

HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION: (A) Mt 26:14—27:66; (B) Mk 14:1—15:47; (C) Lk 22:14—23:56

In Mark's Passion account, a woman anoints Jesus with expensive oil and perfume. Jesus praises her loving, extravagant deed. Perform a loving deed today. Be extravagant.

HOLY WEEK, MONDAY: Is 42:1–7; Jn 12:1–11

Hear God call you "my chosen one with whom I am pleased" or say, "I love you and am so proud of you!" Let these words motivate you to love others today.

HOLY WEEK, TUESDAY: Is 49:1–6; Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Jesus' friends deserted him in his darkest hour. Pray for courage to remain loyal to Jesus and his teachings. Then thank God for your loyal friends.

HOLY WEEK, WEDNESDAY: Is 50:4–9a; Mt 26:14–25

When we hear of some terrible crime, we must not say, "I could never do such a thing." The truth is that we're all capable of doing great evil. Such knowledge is frightening, humbling. May it keep you close to Jesus.

HOLY THURSDAY (evening): Ex 12:1–8, 11–14; 1 Cor 11:23–26; Jn 13:1–15

At the Last Supper, Jesus took a towel and wrapped it around his waist—a makeshift apron. Loving can get messy. Put on a real or spiritual apron and serve someone today.

GOOD FRIDAY: Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Instead of Jesus' sufferings, focus on the love underlying his suffering. Jesus died for love of you and me. Let's embrace his way of loving, knowing it often involves a cross.

HOLY SATURDAY, EASTER VIGIL: (A) Mt 28:1–10; (B) Mk 16:1–7; (C) Lk 24:1–12

Today is a quiet day in preparation for the evening vigil. That's when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection with candlelight, Scripture readings, songs, bells, lilies, and incense. Seek quiet moments. Then celebrate! Happy Easter!