

## Holy Week

### **What do we remember? What will you see?**

This read aloud version of the book Holy Week for Children: A Guide to the Liturgies.

#### Palm Sunday

**We remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. People waived palms and shouted, "Hosanna!"**

- palms
- blessing of palms
- procession with palms
- reading of the Passion

### **The Sacred Triduum**

**(Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday)**

#### Holy Thursday

**We remember the Last Supper when Jesus gave us the gift of the priesthood and the gift of the Eucharist.**

- Chrism Mass at Cathedral in the morning with bishop and all diocesan priests
- Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening
- Washing of feet
- Strip the altar
- Move Blessed Sacrament (Jesus) to an alternate tabernacle
- Alternate location (altar of repose) decorated as Garden of Gethsemane
- Procession to altar of repose
- Incense and candles
- No closing blessing

#### Good Friday

**We remember when Jesus died on the cross.**

- Celebration of the Passion of the Lord in the evening
- No beginning and no end
- Priest enters in silence and lay on the ground to pray
- Altar is bare
- Tabernacle is empty
- Veneration (adoration) of the Cross
- Pray the Solemn Intercessions
- Reading of the Passion
- Opportunity to receive Jesus in the Eucharist
- Leave in silence

## **Holy Saturday**

**We remember when Jesus' body laid in the tomb. We also remember when Jesus descended to the dead. Jesus opened the gates to Heaven and led all the holy men and women who had already died to Heaven.**

- **A day of quiet and waiting**
- **Families finishing their preparations for Easter celebrations**
- **Blessing of food**
- **Easter Vigil in the evening**

## **Easter Vigil**

**We remember the Resurrection of Jesus.**

- **Liturgy of Light**
  - **Blessing of fire outside of church**
  - **Lighting of Paschal candle**
  - **Each person given a candle**
  - **Process with light into a dark church**
  - **Exsultet is sung**
- **Liturgy of the Word**
  - **Up to 9 readings**
  - **Hear story of salvation history**
  - **Gloria and Alleluia are sung**
- **Liturgy of Baptism**
  - **Catechumens and Candidates for Full Communion initiated**
  - **Renewal of Baptismal Promises by all**
- **Liturgy of the Eucharist**
  - **Receive Jesus in the Eucharist**
  - **Closing Blessing**

## **Easter Sunday**

**We remember that Jesus rose from the dead on the third day. Jesus defeated sin and death and open the gates of Heaven.**

## **Easter Octave**

**Joyful celebration of the Resurrection for 8 days following Easter Sunday.**

**The Easter Season lasts 50 days!!!**