

NIIGATA CATHOLIC CHURCH INFORMATION (April 2022)

Events and Activities:

- * The Stations of the Cross is prayed after the 10:00 am Mass on Fridays during Lent.
- * Sunday, April 3rd
 - English Mass - 12:00 noon
 - (Cleaning of the restrooms in/outside the parish hall after the Mass)
- * Sunday, May 1st
 - English Mass - 12:00 noon
 - (Cleaning of the restrooms in/outside the parish hall after the Mass)
- * Thursday, May 5th (National holiday)
 - Mass of Priesthood Ordination (Rev. Deacon Syuta Oka) - 1:30 pm
 - Note: More information will be available later.*

Holy Week Schedule 2022

- * Sunday, April 10th *Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday*
 - Mass - 7:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am
 - There will be no procession this year. Blessing of the palm leaves will take place at the beginning of the Mass. Please come to the cathedral directly.
- * Wednesday, April 13th
 - Chrism Mass - 10:00 am
- * Thursday, April 14th *Holy Thursday*
 - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm
 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- * Friday, April 15th *Good Friday / Day of Fasting and Abstinence*
 - Stations of the Cross - 3:00pm
 - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00pm
- * Saturday, April 16th
 - Easter Vigil - 7:00pm
- * Sunday, April 17th *Easter Sunday*
 - Easter Mass - 7:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am (Japanese only)

***Note: There will be NO English Masses during the Holy week including Easter Sunday.
Please participate in the liturgy at your respective parishes. Thank you.***

Please check the church website for the latest information as the schedules may be subject to change.

URL: <http://cathedral-niigata.jp>



Announcements:

- 1) On March 25th, the *Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*, Pope Francis made an Act of the Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at St. Peter's Basilica, Rome. Following the Holy Father's call, let us continue to pray for peace in the world, especially in Ukraine and Russia.
- 2) Rev. Deacon Syuta Oka will be ordained to the priesthood on Thursday, May 5th. Since the number of the participants will be limited due to the precautionary measures for Covid-19, let us pray for him in our daily prayers. More information about the Ordination Mass will be available later.
- 3) We are encouraged to make a confession during the Lenten season. Confession is always available. Please make an appointment with Fr. Raul or Fr. Lorenzo before coming to the church.

- 4) As a precautionary measure due to the spread of the Covid-19 in Niigata, please fill out the participant sheet placed on the chair (date, your name, respective parish and phone number). **Please write carefully and legibly.** This will be used only in order to contact you if anyone is confirmed as PCR-positive. Please fill out the sheet every time you attend Mass. One sheet should be filled out by each person in attendance with the exception of children up to age six, which can be included with an adult's sheet. In addition, if you are confirmed positive, please kindly notify Fr. Raul or Fr. Lorenzo.
- 5) The following are required during the resumption of Masses with the congregation.
- Please wear a face mask before you enter the church compound. Face masks should be worn throughout the celebration of the Mass and should be worn properly covering both the mouth and nose completely.
 - Please sanitize your hands when entering and leaving the church.
 - Please sit where you are assigned and maintain at least 1.5 to 2 meters of social distance from others at all times while in the church.
 - For now, Holy Communion will only be given in your hands.
- 6) After the English Mass, the tea room will be closed for the time being.



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Please be considerate and keep quiet inside the cathedral.

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