

Hail, O Mary, blessed and sorrowful Mother!

At the foot of the Cross, you faithfully shared in the immense sufferings of your Son. What mother would not weep to see her child so cruelly treated? And you knew His true innocence so well.

O Mary, what suffering of ours can you not understand? You held the beaten body of Jesus so tenderly and buried your only Son. O Mother, you know the depths of human pain and yet your faith never wavered.

O Mary, what joy filled your heart on that Easter morning? Did your Son wipe away your tears? Give us, Blessed Mother, a share in your joy.

Stand by us in sorrow. Hold us in times of pain. Wipe away every tear and lead us to your beloved Son. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Prayer reflection written by Seminarian Nikolai Brelinsky.

# Holy Week



## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

*"...not as I will, but as you will.."*

### **Saturday, April 1**

Pray the reflection above about Mary, the Blessed Mother.

### **Sunday, April 2**

#### **Palm Sunday**

Hosanna! How do you recognize Jesus when he arrives in your life?

### **Monday, April 3**

Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week to prepare for Easter Sunday.

### **Tuesday, April 4**

As Jesus teaches in the temple, what lesson can you share with others in your life?

## PASCHAL TRIDUUM

### **Wednesday, April 5**

*"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."* (Mt 9:37) As the Diocese of Allentown celebrates the Chrism Mass today, pray for an increase of religious vocations.

### **Thursday, April 6**

#### **Holy Thursday**

As we recall the Last Supper, take time this evening to spend with our Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Stay awake!

### **Friday, April 7**

#### **Good Friday**

On this most solemn day, increase quiet time and prayer in your day to reflect on Jesus as He was crucified for our sins.

### **Saturday, April 8**

#### **Holy Saturday**

Today practice stillness from all unnecessary work or distractions to reflect on Jesus's absence from our lives and the world.