

2009 YOEME LENTEN CEREMONIES

In the Yoeme Communities, the people celebrate the Lenten Season through the Yaqui Easter Cultural Ceremonies. The Ceremonies begin on Ash Wednesday and continue through Easter Sunday. One aspect of this ceremony is the Yaqui interpretation of the Catholic liturgy for the Easter Season, concurrent with the dramatization of the Passion of Jesus Christ by the Yoeme People. The following is a schedule of events which occur during Lent.

THE TIMES ARE APPROXIMATIONS TO ACT AS A GENERAL GUIDE ONLY.

February	25	 Ash Wednesday	*A short service is conducted in the early evening.
February	27	Fridays	*Processions to the fourteen stations of the cross by members of the church group 6:00 p.m.
March	6, 13, 20, 27		
April	3		
April	4	Palm Saturday	*The fiesta: An all night fiesta with the emergence of the Deer Dancer and the Pahkolam 9:00 p.m. *The Fiesta Procession 11:00 p.m.
April	5	 Palm Sunday	*The procession with the Palms and Procession of Christ into Jerusalem 11:00 a.m. - Palm distribution
		<u>HOLY WEEK</u>	
April	8	Holy Wednesday	*The Tenebrae (The Whipping) 9:00 p.m.
April	9	Holy Thursday	*Late morning Procession of the Hearts of Jesus with Angels 10:00 a.m. *The pursuit of the Old Man 3:00 p.m. *The capture of the Nazarene 9:00 p.m.
April	10	Good Friday	*The Crucifixion of Christ followed by two processions and an all night vigil of the body of Christ 5:30 p.m.
April	11	Holy Saturday	*"La Gloria" Ceremony, followed by an all night vigil and traditional dances 12:00 noon
April	12	Easter Sunday	*Matachinim upbraid the Maypole 7:00 a.m. *Mass followed by final procession 10:00 a.m.

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