

HOLY WEEK FOR FAMILIES

A bulletin to help you and your children live Holy Week

WALK WITH JESUS DURING THIS HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the most important week of the year for Christians. It begins on Palm Sunday when Jesus was celebrated by the people as he entered Jerusalem. Traditionally, we receive palms at church on this Sunday. Because the palms are blessed you need to take special care with them - definitely don't throw them in the garbage! [Click here for 6 neat ideas of what to do with your palms.](#)



During Holy Week the bishop will celebrate a special Mass called the Chrism Mass. He will bring together all his priests so that they can renew their priestly promises. The bishop will also bless three special oils that are used in our parishes throughout the year. The Chrism is used for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders. There is the Oil of Catechumens also used for Baptism and the Oil of the Sick.



The Paschal Triduum begins the evening of Holy Thursday, continues on Good Friday and concludes with the Easter Vigil. Although there are 3 days, the Church actually considers them to be a single celebration but with 3 parts: Jesus' Last Supper, His Passion and His Resurrection.

[Holy Week](#) provides many wonderful opportunities to learn more about Jesus, His friends, the priesthood and so much more about our Catholic faith. We hope that [the tools](#) in this newsletter will get you started.



VIDEOS



[Palm Sunday and the Passion](#) - the Gospel of Mark

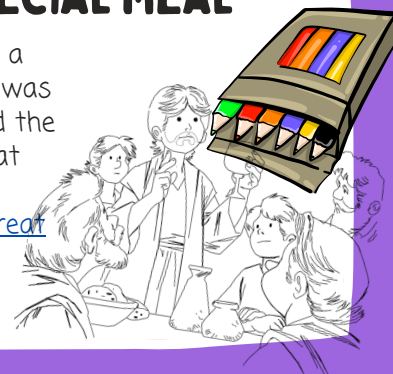


[Lego Easter Story.](#)

HOLY THURSDAY - SHARE A SPECIAL MEAL

Jesus' last meal with his friends the apostles was a very special one. It was special not only because it was his final meal with them but because he instituted the priesthood and the Sacrament of the Eucharist that night. To really bring home these ideas why not recreate parts of that night. [Click here for some great ideas, including meal ideas.](#)

[Download the colouring picture.](#)



GOOD FRIDAY - OUR LORD'S PASSION

Good Friday is the perfect day to truly walk with Jesus as he lives his passion. The best way to do this is by praying the Stations of the Cross. Check out our [third Family Lenten Bulletin](#) for some different ideas.

