



Session 5: **PREPARATION FOR INITIATION**

If the Purification and Enlightenment period is taking place during Lent, this Sunday will be Palm Sunday.

If this is Palm Sunday, explain the reasons for the palms. At the beginning of the Sunday Mass we all receive palms in memory of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The reason we call this 'Palm Sunday' is because of the palm branches that people waved joyfully in the air and laid down on the ground in front of Jesus.

Dismissal

After the Elect are dismissed from Mass, they move with the catechist to another area which has a sacred space arranged and comfortable seating for those gathered.

Today at Mass we heard readings from ... (name the readings e.g. Isaiah or Matthew).

1. Tell me something that you heard from the Mass or the readings at Mass.
2. Let's go back and look at the gospel again. Read from the Bible and as you read this, focus on what you might have seen if you had been there. Share your thoughts if you would like to.
3. Read the passage again and pay attention to what might have been heard such as background sounds, people talking. Pay attention to the questions that Jesus or the disciples ask.
4. Now that you have heard this gospel, what will it mean for you this week? Has this created a new impression for you about God or the Church? What is Jesus saying to you? Make a commitment to what you will do differently from now on.

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Exploring

The readings on Passion Sunday give us an account of how people approached Jesus then, and how we approach him now.

How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus entered the city?

They were overwhelmed with joy and excitement.

What did the Pharisees think of Jesus?

They seemed jealous, concerned, and a little indignant.

It was a scene of great celebration. Jesus had just raised Lazarus from the dead and the crowds gathered for the Passover feast. Jesus was celebrated and popular. The crowds were hysterical and there was shouting, singing, and anticipation. No one, except Jesus, knew what was going to happen next.

If a similar scene were to take place today, how do you think the crowd would react?



Looking forward to next week...

Sacraments of Initiation

As we approach the final week before you celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation, your Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion, do you have any questions about the Sacraments?

Prayer

Below is a prayer that will be prayed over you during Confirmation.

Listen closely to the gifts you receive from the Holy Spirit.

How will these gifts strengthen you?

Choose one gift and reflect how it can help you live like Jesus.

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***All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit
you freed your sons and daughters from sin
and gave them new life.***

***Send your Holy Spirit upon them
to be their helper and our guide.***

***Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of right judgement and courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.***

Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

***We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

Music to listen to:

Send Us Out – Genevieve Bryant:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGR00fSneGI&index=4&list=PLb6IbVdTxr8QeHJOHdfcrZB2ySZJIPcX7>

Video **Link 5.1**

