Holy Week 2009

Holy week is the week which precedes the great festival of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, and which consequently is used to commemorate the Passion of Christ and the events which led up to it.

Palm Sunday of the Pallion of the Lord



Mark 11:1-11



Hosanna:

Loly Thursday

The feast of Maundy or Holy Thursday solemnly commemorates the institutions of the Eucharist and is the oldest of observances peculiar to Holy Week. See John 13:1-5



WASHING OF THE FEET

"The washing of the feet of chosen men which, according to tradition, is performed on this day, represents the service of charity of Christ, who came 'not to be served, but to serve.' This tradition should be maintained, and its proper significance explained" (Roman Missal 51)

ADORATION: STAYING AWAKE WITH JESUS

At the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper the Holy Eucharist is solemnly transferred to a side tabernacle where Eucharistic adoration continues. The Eucharist consecrated on Holy Thursday night is the Eucharist received as the faithful gather for their Good Friday Services.

See Mark 14:35-39





Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil

In the Roman Catholic tradition, the Easter Vigil consists of four parts: The Service of Light; The Liturgy of the Word; Christian Initiation and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.









