

# We Love Our Palms

## Palm Sunday Homily Reflection

We love our palms, don't we?

Some have been freshly given to you. Others you may already have at home. Take them and place them in a special spot—perhaps behind your crucifix or near a sacred image—somewhere visible as a reminder of our faith.

We love them because they are such an important reminder to us of victory—the victory of Jesus over sin and death.

They are also a reminder to us, especially during this sacred season, to follow Jesus with a lively faith, hope, and love throughout these days of Holy Week.

As we remember what our salvation cost Jesus, we also remember that by virtue of our Baptism, we share in His very life.

And so we know this truth:

**the road to glory is the road of suffering.**

Or, put another way:

**the road of suffering leads to the glory of the Resurrection.**

And so we take part in this Holy Week—this sacred time—as we gather to celebrate the beautiful liturgies that lead us to Easter.

These palms are an important reminder to us—of history, yes—but also of our lives today.

We place them in visible places in our homes because we live in a world that can often seem very dark... a world sometimes marked by sin, error,

and uncertainty.

But one thing is certain:

**Jesus was in charge—and Jesus is in charge.**

As we heard in the Passion, what Jesus did was not taken from Him.

As He tells us in John's Gospel, He willingly laid down His life for our salvation. No one took it from Him.

What Jesus did for us was an act of love and self-giving.

So yes, these palms that we place in our homes today are an important reminder of our Catholic faith.

May they remind us of the victory of Jesus over sin and death—of what it cost Him.

And may they also inspire us, especially this week, to follow Him... to ask for His love and His grace... and to walk with Him through Holy Week with a lively faith, hope, and love.