

# Triduum Q&A

You'll hear the words Paschal (*PASS-kull*) and Triduum (*TRID-oo-um*) this week. Got questions about them? We've got answers here.

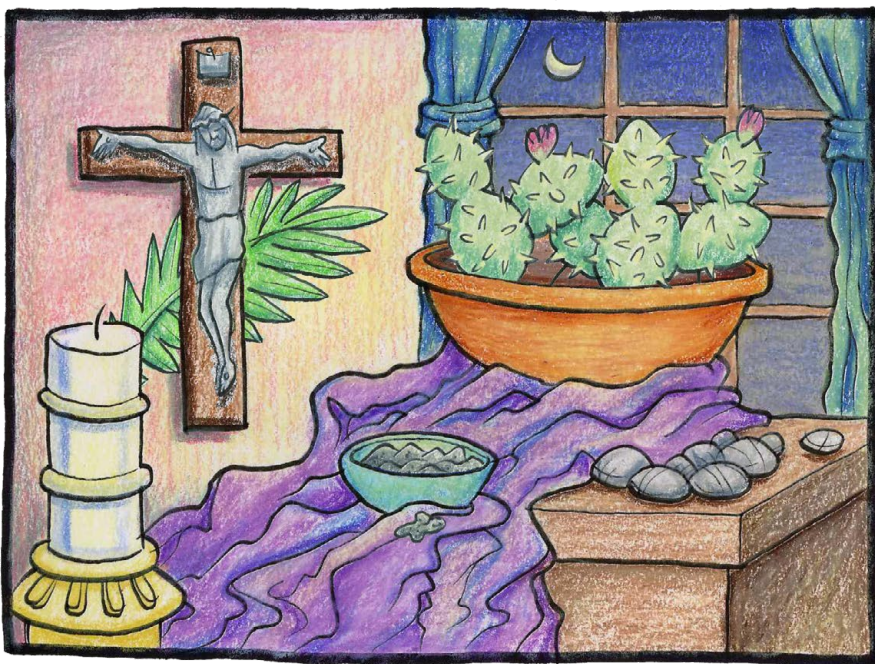
**Q: What does "Paschal Triduum" mean?**

**A:** Paschal means *Passover*. Triduum is Latin for *three days*. The Paschal Triduum marks the Passover of the Lord, his journey from death to life. It begins the evening of Holy Thursday and goes to the evening of Easter Sunday.



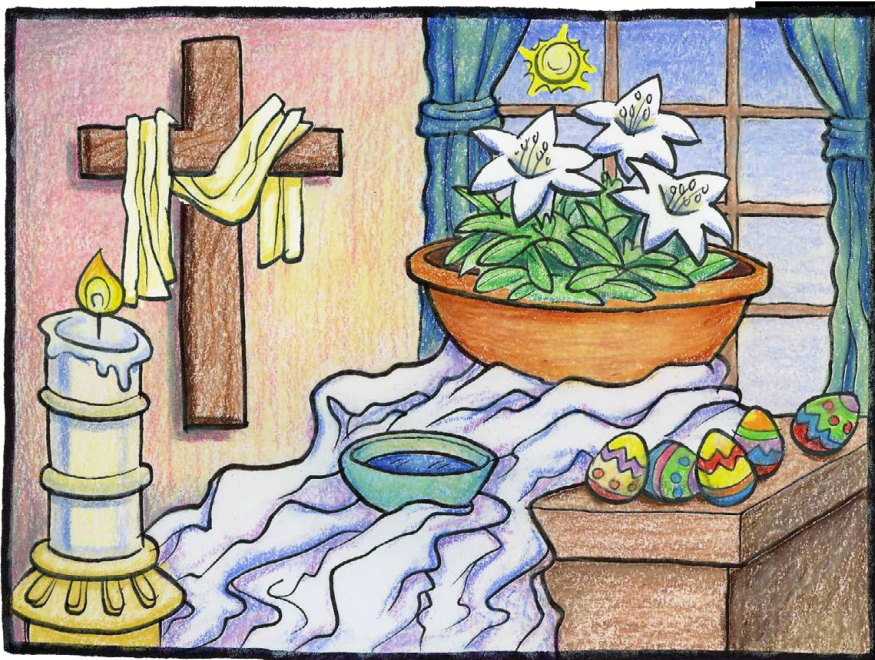
**Q: Your math is wrong. Thursday to Sunday is four days.**

**A:** Not a question, but OK. In ancient times, evening was considered the beginning of the new day. So the Triduum ends at evening on Easter Sunday.



**Q: What makes these days special?**

**A:** These are the three most important days in the Church Year, but we think of them as one series of events in which Jesus gives his life for us: At the Last Supper, Jesus gives us his Body and Blood. On the Cross and buried in the tomb, Jesus experiences death. In the Resurrection, Jesus overcomes death and makes eternal life possible for all of us. That's mighty amazing!



## Same and Different

Our Lent and Easter celebrations may look different, but we are always celebrating Jesus' love for us. Can you find eight differences between these Lent and Easter images?

1. The purple cloth is dazzling white
2. Night has become day
3. Holy water has replaced the ashes
4. The candle is now burning
5. The cactus has become lilies
6. The stones are Easter eggs
7. The palm branch is gone
8. The crucifix is now an empty cross—Jesus is risen!