

Holy Thursday: “Do this in memory of Me”

Holy Thursday is the day on which we commemorate the institution of three pillars of the Catholic Faith: the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the Priesthood, and the Mass. Jesus showed us His example of humility by washing the feet of His disciples, gave the assurance of His peace, gave His new command to love one another, and announced the gift of the Holy Spirit.

On the night before He died, Jesus, at the Last Supper with His apostles, took the unleavened bread of the Passover into His hands, blessed the bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying: “*This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*” He also took the cup after supper, saying: “*this cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*” He thus instituted the Mass and set apart the Twelve as priests of the New Testament.

From that Last Supper until the last moment of the world’s existence, Christ committed Himself to be present to His people whenever one of His priests obeys His command: “*Do this in memory of me.*” Through the sacred rite of the Eucharist, bread ceases to be bread, becoming Christ’s Body, crucified for our sins and raised from the dead. The Passover wine ceases to be wine, becoming Christ’s Blood, poured out on the cross to ransom us from sin, Satan, and death. Whenever believers eat the Lord’s body, and drink His blood, they become one with Him, and through Him, with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

In the Catholic tradition, the celebration of the Lord’s Supper ends with a procession with the Body of Christ to an altar of repose. We are invited to journey along with Jesus as He leaves the Upper Room and goes out to the place called Gethsemane. Here Jesus asks His followers to stay awake and pray with Him. He goes forward and asks His Father if there is any way that He need not go through what is about to happen and that He be spared. Yet Jesus submits to the will of His Father, and is willing to undergo whatever is necessary for our salvation. He returns to find His disciples sleeping.

The question asked of the disciples can be asked of us: “Can we not spend at least a little time in prayer with our Master-Teacher-Lord?”

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And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, *This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.*

— Luke 22:19



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy Thursday is also known as "Maundy Thursday." The word maundy comes from the Latin word **mandatum** (commandment) which is the first word of the Gospel acclamation:

Mandatum novum do vobis dicit Dominus, ut diligatis invicem, sicut dilexi vos. "I give you a new **commandment**: Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Greg Glace
Muriel Gill
Virginia Lionel
Richard Gomez
Isidore Lecompte
Josephine Bernard

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Is.42:1-7
Jn.12:1-11
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TUESDAY
Is.49:1-6
Jn.13:21-33, 36-38
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WEDNESDAY
Is.50:4-9
Mt.26:14-25
✠
THURSDAY
Ex.12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor.11:23-26
Jn.13:1-15
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FRIDAY
Is.52:13-53:12
Heb.4:14-16, 5:7-9
Jn.18:1-19:42
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SATURDAY
Rom.6:3-11
Lk.24:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
PALM SUNDAY - YEAR C		
Sat April 12 - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: The Destang family Alghitha Richelieu & family
Sun April 13 -7:30 a.m. <i>Palm Sunday</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Azalea McLean Deliv: Dwayne Denzel James
Grande Riviere -7:30 a.m.		Int: Parish Youth
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Martin Philip Int: Staff & Students of SJC Guid: Kateri & Kate Haywood
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon April 14 - 6:00 a.m.	Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	Healing: Dion Compton Wedd Ann: Claude & Mary Severin Deliv: Maryline Thomas Celeste Llewellyn Thomas
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Leonie Lesmond Marabell Michaud
Tues April 15 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	Dc'd: James & Paulina Prudent Charmaine Blanchard-Johnson
Wed April 16 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	80th B'day: Benedict Joseph Thks: Bernitha Clery Stella Chong & family
Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 5:30 p.m.		Jubilee for Priests
Thu April 17 - 6:30 p.m. <i>Holy Thursday</i>		Parishioners
Monchy - 6:30 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri April 18 - 3:00 p.m. <i>Good Friday</i>		Conversion of Sinners
Sat April 19 - 9:00 p.m. <i>Easter Vigil</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO