

Saint Boniface Parish

Faith Formation Handout – Sunday, March 28th

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Excerpt from the Passion according to Mark

They brought him to the place of Golgotha — which is translated Place of the Skull — They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross." Likewise, the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him. At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.



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How am I called to enter into this Holy Week with others?

First Grade

Who are the people that you are closest with? List at least ten people. Which of those people can you invite to come to church with you during this Holy Week and on Easter Sunday? Why is it a good thing for people to come to Mass as a community? What do you do at Mass that you can invite them to do with you? What is your favorite part?

Second Grade

We can enter into Holy Week with others by inviting them to pray with us and join us for Mass. However, if when they say no, we can still remember them in our prayers. Who are you going to invite to join you at Mass during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday? Who are the people that you can pray for and make sacrifices for this week? Keep inviting people!

Third and Fourth Grades

In today's Gospel we hear that the sign above Jesus on the Cross said, 'King of the Jews'! While we are not Jewish, Jesus is still our king. What does it mean that Jesus is the king? Since Jesus is everyone's king it means that we are all one community. Who are the members of your community that you can pray for?

Fifth and Sixth Grades

In today's Gospel we hear how the people around Jesus were mocking Him and abusing Him. When was a time that you mocked or abused someone? How can you change your behavior and enter into Holy Week with them? This may mean talking with them or at least praying for them. How do you think Jesus felt when He was being mocked?

Seventh and Eighth Grades

Today at Mass we will hear the Passion of Jesus, which is how He carried His Cross and died for us. What do you remember about how He died? What things happened on the way to His death? What can we learn from how He acted during His death? What does it mean that He died on the Cross for us? How does that effect how you live?

High School and Adults

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus cried out from the Cross and said – "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" There are people around us who feel forsaken. How can you reach out to and help them? What can you do to let them know that God and you love them and support them? Who is the person that you will help today?

For this Week...

We are Catholic always and in everything we do. Throughout the week bring your faith into your school, your work, your play and your family. Here are some ideas for you.

Monday

It is good to have a plan on how you will enter into Holy Week. This plan should include when you have time for silence and prayer, as well as the Mass/Service times on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This may mean having to move or cancel something. Today, make your plan for the week and change any appointments.

Tuesday

Today or sometime this week bishops and priests will celebrate the Chrism Mass. At the Chrism Mass the bishop will bless oils that will be used at every parish throughout the year. This is how we unite with him, even though he cannot be at every Baptism with us. Today, enter into this Holy Week by praying for the bishops and priests.

Wednesday

When we think about who we can enter into this Holy Week with, we don't need to look far. There are people all around us. Which of these people can you invite to enter into Holy Week with you? Who can you invite to come to one of the evenings with you on Thursday, Friday or Saturday? Today, be bold and invite someone to come with you!

Thursday

Today is Holy Thursday!
On this day we celebrate the institution of the priesthood and of the Eucharist. The Eucharist unites us as one Catholic people. Today, enter into this Holy Week by joining us for Mass and praying with the community. As you receive the Eucharist, thank God for the great gift of His Body and Blood!

Friday

Today is Good Friday!
Today we remember when Christ carried His Cross and died for us. He endured suffering for others so that we could live. Today, enter into this Holy Week with others by making a sacrifice for someone else. Help someone in a way that is difficult for you, not what you normally do.

Saturday

Today is Holy Saturday!
At the Easter Vigil people all over the world will enter into the Catholic Church! Today, enter into this Holy Week with them by being at the Easter Vigil and being witness to their initiation through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We hope you will join us for this beautiful Mass!



Holy Week

FROM THE CATECHISM...

Therefore, Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the "Feast of feasts," the "Solemnity of solemnities," just as the Eucharist is the "Sacrament of sacraments" (the Great Sacrament). St. Athanasius calls Easter "the Great Sunday" and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week "the Great Week." The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1169

Next Week's Readings

Here are the readings for next Sunday so that on Saturday you can read through them. If you take a few minutes to read them and prepare, you will get a lot more from Mass. They are available online at www.usccb.org.

Acts 10:34A,37-43 Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9