



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday. Palms and olive branches adorn the church and are carried in procession. Today is the sixth and last Sunday of Lent, marking the fact that there are only five days left in the Lenten season. This is time for one last boost of fasting and almsgiving, and more intense prayer and quiet reflection in between our busy work days. By gently and attentively entering the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ, and by being further nourished by the table of Christ's body and blood, we are given the strength we need to enter fully into these final days of preparation. It is also the last day when the catechumens are dismissed from the church after the Mass readings. Next Sunday, having completed their initiation during the Triduum – the Three Days – they will join us as new Christians, Neophytes. We look forward.