AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO THE TRIDUUM

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HOLY THURSDAY

WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT DAY

Jesus celebrates the Passion Seder. Last Supper with the Apostles.

Jesus is arrested, tried, and condemned. He washes their feet, showing them what kind of leaders they are to be as priests.

Jesus carries the Cross on which he will be crucified.

"It is finished."

Jesus dies.

WHAT YOU’LL SEE AT CHURCH

The priest wears white because it’s a joyful day, celebrating our Lord and Jesus in the Eucharist.

The priest will wash people’s feet as a sign of his dedication to those whom he serves.

The Chrism Mass, at which the bishop blesses all the holy oils for the coming year, is also celebrated on Holy Thursday.

Crucifixes are lit, and the altar is stripped, and mass observances often vary down to a local church.

LIVE THE DAY

Cover or put away your holy pictures and/or statues.

Pray the Stations of the Cross. Your parish may schedule a service.

Take on extra fasting or increased acts of piety.

Pray the Rosary.

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