

Holy Week and Easter Decorating 2021

Mark your calendar to help with Holy Week and Easter decorating. **ANY** amount of time is appreciated, and **ALL** are welcome to join us. Please remember you must wear a face mask at all times when inside the church building. Please note that the work schedule is subject to change at any time due to unscheduled activities at the church such as funerals, etc. We try to stay on schedule as much as possible.

Thursday, March 18, 9:00am (Room 3, Sanctuary) Iron the shrouds, and then cover the statues and icons with purple.

Wednesday, March 24, 9:00am (Rooms 3 & 6, Commons, Sanctuary) Change the Sanctuary and Commons to Red for Palm Sunday. Bring your iron. Iron all the red, place in the Sanctuary, and decorate the cross in the Commons.

Holy Monday, March 29, 9:00am (Room 3, Commons, Sanctuary) Remove the red from the Sanctuary and Commons, and change back to the lent colors. Commons cross must go to Room 3.

Holy Tuesday, March 30, 9:00am (Rooms 3 & 6) Our biggest ironing day. Iron everything needed for Holy Week and Easter. Please bring your iron and ironing board. (We have 2 ironing boards at the church.)

Holy Wednesday, March 31, 9:00am (Rooms 3 & 6, Commons) Plant Delivery Day. Plants will arrive, need to be unwrapped and placed in baskets or gold sleeves, and placed in Room 6 until Saturday morning. Delivery time is requested as 'early as possible', but is not definite.

Holy Thursday, April 1, 9:00am (Rooms 3 & 6, Commons, Sanctuary) Create Altar of Repose in the Commons, benches and chairs positioned. Sanctuary set up in white for Holy Thursday. More plants are being delivered today and will need to be placed in baskets or gold sleeves.

Good Friday, April 2, 9:00am (Rooms 3 & 6, Commons, Sanctuary) Remove Holy Thursday décor and put it away. Prepare Sanctuary for Good Friday Services. This is usually a shorter work morning.

*** Need a few strong and able people **AFTER** the 7:00pm Good Friday service to help move the rocks, the cross and the cross platform from the Sanctuary to the Commons, so it will be ready for decorating early Saturday morning. Please note that we cannot remove the cross from the Sanctuary until all parishioners are finished praying and the Sanctuary is empty.

Holy Saturday, April 3, 7:00am (Rooms 3 & 6, Commons, Sanctuary) Note the early start! We'll work until the 8:30am Prayer Service. We will attend the prayer service, then resume our work. Everything changes to white and gold. Plants will be moved from Room 6 and placed. Candles, altar cloths, drapes, banners, etc., in the Sanctuary and Commons for the transformation for Easter. The goal is to be finished by 12:00pm (Noon). There is a lot to be done! Many hands make light work!

Thanks in advance to all for your help. This Ministry works very hard to create a beautiful backdrop at St. Stephen, Martyr to celebrate all our Liturgical Seasons. Your help is very much appreciated!

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