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Do you realize, that today, April 1st, is known as Holy Thursday – the day that Jesus has his last meal with his twelve Disciples. Yes, some of you might think of it as “April Fool’s Day”, but it is a special day in the life of the Church – Holy Thursday. It was on that evening that Jesus shares his last meal with his disciples, washed their feet, and dried them with a

towel. After the meal, Jesus goes out to a place where he and the disciples had often gone to enjoy time together. However, this night Jesus tells his disciples that He will soon be leaving them. The disciples don’t seem to understand what Jesus is talking about. That evening, Jesus was showing them what leadership was all about -- by washing the disciples’ feet He came to serve, not to be served. All of us are called to a life of service as well. In what ways have you been serving others?

A few hours later, Judas and some of his friends came out to that place and arrested Jesus. Some of the disciples had fallen asleep, but they awaken when Judas and some of the Pharisees arrive. The disciples are confused and they wonder what this is all about -- Judas had been one of the disciple, and what is he doing now? Jesus is led to Pilate where he is crowned with thorns and crucified. A few days later, Jesus rises from the dead. One of our prayers on Holy Saturday night, says “*O happy fault that earned so great a redeemer!*” Yes, it was our sins that led Jesus to accept his suffering and death.

We began this week recalling Jesus’ passion account with his last supper with the disciples, and we will end it by listening to the words of an angel to the women who visited Jesus’ tomb, “*You are seeking Jesus who was crucified... He has been raised; he is not here.*”

May God continue to guide and bless us throughout this Holy Season.

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