



Faith Matters

Simple reflections on our faith

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Focus on Holy Week

Let's make this week personal! Let's put ourselves into the story.

Palm Sunday marks Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Can we see ourselves waving palms as the crowd around us cheers His arrival? Of course! Can we imagine ourselves handing Him over to the Pharisees to be scourged? We would never do that, as Judas did.

But do we judge the people around us? Do we look down on people begging on the streets thinking it must be their fault somehow? Are we blinded by our ignorance of people's situation or dire needs? Do we spread rumors without thinking of the consequences? Do we avoid people who dress differently or are covered with tattoos?

Are we filled with love and compassion for others?

Can we take time this Holy week to think of how forgiving Jesus has been to us? We have all sinned. He forgives us time and time again just as He forgave those who nailed

Him to the cross. It's how He wants us to forgive others.

We commemorate the Last Supper on Holy Thursday and the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. The Saturday evening vigil is very special. Easter Sunday celebrates His resurrection. It is the high point of the liturgical year.

We encourage you to live this Holy Week by attending all the special services and meditating on their significance. Allow His overwhelming forgiveness to penetrate our hearts. He is waiting for each one of us to draw closer to Him. Don't miss the opportunity.

