

Series on the Mass, Part 84: The Last Gospel, Part 2

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Prior to the reform of Pope St. John XXIII in 1962, the Last Gospel was often the impeded Gospel of a saint or feast when a higher-ranking feast superseded it. So, if two feasts fell on the same day, then the Gospel of the feast celebrated during the Mass would be read, and the Gospel of the feast that was commemorated would be read as the Last Gospel. Since 1962, the Prologue of St. John's Gospel is read with the one exception of Palm Sunday. On this day, if a Low Mass is celebrated without the procession of the palms, then the Gospel of the procession is used as the Last Gospel.

Sincerely in Christ,

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