AT HOME WITH YOUR FAITH

Holy Week 2020



PALM SUNDAY

Read Matthew 21:1-11 (Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem.)
Prepare your home, your "domestic church." Make a home altar.
Cover religious art and crucifixes. Decorate your doors with palms or greenery.



EXTRAVAGANT MONDAY

Read John 12:1-11 (Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus's feet.)
Celebrate the Lord's extravagant mercy and generous love. Dress up, set the table, and enjoy a nice meal. Discuss an unexpected way someone has shown you love and how that is an expression of God's love for you.



TUESDAY

Read John 13:21-33, 36-38 (Jesus predicts Peter's denial.) If you cannot go to Confession, do an examination of conscience, make a sincere Act of Contrition, and resolve to receive the Sacrament when it is available.



SPY WEDNESDAY

Read: Matthew 26:14-25 (Judas betrays Jesus.)
With children, hide "30 pieces of silver" and let the kids find them. Discuss the difference between greed and generosity. Recall a time when someone close to you said or did something to hurt you. What was your reaction? Have you forgiven them?



HOLY THURSDAY

Read John 13:1-15 (The Last Supper)

Discuss love as service and self-giving. Reenact the washing of the feet. Put away religious art and symbols. Strip your home altar until Easter. Spend the evening with only candlelight, like *Tenebrae*.



GOOD FRIDAY

Read John 18:1-19:42 (The Passion according to St. John) Unplug from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m., the time of Christ's Crucifixion. Pray the Stations of the Cross. Venerate the cross.



HOLY SATURDAY EVENING INTO EASTER SUNDAY

Read Matthew 28:1-10 (The Resurrection of Jesus)
Build a Resurrection Garden (Lego or otherwise). Decorate your home for Easter.
Sing Alleluia. He is Risen!

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