

AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO

THE TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT DAY



Jesus celebrates the Last Supper with the Apostles.



He washes their feet, showing them what type of leaders they are to be as priests.

"This is the Chalice of my blood..."

"This is my body..."



"Did this in remembrance of me?"

Jesus institutes the Eucharist.



"Not my will, but yours be done."

Jesus suffers the Agony in the Garden, sweating blood in anguish as he prays.



Judas betrays Jesus and hands him over to the authorities. Jesus is arrested.



Jesus is taken away and imprisoned.

WHAT YOU'LL SEE AT CHURCH



The priest wears white because it's a joyful day, celebrating our love for Jesus in the Eucharist.



The priest will wash people's feet as a sign of his dedication to those whom he serves.



All the Bread and Wine for the Good Friday liturgies is consecrated today.



After Mass, the altar is stripped, and most decorations are taken down or covered. The consecrated Bread and Wine are transferred to an "Altar of Repose" in Memorial Chapel. This helps us to experience the loss and emptiness.

LIVE THE DAY



Cover or put away your holy pictures and/or statues.



Take on special fasts or increase your prayers and/or devotions.



Sign up to keep watch and pray at the Altar of Repose.

GOOD FRIDAY

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"I do not know him."

While Jesus is interrogated, Peter denies knowing him three times.



or

Pontius Pilate questions Jesus. He offers the crowd a choice: Jesus or Barabbas?



Jesus is scourged.



Jesus carries the cross on which he will be crucified.



Jesus is nailed to the cross and left to die.



He gives his mother Mary to John, and in turn, each of us.

"It is finished."

Jesus dies.



Guards come to break Jesus' legs to speed his death. Already dead, they pierce his side.



Jesus' body is taken down from the cross, prepared for burial, and placed in the tomb.

WHAT YOU'LL SEE AT CHURCH



The priest wears black in sorrow for Jesus' suffering and death.



This is the one day all year on which the Eucharist is not celebrated.



The ambries and tabernacle will still be empty and the church still undecorated.



St. John's account of The Passion is read. The congregation often reads the part of the crowd demanding Jesus' crucifixion to reinforce how our sins made necessary the cross of Christ.



The Veneration of the Cross occurs during the Good Friday service. Those at the service show a sign of love (kiss, genuflect, etc) to a cross in thanksgiving for Jesus' cross.

EASTER VIGIL

WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT DAY*

*CELEBRATION OF EASTER SUNDAY EVENTS START THE NIGHT BEFORE.



Jesus rises from the dead and leaves the tomb.



The guards at the tomb report what happened to the chief priests, who pay them off to tell a cover story.



Peter and John check out the tomb. All they find are the burial cloths.



Mary Magdalene sticks around the tomb and encounters Jesus.



Jesus walks to Emmaus with two of his disciples. They realize it's him only after breaking bread.



Jesus appears to more disciples, shows them his wounds, gives them power to forgive sins.

WHAT YOU'LL SEE AT CHURCH



The priest wears white because we're joyfully celebrating Jesus' victory over death!



The Paschal Candle, the "Light of Christ," is carried into the church and the congregation's candles are lit from it.



The Exsultet prayer and lots of extra readings help us recall salvation history.



We sing Alleluia for the first time since before Lent started!



People coming into the Church are sometimes Baptized and Confirmed.

LIVE THE DAY



Take the day totally off from work and schoolwork.



Decorate your house. Easter Lilies symbolize the hope, joy, and new life found in the resurrection.



Have a feast!

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Keep it up. The Easter season extends for the fifty days until Pentecost.

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EASTER LILIES FOR OUR ALTAR



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