

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday

The Body and Blood of Christ

Mark 15: 1-39 Jesus' Passion

This week is Palm Sunday which begins the most holy week of our Catholic faith.

In the Church...

- ✝ Before Mass begins, look for the Last Supper banner that hangs in the Church. The banner depicts the meal that Jesus shared with His apostles the night before he died on the cross. On this night, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.
- ✝ Take a few minutes to look to the back walls of the church. There you will find the Stations of the Cross.— depicting the steps Jesus took in the final hours before he died on the cross.

During the Mass...

- ✝ The celebration of Palm Sunday begins with a reading from Mark (11: 1-10) that recalls Jesus entry into Jerusalem. “So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord!” This Sunday, we receive palm branches to remind us of that day.
The priests and deacons wore different color vestments today.

What was the color?

- ✝ Just before communion, the Body and Blood of Jesus are lifted and we pray one final prayer to ask for Jesus’ peace and forgiveness. The prayer begins with, “Behold the Lamb of God” and ends with “Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb”. **We reply:**

- ✝ Today, go up with your mom or dad as they receive Communion. Fold your arms over your chest, hugging Jesus in your heart. Watch carefully as your mom or dad receive Jesus. Return to your pew with them and say a prayer of thanks to God for sending Jesus and for the blessing you received.

- ✝ Watch as the Altar table is cleaned, and how the vessels are cared for. Watch for the Priest or Deacon to take the Body of Christ back to the Tabernacle. Once this has occurred, you may be seated until the final blessing.

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Holy Week

Palm Sunday

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In the Gospel, we remember Jesus' sacrifice for us. This week, as a family find a way to take part in remembering these events; attend one of the special Masses during the Triduum. Enjoy this sacred and special time with your family.

Triduum

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 1

John 13:1-5

We celebrate the REAL First Eucharist, the Last Supper of our Lord.

Good Friday

Friday, April 2

We honor Jesus' sacrifice for us, and His death on the cross.

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

Saturday, April 3

The church begins in darkness, lit only by the light of the new Paschal Candle. As the light is passed from person to person, the church grows brighter... just as the night grew brighter with the dawn of Easter Day and the Resurrection of our Lord.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 4

John 20:1-9

We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

