

WIELKI CZWARTEK (HOLY THURSDAY)

IN THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR, HOLY THURSDAY OR MAUNDY THURSDAY IS THE FEAST OR HOLY DAY ON THE THURSDAY BEFORE EASTER THAT COMMEMORATES THE LAST SUPPER OF JESUS CHRIST WITH THE APOSTLES. IT IS PRECEDED BY HOLY WEDNESDAY AND FOLLOWED BY GOOD FRIDAY.

ON THIS DAY FOUR EVENTS ARE COMMEMORATED: THE WASHING OF THE DISCIPLES' FEET BY JESUS CHRIST, THE INSTITUTION OF THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT THE LAST SUPPER, THE AGONY OF CHRIST IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE, THE BETRAYAL OF CHRIST BY JUDAS ISCARIOT.

THE MORNING CELEBRATION OF THESE EVENTS MARKS THE BEGINNING OF WHAT IS CALLED THE EASTER TRIDUUM OR SACRED TRIDUUM. THE LATIN WORD TRIDUUM MEANS A THREE-DAY PERIOD, AND THE TRIDUUM IN QUESTION IS THAT OF THE THREE DAYS FROM THE DEATH TO THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FOR JESUS AND HIS FOLLOWERS A DAY ENDED, AND A NEW DAY BEGAN, AT SUNSET, NOT AT MIDNIGHT, AS IT STILL DOES TODAY IN THE MODERN JEWISH CALENDAR.

THE LAST SUPPER WAS HELD AT WHAT PRESENT-DAY WESTERN CIVILIZATION CONSIDERS TO BE THE EVENING OF HOLY THURSDAY BUT WHAT WAS THEN CONSIDERED TO BE THE FIRST HOURS OF FRIDAY. ITS ANNUAL COMMEMORATION THUS BEGINS THE THREE-DAY PERIOD OR TRIDUUM OF GOOD FRIDAY, HOLY SATURDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY, DAYS OF SPECIAL DEVOTION THAT CELEBRATE AS A SINGLE ACTION THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST, THE CENTRAL EVENTS OF CHRISTIANITY.

THE TRADITION OF VISITING SEVEN CHURCHES ON HOLY THURSDAY IS AN ANCIENT PRACTICE, PROBABLY ORIGINATING IN ROME.

BROADWAY FILLMORE ALIVE



ONE NIGHT AND SEVEN CHURCHES



HOLY THURSDAY
APRIL 9TH, 2009

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FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW ON HOLY THURSDAY, B-F-A HAS PUT TOGETHER A SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF SEVEN HISTORIC CHURCHES IN THE BROADWAY-FILLMORE AREA PARTAKING IN THE TRADITIONAL VISITATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THIS HOLY NIGHT.

THE VISITATION PERIOD GENERALLY BEGINS AFTER 7:00 PM AND THE CHURCHES REMAIN OPEN TILL AROUND 11:00 PM.

THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN ORDER...

- ST. CLARE'S - 193 ELK STREET (8 PM MASS)
- ST. STANISLAUS - PECKHAM AND FILLMORE (7 PM MASS)
- ST. ANN'S - BROADWAY & EMSLIE (7 PM MASS)
- CORPUS CHRISTI - 199 CLARK STREET (7 PM MASS)
- ST. JOHN KANTY'S - BROADWAY AND SWINBURNE (7 PM MASS)
- ST. LUKE'S - SYCAMORE & MILLER (VISITATION AFTER 9 PM) ENTER THROUGH SIDE DOOR OF CHURCH IN PARKING LOT.
- ST. ADALBERT'S - STANISLAUS STREET

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THE CHURCHES IN BUFFALO'S HISTORIC POLONIA ARE AWE INSPIRING AND ARE DEEPLY ROOTED IN TRADITION...THIS IS A WAY TO EXPERIENCE THEIR RELIGIOUS, ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL BEAUTY.

(Holy Thursday Masses may still be occurring when you visit...it is still ok to come in, but be respectful...)

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