

# “The Great Week”



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## The Paschal Mystery

- Central to our theology – God's plan of salvation
- Passion, Death, Resurrection, Ascension of Jesus
- Paschal - *Pesach* – *Passover*
- Mystery – can't be grasped by human reason alone  
→ revelation
- Participate in the Eucharist, other Sacraments
- Holy Week – “The Great Week”

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## Overview

- **Palm Sunday** of the Passion of the Lord
- Monday of Holy Week
- Tuesday of Holy Week (“Fig Tuesday”)
- Wednesday of Holy Week (“Spy Wednesday”)
- **Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday)**
- **Good Friday**
- **Holy Saturday** (*not “Easter Saturday”!*)
- **Easter Sunday**

Sacred  
Triduum

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# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

29<sup>th</sup> March



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## Overview of Palm Sunday (*Red vestments*)



- Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem
- Gathering outside, with palm branches
- "Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel!"
- Blessing of palm branches
- First Gospel
- Procession into church
- Mass as usual
- Special proclamation of the Passion

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# The Great Week has begun...

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