

**REFLECTIONS HOLY THURSDAY YEAR B 2021.**

**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

Today is a special day for Christians and especially for Catholics in the whole world. This is the Beginning of what we call the EASTER TRIDUUM. (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday).

These are the three great days of our salvation, ***suffering, death, and The Resurrection*** of our Lord Jesus. One underlying factor in all our three readings today is ***DO THIS IN MEMORY.***

In the first reading, Exodus talks about the **PASSOVER FEAST**, the deliverance from bondage in Egypt. The Israelites are charged with the strong word about this feast day **YOU MUST KEEP IT AS A FEAST DAY FOR ALL GENERATIONS.** This is a decree for all time. St. Paul speaks not only to the Corinthians but also to you and me about the ***institution of Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday.***

He is passing the tradition to us, today. ***The night before he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and said THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS FOR YOU. Then He took the cup and said, " THIS IS THE CUP OF THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME."***

The Gospel culminates everything with Jesus Christ, the servant of all, showing his mission of ***Service and Humility*** by washing his disciple's feet. He is giving us the command, " You call me master and Lord. So, I am. If then I have washed your feet, **YOU MUST WASH EACH OTHERS' FEET.**

Today, Holy Thursday, we are called to enter the Easter Triduum with humility and service.