



Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday

We have now begun the week that the Church calls "holy." It's holy, first, because of all Jesus Christ did during these days, from the triumphal entry into his city at the beginning of this Mass, to his teaching in the Temple, to the Last Supper, to his prayer in Gethsemane, to his arrest, torture, crucifixion, preaching and death on Good Friday, to his rest in the tomb, and his glorious resurrection on the third day. It's also called holy because it's meant to make us holy, if we live this week the right way, if we enter into the mysteries we celebrate, if we internalize all Jesus won for us during these most holy of events in human history.

Holy Week is supposed to be our most faith-filled week of the year, the

week that is supposed to strengthen us the most in our Christian life, but for that to occur, we have to respond to the graces of the week. We need to choose to make it our holiest and most faithful week of the year. We have to live it not as spectators but as participants. <u>Read more</u> from Fr. Roger J. Landry, St. Michael's Parish, Lowell, MA

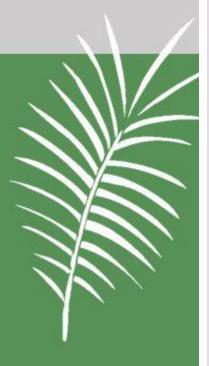
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The word *holy* means set apart for a special purpose by and for God. Each of us, by our baptism, are made holy, set apart.

<u>Click here</u> for a 3 minute video that explains **Holy Week** (who knows, you might be able to share this information with someone else!)

Palm Sunday

On this day of great rejoicing, Lord Jesus Christ, when we welcome You as our King and Savior, we also walk in the shadow of Your cross. Hosanna! we cry. Blessed are You who come in God's name to save us. Hosanna! Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday so that when the time comes to carry the cross we might still call out to You with heartfelt praise. Give us the grace and the courage to follow You this Holy Week from death to resurrection. from darkness to the fullness of light. We need You, Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior. Hosanna!





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