

Vox Populi

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The Easter Triduum is celebrated this weekend.

It is the period of times that traces the final days of the life of Jesus Christ – His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down His life in atonement for our sins. It is taken from the Latin root that means "three days".

It is known as the "Paschal Mystery" because it is the ultimate fulfillment of the ancient Jewish Passover (or Pasch), which itself was a recollection of how God brought the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt.

The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the Passover meal and consumed—that same night the destroying angel "passed over" the homes marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb, and those covered by the Blood were saved. This was the Old Testament prefigurement of Jesus' work at the Last Supper—where he inserted himself as the Paschal Lamb—and Calvary, where the sacrifice was offered to save us from our slavery to sin. With the Holy Eucharist, we consume the victim that died for our sins.

The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the passion, death, and resurrection of the God-man Jesus Christ.

Following the Easter Triduum, the Church enters the Easter Season which lasts for 50 days until Pentecost, which this year is celebrated on June 8.

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Bishop Anthony's Easter Message 2025 can be found on the Diocesan website: www.bbcatholic.org.au