



Wednesday of Holy Week



What is the Wednesday of Holy Week?

Wednesday of Holy Week is the final day of Lent, and a day to prepare ourselves to walk with Jesus through the Triduum, the three holiest days of the year. We recall on this day that Judas made a secret plan to hand Jesus over for 30 pieces of silver.



Open the Word

The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He answered, "You have said so." (Matthew 26: 25)

Read today's readings including the full account of Judas handing over Jesus in [Matthew 26:14-25](#).



Holy Week At Home

Watch Mass with Bishop Mario Dorsonville at 12 Noon today.

Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' 12 Apostles, turned Jesus over to the authorities and received 30 pieces of silver. We can use our own financial resources to serve ourselves or to serve others. Almsgiving, using our financial resources to serve others, is one of the three disciplines of Lent. Traditionally, Lenten fasting is connected to giving alms. Today, add up how much money you *would* have spent on what you sacrificed this Lent (e.g. chocolate, soda, meat on Fridays) and donate that amount to those in need.



For Children

Download the image of a cross in [English](#) or [Spanish](#). Draw a picture of the coin pouch containing the 30 pieces of silver.



Spiritual Reading

"Don't let yourself forget that God's grace rewards not only those who never slip, but also those who bend and fall. So sing! The song of rejoicing softens hard hearts. It makes tears of godly sorrow flow from them. Singing summons the Holy Spirit. Happy praises offered in simplicity and love lead the faithful to complete harmony, without discord. Don't stop singing." - *St. Hildegard of Bingen*



Did You Know?

The Wednesday of Holy Week is sometimes known as "Holy Wednesday" or "Spy Wednesday," since it commemorates the day Judas betrayed Jesus.



Let Us Pray

Loving God, Our time with you this Lent has been unique and challenging. We thank you for the ways you have allowed us to draw closer to you. Continue to be with us in our rising and our sleeping; in our celebrating and our grieving; in our faithfulness and in our betrayal. Help us enter into Holy Week with an open heart. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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Prayer moves us to action. Contact your local parish or [Catholic Charities](#) if you are in need of assistance or would like to be of assistance to others.