

Sunday Mass Readings and preparing your own Homily

You can do this learning activity for one, or all 3 Sundays. Prepare it as a Google Presentation.

1. **Make the Sign of the Cross.**
2. **Find the Scripture readings for: March 29 (5th Sunday of Lent), April 5 (Palm Sunday) and April 12 (Easter Sunday) on this website: <http://www.usccb.org/> Go to the Daily Readings calendar (on the right side) and click on the day you need. Copy and paste the readings.**
3. **Read the readings. Prepare a short context for each reading. Since the reading is an extract from a text, especially a passage from the Bible, put the reading in context. What is happening in the text? Who is being addressed and why? What is the story behind the text? Use online resources to help with this. Here is one of those for March 29:**
<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fifth-sunday-of-lent-cycle-a-sunday-connection> **April 5:**
<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/palm-sunday-of-the-lords-passion-cycle-a> **April 12:**
<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/easter-sunday-connection>
4. **Now provide 2 or 3 questions for each reading that will help us reflect on what the scripture means and has us relate the scripture passage to everyday life.**
5. **If you are in a group (family or friends). Allow time for others to share their reflections over the readings and the questions you wrote.**
6. **After all readings are complete: provide a well thought out Homily (reflection talk) about how these Scripture readings apply to life. Since you are at home give your Homily to your family. Watch Archbishop Jackels Sunday Mass: <https://dbqarch.org/> (scroll down to Live Broadcast) and compare yours to his. How did you do? (Make sure to write out your Homily.)**
7. **Now end with the Prayers of the Faithful: ask anyone you are with to say their prayer.**
8. **Finish with an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be. Make the Sign of the Cross.**
9. **This type of activity prayer is meant to be part 'Bible Study' part 'Faith Sharing.'**

Another Resource for Understanding and Reflection of the 3 Sundays of Readings that you could use are attached here:

(See these 3 SPIRIT Magazines for the three Sundays in the Activity)

- 1. Read SPIRIT Magazine and answer the questions for the SPIRIT Magazine for a separate learning activity.**
- 2. Discuss the questions with your family.**
- 3. What were their answers and comments?**
- 4. Give your thoughts on the questions also.**
- 5. Write them down.**
- 6. Pray together for God's grace and help.**