

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM:

Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night



In the Sacred Triduum, the church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations of our Lord, crucified, buried, and risen. The Paschal Fast is also to be kept sacred. It is to be celebrated everywhere on the Friday of the Lord's Passion and, where appropriate, prolonged through Holy Saturday as a way of coming, with spirit uplifted, to the joys of the Lord's Resurrection.

For a fitting celebration of the Sacred Triduum, a sufficient number of lay ministers is required, who must be carefully instructed as to what they are to do.

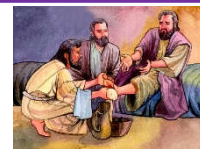
The singing of the people, the ministers, and the priest celebrant has special importance in the celebrations of these days, for when texts are sung, they have proper impact.

The celebrations of the Sacred Triduum are to be carried out in Cathedral and in parochial churches and only in those churches in which they can be performed with dignity, that is, with good attendance of the faithful, an appropriate number of ministers, and the means to sing at least some of the parts.

Consequently, it is desirable that small communities, associations, and special groups of various kinds join together in these churches to carry out the sacred celebrations in a more noble manner.



THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:
The institution of the most Holy Eucharist
The washing of the feet.



GOOD FRIDAY:
The Passion of the Lord
Solemn adoration of the Holy Cross
On this day, Holy Communion is distributed to the faithful
only within the celebration of the Lord's Passion,
but may be brought to the sick who cannot participate in this celebration.



HOLY SATURDAY:
SOLEMN VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD IN THE HOLY NIGHT

