

Sister's Spin

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Holy Week--The Church gives this title to only one week in the year because of what is remembered about the days of this week. Palm Sunday recalls our Lord's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem and the palms we take home serve to remind us, not on just one day, but each time we look at them in our homes, that Jesus did triumph in the end. This sacramental, placed somewhere in one's home, can serve as a symbol of blessing and protection from the evils of our time. On Monday, the story of Mary's anointing is told in the Gospels. While we cannot anoint the feet of Jesus, each time we use oil this day can be a reminder of the actions of Mary, sister of Lazarus. As one cooks with oil this day, rubs oily cream in painful spots or to relieve chapped hands, brings out the shine or polish of items in one's home, the scent of that oil, like the scent of Mary's oil on the feet of Jesus, can bring about an awareness of the presence of God. These common items, as simple as they are, enable us to come closer to God as we celebrate this Holy Week

-Sister Marcianne

