



April 9, 2026

Holy Days and a Joyful Easter

Cabrini Health, Australia Holy Thursday



Each year, [on Holy Thursday] we have a Ritual of Washing at Cabrini. It is a mark of thanksgiving for each person in our community and the service they carry out daily in the healing ministry of Jesus.

We invite everyone to come forward and allow their hands to be washed by a senior colleague and dried tenderly by another. I'm incredibly humbled and moved by it each year - as are the people who attend.

Although it's almost 50 years old, we still use the beautiful *Servant Song* to frame the liturgy. ~ submitted by Margaret Stewart, Group Director, Identity and Mission, Cabrini Health

*Will you let me be your servant?
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant too.*

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine, New York City Good Friday

On Good Friday, St. Frances Cabrini Shrine held stations of the cross especially tailored to children.

The gentle, Montessori-style devotion included stories at each station, kid-appropriate questions, a prayer, and an activity or hands-on item. When Jesus fell the first time, each child received a BandAid.



After learning about Simon of Cyrene, the kids traced their own hands to remind them they could be helpers, too.

Veronica wiped Jesus' face, so the children got to tenderly wipe the face of a bust of Jesus.



It was an enthusiastic crowd, and a beautiful way to introduce kids to this important part of salvation history. ~ submitted by Julia Attaway, Executive Director, St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine, NYC

Mother Cabrini Shrine, Golden, Colorado The Triduum and Easter Sunday



Holy Week and Easter was a grace-filled and joyful time at Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, Colorado, as we welcomed many pilgrims, visitors, and friends to celebrate these sacred days.

Fr. John Lager, O.F.M., Cap., along with fellow Capuchins and student friars, led the liturgies throughout the Triduum. Holy Thursday began with a Seder Meal for staff and weekly volunteers, followed by the Mass of the Lord's Supper and the washing of feet. On Good Friday, many pilgrims carried crosses up the road to the Shrine, and the day included reflections on the Seven Last Words, the Liturgy of the Passion. The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses were beautifully celebrated, with overflowing crowds.

During Lent, our Shrine community continued a long-standing outreach project tradition and prepared and delivered 200 Easter baskets to students at Annunciation Catholic School in Denver, sharing the joy of the Resurrection through this act of generosity.

~ submitted by Molly Johnson, Special Correspondent, Mother Cabrini Shrine, Golden, CO



Prayer Requests

A Prayer for Peace and Protection

Heavenly Father, we come before you in this time of great upheaval and discord in the world. We lift up the people of Iran and the entire Middle East, especially, the innocents – the children, the elderly and the most vulnerable - as Pope Leo has petitioned world leaders to do. We ask for Your divine peace to settle over the region. Calm and guide the hearts of leaders and turn their minds away from war, violence and devastation. Make them ever mindful of the divinity in each person and the sanctity of your creation.

Let your light shine in this darkness. Let Your way be the way to peace.



Prayer for Artemis II Crew

As the Artemis II astronauts complete their lunar mission tomorrow, let us pray for tranquil skies and calm seas to ensure their safe return. May their awe and wonder at the beauty of the earth from afar inspire us to be gentle with all creation.

To read astronaut Victor Glover's comments about our earthly home click [here](#)