

“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

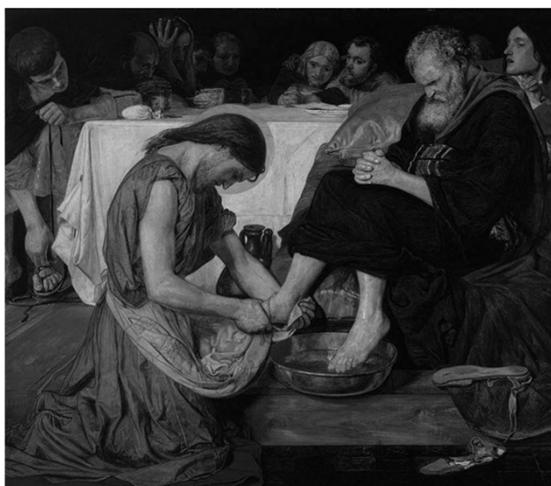
- **Palm Sunday**
 - Monday of Holy Week
 - Tuesday of Holy Week (“Fig Tuesday”)
 - Wednesday of Holy Week (“Spy Wednesday”)
 - **Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday)**
 - **Good Friday**
 - **Holy Saturday (not “Easter Saturday”!)**
 - **Easter Sunday**
- } Sacred Triduum

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Holy Thursday / Maundy Thursday

2nd April



JESUS WASHING PETER'S FEET
FORD MADOX BROWN, 1852-56.
TATE, PRESENTED BY SUBSCRIBERS, 1893

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Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper (1)

Mass as usual, except with incense and...

- Presentation of the Holy Oils
Oil of the Sick – Oil of Catechumens – Sacred Chrism
- Glory to God (*with bells*)
- 1st Reading: Passover
- 2nd Reading: Institution of the Eucharist
- Gospel Acclamation: New Commandment
- Gospel: Washing of Feet
- After Gospel/Homily: Washing of Feet ceremony

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Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper

- End of Mass: No blessing or dismissal
- Procession of Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose
- Tabernacle left empty and open
- *[Stripping of the Altar]*

followed by optional...

- *“Watching” with the Lord*
- *Night Prayer*

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The Sacred Triduum has begun...

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