

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE (3-26-23)—HOLY WEEK

I. Prayers

- A. “Signum Crucis”: “In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.”
- B. “Prayer to the Holy Spirit” (Inside Front Cover)
- C. Saint and Virtue:
 - 1. Saint Jude
 - 2. Perseverance

II. Holy Week

- A. Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 - 1. The Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery
 - 2. The Paschal Mystery:
 - a. Christ’s work of redemption
 - b. His Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Glorious Ascension
 - c. Fulfills what was foreshadowed in the Passover—slain lamb, cup of wine, unleavened bread, Exodus, parting of the Red Sea, etc.
- B. Sacred Triduum—From the evening of Holy Thursday until evening Prayer of Easter Sunday
- C. Holy Thursday
 - 1. Chrism Mass
 - a. Manifestation of the priests’ communion with their bishop
 - b. Blessing by the bishop of the Oil of the Sick, of the Oil of Catechumens, and of the Sacred Chrism
 - 2. Mass of the Lord’s Supper
 - a. Institution of the Holy Eucharist
 - b. Institution of the priestly Order
 - c. Commandment of fraternal charity
 - d. Note—the empty tabernacle, singing of the “Gloria” with bells ringing, Washing of the Feet, Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament to the place of repose,

adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight
("Watch and pray")

- D. Friday of the Passion of the Lord:
 - 1. The power of Calvary's Cross and the Blood of the Lamb
 - 2. Crucifixion—Noon to 3PM (Hour of Divine Mercy)
 - 3. Solemn Intercession ("Father, I offer You. . .")
 - 4. Adoration of the Holy Cross
 - 5. Passion and Death—Blood (Eucharist)/Water (Baptism, Reconciliation)
 - 6. Compassion—Mary/John
 - 7. What happened to Christ the Head on earth, happens to the Christ's Body on earth
- E. Holy Saturday (Christ's Descent into Hell)—With His soul united to His divine Person, Jesus went down to the just in Hell who were awaiting their Redeemer so they could enter at last into the vision of God. When He conquered by His death both death and the Devil 'who has the power of death' (Hebrews 2:14), He freed the just who looked forward to the Redeemer and opened for them the gates of Heaven" (CCC #125).
- F. Easter Vigil
 - 1. Lucernarium—Paschal Candle/ "Exsultet"
 - 2. Liturgy of the Word (nine readings)— "Gloria" with bells ringing/triple "Alleluia"
 - 3. Baptismal Liturgy/Confirmation
 - 4. Renewal of Baptismal Promises
 - 5. Dismissal—Double "Alleluia"
- G. Easter Sunday
- H. Octave of Easter
- I. Divine Mercy Sunday
- J. Ascension/Pentecost

III. Table Talk

- A. How is what happened to Christ the Head on Good Friday happening to the Body of Christ in the world today?
- B. Pilate asks— "What is truth"—for Christians, what is the answer to that question?

IV. Questions for Father Jack

V. Mission/Prayer and Blessing