



Palm branches have been used by all nations as an emblem of joy and victory over enemies and in Christianity as a sign of victory over the flesh and the world. The palms blessed on Palm Sunday were used in the procession of the day, then taken home by the faithful and used as a sacramental. They were preserved in prominent places in the house, in the barns, and in the fields, and thrown into the fire during storms. On the Lower Rhine the custom exists of decorating the grave with blessed palms. From the blessed palms the ashes are procured for Ash Wednesday. In places where palms cannot be found, branches of olive, box elder, spruce or other trees are used. In Rome olive branches are distributed to the people, while the clergy carry palms frequently dried and twisted into various shapes. In parts of Bavaria large swamp willows, with their catkins, and ornamented with flowers and ribbons, were used.

March



NO R.E. CLASSES HELD ON SHADED DATES



March 2010

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

- Mar. 4 Catechist Formation Class - 6:30 to 8:30 PM, Room 202**
- Mar. 8, 9, 10 Registration Packets go home for Grades 1 & 2**
- Mar. 11 Catechist Formation Class - 6:30 to 8:30 PM, Room 202**
- Mar. 15-17 NO RE CLASSES - Spring Break**
- Mar. 20 Safe Environment Training for Adult Volunteers - 9:00 AM in the Media Center**
- Mar. 22 Safe Environment Training renewal class - Remaining Vigilant (Video) - 7:00 PM, Media Center**
- Mar. 22-24 Registration Packets go home for Grades 3-6**
- Mar. 29-Apr. 5 NO RE CLASSES - Holy Week/Easter Break**