

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith Formation News

Our students will be participating in “Holy Week” Stations in class this week as we prepare for the celebration of Easter Sunday. We are asking our parents to make sure you read through this week’s Gospel Weekly that your child brings home for additional family ideas and explanations of the importance of sharing the events Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter.

This Sunday’s Gospels: Mark 11:1–10 and Mark 14:1–15:47

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem and the start of Holy Week. The mysteries of Holy Week are focused on the Sacred Triduum— the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Holy Saturday celebration of the Easter Vigil. This Sunday, we proclaim two Gospels—Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem and the entire story of the Passion and Death of Jesus according to Mark’s Gospel.

Liturgy of the Word for Children (during the 9:00 mass): You can bring the liturgy of Palm Sunday to your child with the blessed palm you received at Mass. Talk about Jesus entering the city. Then place the palm somewhere in the house where the family will see it every day. Remind one another that the palm is a sign that Jesus is welcome in your home.

Promise (Grades Pre-School and K): Your child will bring home a Holy Week booklet to help them visualize and remember the events in Jesus’ life that are celebrated this week. Talk with your child about each page in the booklet. If possible, take your child to one or more of the liturgies of Holy Week so that he or she can begin to experience the sights and sounds of these very important celebrations.

Good News (Grades 1, 2 and 3): In this week’s gospel weekly your child will learn all the events in the final days of Jesus’ life. Ask your child to share with the family what the days of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday celebrate. Talk together about what it means that Jesus suffered and died for you and for the whole world. Be sure to display the palm branches you received at Mass.

Venture (Grades 4–6): In the gospel weekly your child will learn about the story and symbols of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday. Discuss the suffering and Death of Jesus and why it is so important that Jesus’ followers know the events of these important days. Make the Passover booklet with your son or daughter that is in this week’s handout. Be sure to participate in the Holy Week liturgies as a family.