

THE THREE DAYS

“We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper



This chapter includes the three days from Holy Thursday evening until Easter Sunday.

The Three Days celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.


WE GATHER

Have you ever been to a celebration that lasted more than one day? What was it?

WE BELIEVE

During Lent we prepare to celebrate Jesus' Death and Resurrection in a special way. When Lent ends, we begin the Three Days.

The Three Days are the Church's greatest celebration. They are the most important days of the Church year. During the Three Days, called the Easter Triduum, we gather with our parish. We gather to celebrate at night and during the day. The Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday evening and ends on Easter Sunday evening.

 Trace over the lines to show when the Three Days begin and end.

DAY 1

DAY 2

DAY 3

**Holy
Thursday**

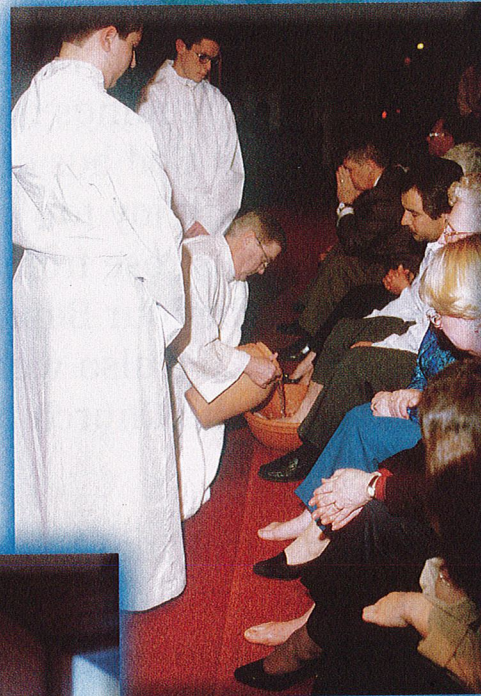
**Good
Friday**

**Holy
Saturday**

**Easter
Sunday**

The celebration begins on Holy Thursday night. We remember what happened at the Last Supper. We celebrate that Jesus gave himself to us in the Eucharist. We remember the ways Jesus served others. We have a special collection for those who are in need.

On Good Friday, we listen to the story of Jesus' Death and pray before the cross. The cross reminds us of Jesus' dying and rising to new life. We pray for the whole world. We wait and pray.



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On Holy Saturday night, we light the Easter candle. Jesus has risen! He brings light to the darkness. We listen to Bible readings about all the great things God has done for us. We sing with joy to celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead. We remember our Baptism in a special way. We also welcome new members of the Church as they are baptized.

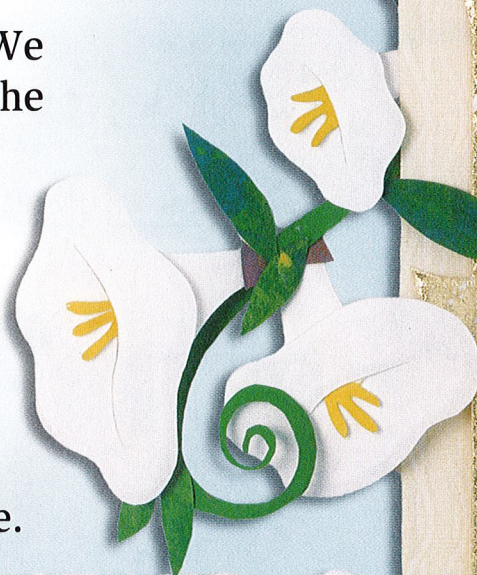
Holy Saturday turns into Easter Sunday. We sing songs of joy and praise as we begin the Easter season. Alleluia!

WE RESPOND

Think about the things we do to celebrate the Three Days. How does your parish celebrate the Three Days?

 Pray this prayer. Then color the frame.

When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death,
O Lord,
until you come again.





✝ We Respond in Prayer

Leader: Rejoice in Jesus Christ always!

All: Rejoice in Jesus Christ always!

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians.

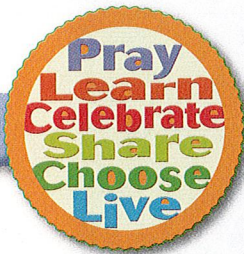
“Through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. You are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:26, 27, 28)

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

🎵 **Alleluia, We Will Listen**

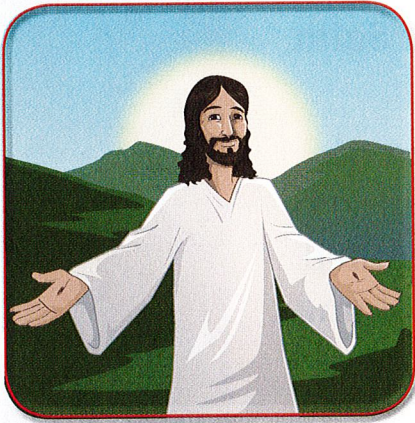
Alleluia, alleluia,
We will listen to your word.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will listen.
Alleluia!



PROJECT DISCIPLE

Show What *you* Know

Put these events in the order that they are celebrated during the Three Days.



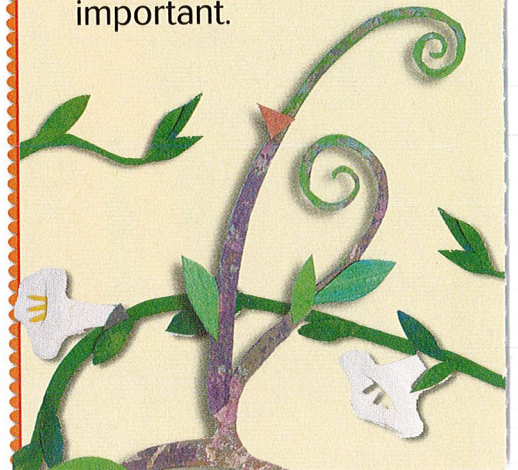
Celebrate!

Draw a picture of one way that you will celebrate during the Three Days.



Take Home

Now that the above pictures are in order, use them to talk about the Three Days. Touch each picture as you tell your family why it is important.



UNIT TEST

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences.

1. In the Eucharist we remember and _____ what Jesus did at the Last Supper.

2. The word *eucharist* means _____.

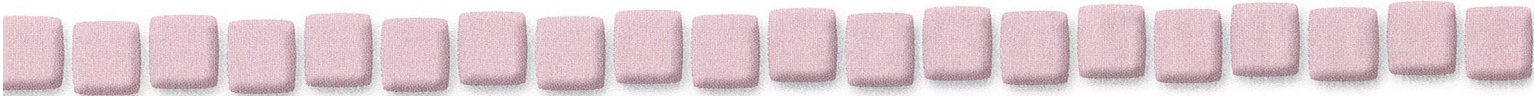
3. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ in _____.

4. The _____ is the most important prayer of the Mass.

5. The _____ is a prayer in which we say what we believe as Christians.

6. The community of people who join together for the celebration of the Mass is the _____.

giving thanks
celebrate
Creed
assembly
Holy Communion
Eucharistic Prayer



7–8. Draw or write about two things that happen during the Liturgy of the Word.

9–10. Draw or write about two things that happen during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.