of God.

My prayer this Easter season is that you may know and experience the presence of the risen Lord in your lives.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Bishop Walter A. Hurley



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A Two by two, priests and deacons of the diocese process into the Cathedral of Saint Andrew during the annual Chrism Mass, a time when the priests renew their commitment to priestly service. | **B** Bishop Hurley incenses the oils during the Chrism Mass. | **C** Priests of the diocese pray together with Bishop Hurley. | **D** Washing the feet is a symbol of profound religious meaning and a sign of humility such as that exemplified by Jesus. Here, Bishop Hurley washes and dries the feet of Cathedral of Saint Andrew parishioner Brad Mathis. | **E** Adoration of the Eucharist in the Cathedral of Saint Andrew chapel. Eucharistic adoration is the respect and worship we give to Jesus, who is truly present to us under the appearance of bread and wine. | **F** Members of the congregation process forward to give honor to our Lord's cross as the instrument of our salvation. | **G** Bishop Hurley celebrates Holy Communion, the third part of the Good Friday Liturgy. | **H** Bishop Hurley baptizes catechumen Sandra Herrera. | **I** Bishop Hurley along with the entire congregation welcomes and congratulates the newly baptized (from left) Stacey Arambula, Coral Cano and Sandra Herrera. | **J** Celebrating the sacrament of confirmation.