

Faith @ Home

Palm Sunday of The Lord's Pasion
April 2nd, 2023

ACCOMPANYING JESUS THIS LENT

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At the procession with Palms: Matthew 21:1-11

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22: 8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26: 14-27,66

[Full readings can be found here](#)

Gospel Reflection page (by Bishop O'Connell): [Palm Sunday](#)

This Palm Sunday is an invitation to enter into the mystery of the Passion of Our Lord. It is a time to allow my heart to be touched by so much love. May we all follow Jesus' foot-steps this week.

To live this Holy Week is to ask Jesus to be **everything** in our lives.

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find all the readings [HERE](#)

Opening Prayer: *Come, Holy Spirit, as we read this gospel, help us to experience God's love in the passion of Jesus. Give us the wisdom that comes from you to listen to you and open our minds and hearts with the light of your word.*

Watch a visual representation of the Gospel [HERE](#)

Watch a visual presentation of the Gospel for children [HERE](#)

2. PRAY

Today, Lord, we want to accompany you at the beginning of your Passion. Thank you, Jesus, for the great love that you will manifest to us these days. Give us your grace so that during this Holy Week we can really meet you and personally experience the love, sacrifice and generosity that you have had for us.

We take a moment of silence and reflection to talk individually with the Lord.

Share with us how you are living out your faith at home. Use #LACatholicsBelieve and tag @LACatholics on social media.

ALL: Lord Jesus, we give you thanks because your Word has made us better see the will of the Father. Let Your Spirit enlighten our actions and communicate the strength to follow what Your Word has revealed.

Grant that we, as Mary, your Mother, can not only listen, but also put the Word into practice. You who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Together as family, we listen to this song: [CLICK HERE](#).

As we listen to the song, invite family members to place a branch of the palms received at church on your Lenten prayer space. (If you go to mass after this prayer, then use some palms or small green branches from your garden).



3. TALK

As a family, discuss the following questions:

- Think of the gospel we just read. Whom do I identify with: Judas, Peter, Mary the Mother of Jesus, Mary of Magdala, Simon of Cyrene, or Joseph of Arimathea? Share.
- Have you ever experienced the agony, rejection, betrayal, and abandonment that Jesus suffered? How have you dealt with it? What can you learn from today's reading?

Faith at home Lenten practice

Pray: *Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary or the Stations of the Cross.*

Fast: *Be attentive, resist temptations that could keep you from living this Holy Week reverently, and keep the fasting days of this week.*

Almsgiving: *Invite a family member or friends to Holy Week services in your parish.*