

WIELKI CZWARTEK (HOLY THURSDAY)

In the Christian calendar, Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday is the feast or holy day on the Thursday before Easter that commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. It is preceded by Holy Wednesday and followed by Good Friday.

On this day four events are commemorated: the washing of the Disciples' feet by Jesus Christ, the institution of the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the agony of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, the betrayal of Christ by Judas Iscariot.

The morning celebration of these events marks the beginning of what is called the Easter Triduum or Sacred Triduum. The Latin word triduum means a three-day period, and the triduum in question is that of the three days from the death to the resurrection of Jesus. It should be noted that for Jesus and his followers a day ended, and a new day began, at sunset, not at midnight, as it still does today in the modern Jewish calendar.

The Last Supper was held at what present-day Western civilization considers to be the evening of Holy Thursday but what was then considered to be the first hours of Friday. Its annual commemoration thus begins the three-day period or triduum of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, days of special devotion that celebrate as a single action the death and resurrection of Christ, the central events of Christianity.

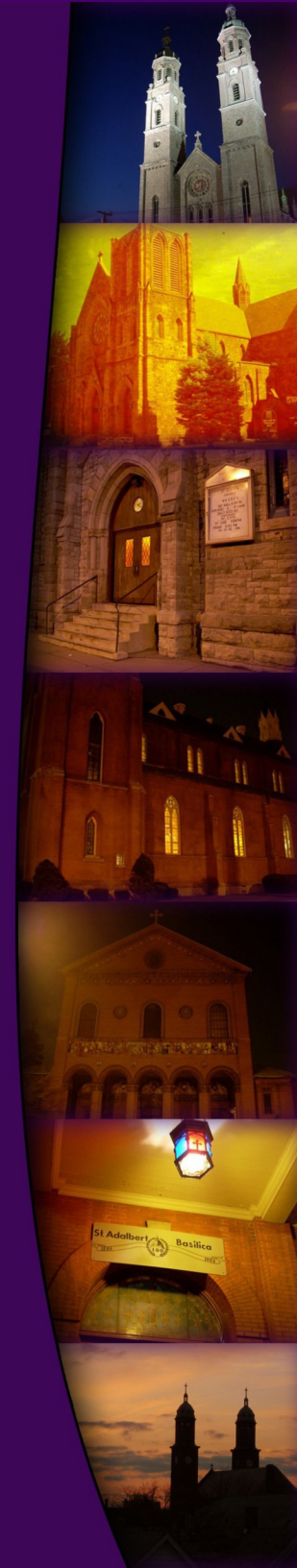
The tradition of visiting seven churches on Holy Thursday is an ancient practice, probably originating in Rome.

ONE NIGHT AND SEVEN CHURCHES



HOLY THURSDAY April 2, 2015

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For the ninth year in a row on Holy Thursday, BFA has put together a self-guided tour of seven historic churches in the First Ward, The Valley and the Broadway-Fillmore area partaking in the traditional visitation of the Blessed Sacrament on this holy night.

The visitation period generally begins after 8:30 pm and the churches remain open till around 11:00 pm.

The Seven Churches in order:

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 115 Oconnell Ave.
(7pm Mass-Visitation 8:00-9pm)
- St. Clare's -193 Elk Street
(7pm Mass-Visitation 8:30-10pm)
- St. Stanislaus - Peckham and Fillmore
(7pm Mass-Visitation 8:30-11pm)
- Corpus Christi -199 Clark Street
(7pm Mass-Visitation 8:30-11pm)
- St. John Kanty's - Broadway and Swinburne
(7pm Mass-Visitation 8:30-11pm)
- St. Luke's - Sycamore & Miller
(7pm Mass-Visitation after 9pm)
- St. Adalbert Basilica - 212 Stanislaus St.
(Visitation 7pm-11pm)

For more information, you can call 716.218.0232 or visit: broadwayfillmorealive.org

The churches in Buffalo's heritage neighborhoods are awe inspiring and are deeply rooted in tradition...this is a way to experience their religious, artistic and cultural beauty.

(Holy Thursday Masses may still be occurring when you visit...be respectful.)

