

Christ, the Light of the World!

Each year at the Easter Vigil, Catholic Churches around the world light the Paschal Candle. The candles vary in size and design, but every Paschal Candle has the same symbols that remind us that Christ is the Light of the World.

THE CANDLE



The candle is made of pure beeswax, to remind us that Jesus is sinless.

THE ALPHA AND OMEGA



Alpha and Omega – the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet symbolize that God is the beginning of all things and will be, at the end.

NOT FOR EASTER ONLY



The Paschal candle is lighted each day during Mass throughout the Easter season. It is also lit at Baptisms and funerals.

CURRENT YEAR



2024
Reminds us that Christ is with us now, but also, that He has been, and will be throughout time with those who gather around the Paschal candle.

THE CROSS

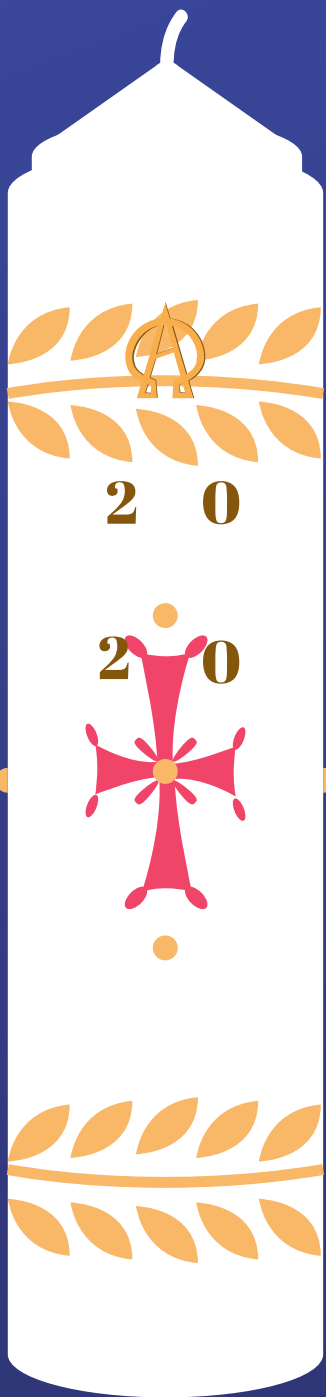


The cross reminds us that Christ is the center of our lives.

INCENSE NAILS



Five grains of incense (encased in wax) to be “nails” remind us of both the five wounds of Christ and the anointing of Jesus’s body before being placed in the tomb.



WE PRAY



Christ,
yesterday and today,
The beginning and the end...
Alpha and Omega.
All time belongs to him,
And all the ages,
To him be
glory and power
through every age for ever.
Amen.
By His holy
and glorious wounds
may Christ the light
guard us
and protect us.
Amen.
May the light of Christ,
rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
Amen.

