

# *Symbols of Our Faith*

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<b>Symbols</b>	<b>Meaning for Me</b>	<b>Meaning for Us as Catholics</b>
Light & Fire		
Water		
Oil		
Shared Meal		
Bread		
Wine		
Ashes		
Palm Tree		
Cross		
Thorns		
Lily		
Desert		

# *Lent in Word and Symbol*

	<b>Word</b>	<b>Symbols</b>
Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-18 2Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	Ashes
First Sunday of Lent	Matthew 4:1-11 (A) Mark 1:12-15 (B) Luke 4:1-13 (C)	Desert
Second Sunday of Lent	Matthew 17:1-19 (A) Mark 9:2-10 (B) Luke 9:28-36 (C)	Easter (new) clothes
Third Sunday of Lent	John 4:5-42	Water
Fourth Sunday of Lent	John 9:1-41	Light
Fifth Sunday of Lent	John 11:1-45	Tomb Resurrection, new life
Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday Processional)	Matthew 21:1-11 (A) Mark 11:1-10 (B) Luke 19:28-40 (C)	Palms
Holy Thursday (Chrism Mass)	Isaiah 61:1-3, 6:8-9 Revelation 1:5-8 Luke 4:16-21	Oil
Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 1Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15	Shared meal Bread and wine Water (washing feet)
Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53, 12 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1 – 19:42	Thorns Cross
Easter Vigil	Genesis 1:1-2 and 2 Genesis 22:1-18 Exodus 14:15 – 15:1 Isaiah 54:5-14 Isaiah 55:1-11 Baruch 3:9-15, and 3:32 – 4:4 Ezekiel 36:16-28 Romans 6:3-11 Matthew 28:1-10	Fire Light Water Oil Easter (new) clothes Shared meal Bread and wine
Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 or 1Corinthians 5:6-8 John 20:1-9	Light Water

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Liturgy</b>	<b>Meaning for Us as Catholics</b>
Ashes	Ash Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mortality, sorrow, and penance</li> <li>• acknowledgment of sinfulness, our need for God and for conversion of heart</li> <li>• repentance – turning away from sin and evil</li> </ul>
Desert	Gospel of First Sunday of Lent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• withdrawal for prayer and fasting</li> <li>• sin and temptation</li> </ul>
Light and Fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gospel of Third Sunday of Lent</li> <li>• Easter Vigil</li> <li>• Easter Sunday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christ's presence</li> <li>• new life in Christ</li> <li>• Christ, the light, overcomes the darkness of sin</li> <li>• resurrection, victory over death</li> <li>• reverence and a sign of a joyous celebration</li> </ul>
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gospel of the Fourth Sunday of Lent</li> <li>• Baptism at Easter Vigil</li> <li>• Holy Thursday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• washing feet as a sign of service and self-sacrificing nature of Jesus' love</li> <li>• Baptism</li> <li>• cleansing from sin, purification</li> <li>• new life emerges from the water – resurrected life</li> <li>• incorporation into Christ's death and resurrection</li> </ul>
Palm Branches	Palm Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a show of honor, a symbol of victory</li> <li>• Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and his ultimate victory over death</li> </ul>
Oil Anointing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Thursday</li> <li>• Chrism Mass</li> <li>• Baptism and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• our need for God's help and strength</li> <li>• spiritual strength, receiving God's grace</li> <li>• empowered for mission as a follower of Jesus</li> <li>• healing and comfort (Anointing the Sick)</li> <li>• sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit</li> <li>• bonding us to the person of Jesus Christ</li> </ul>
Shared Meal	Holy Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus' everlasting presence – the Eucharist</li> <li>• sharing in the saving effects of Jesus' sacrifice: his paschal mystery, his death and resurrection</li> <li>• giving thanks and praise</li> </ul>
Bread	Holy Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus feeds us, fills our hunger</li> <li>• the body of Christ, broken for us</li> <li>• strength to take up the cross and live the Gospel – to become bread for the world</li> </ul>
Wine	Holy Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus quenches our thirst</li> <li>• the blood of Christ, given for us</li> <li>• the new covenant</li> </ul>
Cross	Good Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• crucifixion / suffering and pain</li> <li>• sacrifice of Jesus, giving one's life for one's friends</li> <li>• death as the instrument of salvation</li> </ul>
Thorns	Good Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• suffering and pain</li> <li>• crown of the suffering Messiah</li> </ul>

# *Lenten Scripture Readings*

	<b>Cycle A</b>	<b>Cycle B</b>	<b>Cycle C</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	Joel 2:12-18 2Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	Joel 2:12-18 2Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	Joel 2:12-18 2Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	Genesis 9:8-15 1Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15	Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13
<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	Genesis 12:1-4 2Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-19	Genesis 22:1-2, 9:10-13,15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:14 – 4:1 Luke 9:28-36
<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42	Exodus 20:1-17 1Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25	Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 1Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 Luke 13:1-9
<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	1Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	2Chronicles 36:14-17,19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21	Joshua 5:9, 10-12 2Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33	Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11
<b>Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)</b>	Matthew 21:1-11  Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14 – 27:66	Mark 11:1-10  Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1 – 15:47	Luke 19:28-40  Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14 – 23:56
<b>Holy Thursday (Chrism)</b>	Isaiah 61:1-3, 6:8-9 Revelation 1:5-8 Luke 4:16-21	Isaiah 61:1-3, 6:8-9 Revelation 1:5-8 Luke 4:16-21	Isaiah 61:1-3, 6:8-9 Revelation 1:5-8 Luke 4:16-21
<b>Holy Thursday Lord's Supper</b>	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 1Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 1Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 1Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15
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<b>Easter Vigil</b>	Genesis 1:1-2 and 2 Genesis 22:1-18 Exodus 14:15 – 15:1 Isaiah 54:5-14 Isaiah 55:1-11 Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32 – 4:4 Ezekiel 36:16-28 Romans 6:3-11 Matthew 28:1-10	Genesis 1:1-2 and 2 Genesis 22:1-18 Exodus 14:15 – 15:1 Isaiah 54:5-14 Isaiah 55:1-11 Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32 – 4:4 Ezekiel 36:16-28 Romans 6:3-11 Mark 16:1-8	Genesis 1:1-2 and 2 Genesis 22:1-18 Exodus 14:15 – 15:1 Isaiah 54:5-14 Isaiah 55:1-11 Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32 – 4:4 Ezekiel 36:16-28 Romans 6:3-11 Luke 25:1-12
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Acts 10:34, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 John 20:1-9	Acts 10:34, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 John 20:1-9	Acts 10:34, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 John 20:1-9