

THURSDAY APRIL 9

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday

ASK ANYONE WITH memory problems – to not be able to remember is, at best, deeply frustrating. At worst, whole parts of one's life and identity simply cease to be. This day, this remembering of the Lord's Supper, is vital to our life, identity and mission as Christians. Today we remember one of the most intimate, moving and crucial moments of Jesus' life.

Our remembering is four-fold: Jesus shielding us from death, opening us to new life; foot-washing, which is the test of our discipleship and intimacy with Jesus; Eucharist, which makes real the saving death and resurrection of Jesus; love, which fulfills our life's purpose in bringing the reign of God to our world, in our lifetime.

Remembering must be grasped, solidified, made tangible, lest we forget and risk slipping into a kind of amnesia of the will and spirit.

Remembering isn't confined to church. Unless we remember in our lives every day – in our choices for justice and the poor, in our loving to the end of our energy and time, in our washing of the feet of the homeless and the hungry and the others around whom we are uncomfortable – unless our remembering is active every day, we are all talk and no action.

Remember with the community this night. Remember in your taking the bread and drinking the cup. Remember with your life... remember.

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People and Prayers to Remember this Week

Readings of the Day

Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

Psalms 116

John 13.1-15

Responding to the Word

The sacrifice of the Passover lamb expresses the people's complete dedication to God and the desire to share life with God. What sacrifice must I make to rededicate myself to God today?
