

Passionately

During Holy Week we will contemplate Jesus, the Son of God and Savior of the World, who gave his life to redeem us.

We will follow the course of events along his personal *Via Dolorosa* which Jesus traveled obediently, with self-sacrifice, courage and passion.



During the Last Supper with his disciples, Jesus proclaimed the New Passover; he had come to free us and offered his Body and Blood. The Eucharist, instituted at this meal, has unceasingly supported God's people. The New Covenant with God is endorsed through service rather than authority, as we learned when Christ washed his apostles' feet.

Then Jesus undertook a long and arduous journey toward his death. From Gethsemane to Calvary, Jesus endured the worst humiliations and cruelest betrayals. Faithful to his Father's will, he persevered and gave his life for humanity. This is the profound meditation that we propose for Good Friday.

But it did not all come to an end with the Crucifixion. Though the apostles' hopes appeared dashed, Jesus kept his promise, conquered death and rose on Easter morning. His mission had been accomplished: the world was free forever from the throes of sin and death.

This Paschal mystery constitutes the heart of our faith and the foundation of our hope.

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