

Discussion about the saving acts of Christ as celebrated in my church

In the Catholic church, God's saving deeds are celebrated at Easter as follows:

On Holy Thursday we hold the mass of the Supper of the Lord. After the Scripture reading that relates the events of Jesus' Last Supper, we come to the table and partake in Holy Communion, as Jesus commanded us to do in remembrance of Him. With the washing of the feet, we are reminded that we are in this world to serve and not to be served. This event celebrates the sacrament of priesthood, instituted by Jesus as he prepared his apostles to minister in the world.

Holy Friday commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus, God's most redemptive saving deed through Jesus Christ. He became the sacrificial lamb that paid the price for our sins with his blood when He died on the cross. The main events of this service are the Adoration of the Cross, in which congregants approach the cross and kiss it or touch it, and the procession of the stations of the cross, depicted by pictures or engravings on the sides of the church, that tell the stages of the passion of the Christ.

On Holy Saturday, our church holds an Easter Vigil Service; we stay in darkness and silence, awaiting the resurrection of Christ; this is represented by the ceremony of the Light, the procession enters the church in darkness, and the pastor lights the Paschal candle that is passed around to light every candle each congregant holds in their hands until all the candles in the church are lit and the lights are switched on to celebrate the resurrection. Baptisms are celebrated and new members of the church are welcomed.

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of Christ in all its splendor and glory. This is a joyous service that signifies the end of death, and the beginning of a new everlasting life for those who believe.