

HOLY THURSDAY 2024

Seven Churches Pilgrimage

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

**VISIT 7 OR MORE
ALTARS OF REPOSE AT
13 DOWNTOWN CHURCHES
ON 1 HOLY NIGHT**

“Were you not able to keep watch with me one hour?” – Matthew 26:40

The Seven Churches visitation grew out of the penance given to pilgrims to visit the seven basilicas of Rome. St. Philip Neri is credited with the popularization of the Seven Churches Pilgrimage in the 16th Century. The practice has proliferated around the world and today is popular in Italy, Poland, Mexico, and the Philippines.

Pilgrims are invited to draw closer to Jesus through prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the start of the Holy Triduum by visiting seven Altars of Repose. The Seven Churches visitation is reminiscent of when Jesus asked disciples to stand watch with him and pray while in the garden of Gethsemane. In visiting seven locations, we are reminded of the seven places Jesus went between the Last Supper and Calvary.

Upon entering each church, pilgrims visit the altar of repose, kneel, make the sign of the cross, read the appropriate scripture for each station and engage in private prayer and adoration. At the final church, many opt to observe a Holy Hour.

Station 1

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

Luke 22: 39-46

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

Station 2

Jesus bound and taken before Annas

John 18: 19-22

Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said." When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded.

Station 3

Jesus taken before the High Priest, Caiaphas

Matthew 26: 63-65

But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy.

Station 4

Jesus taken before Pilate

John 18: 35-37

"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

Station 5

Jesus taken before Herod

Luke 23: 8-9, 11

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate.

Station 6

Jesus taken before Pilate again

Matthew 27: 22-26

“What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked. They all answered, “Crucify him!” “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!” All the people answered, “His blood is on us and on our children!” Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

Station 7

Jesus given the crown of thorns and led to his crucifixion

Matthew 27: 27-31

Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit

1000 Sainte Anne Street, Detroit, MI 48216

Holy Thursday Service – Spanish – 7pm

Open until 12 midnight

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament

9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202

Holy Thursday Service – English – 7pm

Open until 10pm

Holy Cross Hungarian Church

8423 South St, Detroit, MI 48209

Holy Thursday Service – English and Hungarian – 6:30pm

Open until 8:30pm

Most Holy Redeemer

1721 Junction St., Detroit, MI 48209

Holy Thursday Service – English & Spanish – 7pm

Open until 11pm

Most Holy Trinity

1050 Porter St, Detroit, MI 48226

Holy Thursday Service – English – 7pm

Open until 12 midnight

Old St. Mary Parish (Greektown)

646 Monroe St, Detroit, MI 48226

Holy Thursday Service – English – 7pm

Open until 11pm

Guarded parking and security

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

(Our Lady Queen of Angels site)

4200 Martin St, Detroit, MI 48210

Holy Thursday Service – Spanish – 7pm

Open until 12 midnight

Please enter by the side door by the parking lot.

St. Aloysius

1234 Washington Blvd, Detroit, MI 48226

Holy Thursday Service – English – 7pm

Open until 10:45pm

Note – Located at the heart of downtown so they do not have a parking lot. There are several parking lots and metered street parking. Enter through the bronze doors off Washington Blvd. and take the stairs to the vestibule to the Lower Altar.

St. Augustine and St. Monica Catholic Church

4151 Seminole St, Detroit, MI 48214

Holy Thursday Service – English – 6pm

Open until 12 midnight

St. Cunegunda Church

5900 St. Lawrence St, Detroit, MI 48210

Holy Thursday Service – English & Spanish – 7pm

Open until 10pm

St. Gabriel Parish

8118 W. Vernor Hwy, Detroit, MI 48209

Holy Thursday Service – English & Spanish – 7pm

Open until 11pm

St. Juan Diego Parish

(St. Christopher site)

7800 Woodmont, Detroit, MI 48228

Holy Thursday Service – English & Spanish – 7pm

Open until 9:30pm

Sweetest Heart of Mary

4440 Russell St, Detroit, MI 48207

Holy Thursday Service – English – 6pm

Open until 11pm