

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS CON'T.

### Holy Week Celebrations:

On ***Palm Sunday*** there will be one great Eucharist that will begin with the Blessing of Palms and a Procession to the Church for the reading of the Passion and Eucharist.

### ***Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday***

Services form *One Great Liturgy*. We will follow the Book of Common Prayer in our celebrations and so begin on Thursday with a Eucharist of the Last Supper with Washing of Feet and Stripping of the Altar. On Friday the Solemn Service will include these four elements: the Solemn Prayers, Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Distribution of Communion. Holy Saturday's Vigil will begin outside with the blessing of the Easter Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle, procession to the church with the new light, singing of the Easter Proclamation, the Readings, Blessing of Easter Water and Eucharist. It is the most WONDER-FILLED Celebration of the Year, as EASTER is the essential focus of our faith in Jesus.

Our one ***Easter Sunday*** morning Service will be a *family-friendly event* and designed to be joyful and inviting for everyone. We will include the Ringing of the Bells and Flowering of the Cross during the Easter Gloria. So, bring your bells from home and bring some flowers (or pick some roses from our garden) and help us celebrate with music and Alleluias. An Easter Egg Hunt will take place immediately after the service with some light snacks for all.

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# LENT 2020

## Good Shepherd Episcopal Church Friendswood, Texas

### SCHEDULE

- 25 Feb. Shrove Tuesday, 5:45-7PM: Pancake Dinner, Burning of Palms
- 26 Feb. Ash Wednesday Services, 6:30AM, Noon, 7:00PM with Eucharist  
Ashes-to-Go, 7:00-10:00AM, Friends Uncorked and Dairy Queen
- 1 Mar. Sunday Services 8:00, 10:15AM, 11:30AM-2:00PM Labyrinth Walk
- 1 Mar. Labyrinth Instruction 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM
- 4 Mar. Wednesday Dinner 5:45-7:00, Presentation 6:15-7:00PM, Eucharist 7:00PM
- 8 Mar. Sunday Services 8:00 and 10:15AM, Sunday School 9:00AM
- 11 Mar. Wednesday Dinner 5:45-7:00, Presentation 6:15-7:00PM, Eucharist 7:00PM
- 15 Mar. Sunday Services 8:00 and 10:15AM, Sunday School 9:00AM
- 18 Mar. Wednesday Dinner 5:45-7:00, Presentation 6:15-7:00PM, Eucharist 7:00PM
- 22 Mar. Sunday Services 8:00 and 10:15AM, Sunday School 9:00AM
- 25 Mar. Wednesday Dinner 5:45-7:00, Presentation 6:15-7:00PM, Eucharist 7:00PM
- 29 Mar. Sunday Services 8:00 and 10:15AM, Sunday School 9:00AM
- 1 Apr. Wednesday Dinner 5:45-7:00, Presentation 6:15-7:00PM, Eucharist 7:00PM
- 5 Apr. Palm Sunday Service 10:00AM, Blessing of Palms, Procession, Passion Reading
- 9 Apr. Maundy (Holy) Thursday Service 7:00PM with Washing of Feet
- 10 Apr. Stations of the Cross at Noon; Good Friday Solemn Service 7:00PM
- 11 Apr. The Great Easter Vigil Service with Blessing of Fire and Water, Baptism 7:00 PM
- 12 Apr. Family Easter Day Service, Flowering of the Cross, Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 AM

## Lenten Practices:

Each of the **Sunday Services** during Lent will include the Scriptures for the Lenten Season and the 9:00AM **Sunday School** sessions will also focus on the Scriptures assigned for Lent. Sunday Services during Lent are more somber, less music, and more quiet time will be built into our prayer time together.

Our **Ash Wednesday** will be celebrated this year at three different times in the Church. Ashes from the Palms of last year, burned this Shrove Tuesday, will be blessed during each service and will be imposed during each service. At 7:00PM Eucharist will be celebrated with ashes imposed. Lay Ministers will be commissioned at the 6:30AM service to offer Ashes in the community at the local Dairy Queen and Friends Uncorked.

The **Labyrinth Walk** will take place in Sterling Hall. A large Labyrinth will be placed and made available for individuals and families (including the children) who might wish to walk, from after the Service until 2:00PM. Take the time in silence that you wish. There will be instruction regarding this age-old Christian practice made available between services beginning at 9:30AM and immediately following the 10:15 service for those who might wish to learn more.



On most **Wednesday evenings of Lent** we will offer a simple dinner beginning around 5:45 and continuing until 7:00PM. At about 6:15PM a presentation will begin and continue until 7:00PM.

During these presentations Fr. Bob will teach and workshop different Prayer Styles. (Parenthetically, the Prayer Styles are aligned to the Enneagram Personality Typology of which you need to know nothing to participate in the presentations.) We will also have things for the youngsters to do during the presentations. At 7:00PM we will gather together and Celebrate Eucharist together. Come for any or all of the parts of the Wednesday evening programming.

Daily **Lenten Meditation Booklets** "Living Well Through Lent" will be made available from the Sunday before Lent begins through Ash Wednesday in the Church. They are designed for personal, daily meditation and also have a structured curriculum that will be used during the ongoing weekly **Women's Bible Study** on Wednesday mornings.

