



Catechesis At Home – Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year A

REFLECTION – He Suffered for Us

Palm leaves, red vestments, processions, and the story of Christ’s Passion and death. This is what’s in store for us this Sunday at Mass. How can we take it all in and be present for all the messages that God has for us in the liturgy?

We begin with the great joy and festival feeling of Jesus entering Jerusalem to shouts of, “Hosanna.” We end with Jesus crucified and buried. There are many things that happen in between, and it is difficult to pay attention to everything. The main message is that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah – the Anointed One – who came to save His people from the pain and consequence of sin. He suffered betrayal, humiliation, pain, torture, and death. He did this for us. And that fact, the fact that He died for us, is the main point. There are many other messages that God may speak to us through the actions and words of the other people in the stories we hear – Judas’ betrayal, Peter’s denial, Simon’s service, the High Priest’s fear, Pilate’s confusion, the Centurion’s confession of Christ’s identity, Joseph’s generosity, Mary Magdalene’s faithfulness.

As we move from the readings into the Liturgy of the Word, we also hear part of the Holy Week story, as we do at every Mass, the Memorial of Christ’s Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist. “On the night before He died” are the words we hear. We can imagine ourselves in that room with Jesus and His Apostles, who are confused about what Jesus is doing. And we can recognize Him, who died on the cross and rose again, in the appearances of bread and wine. He who takes away the sins of the world, comes to us, to be consumed, so we can be transformed into the holy people He created us to be.

Take time this week to reflect on this message, and Jesus’ gift of salvation through His Passion, death, and Resurrection. And don’t forget all the beautiful liturgies offered this week – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday that all help us to join more deeply in this experience of His gift of love.

DISCUSSION – His Passion Transforms Us

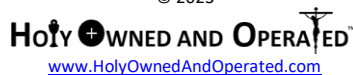
How are we transformed by Jesus? Within the Passion narrative, there are conversions and transformations, just as there are throughout the Gospels. How do we allow Him to change us?

Tell each other your conversion or transformation stories. And as you listen to others, praise God for His love and mercy, and pray for each other to be changed into the individuals God created you to be.

ACTIVITY – His Passion was for Love

Prepare this Holy Week with the traditional activities of your family. As you do these different activities that lead to Easter and the Resurrection, discuss Jesus’ love for us, remember His Passion was for love,

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His death was for love, and His Resurrection was for love. Love is an action – do something this week to love each other.

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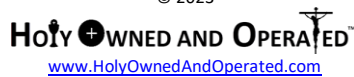
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