



# Living in faith

A CATHOLIC STUDENT'S GUIDE TO LIFE-LONG LEARNING

## COLORS BEAR MEANING

Liturgical colors are also used to mark certain seasons or church holidays. Each color symbolizes specific meanings, giving an added dimension our services.

### VIOLET: MELANCHOLY

Violet is worn during more somber times, such as Advent, Lent and Good Friday. The color is a symbol for melancholy, penitence and humility.

### ROSE: JOY

On the third Sunday of Advent and the fourth Sunday of Lent, rose replaces violet as a symbol of the coming joy.

### RED: PASSION

Palm Sunday, Pentecost, martyrs' feasts and feasts of Christ's passion are the times when red is used. It represents blood, fire and martyrdom.

### WHITE: GLORY

White is the liturgical color for Christmas, Easter, certain feast days and weddings. It signifies joy, purity, light, innocence, triumph and glory.

### GREEN: HOPE

Green is the color chosen following the Epiphany and Pentecost. It represents hope and life eternal.

### BLACK: SORROW

The color black is chosen for All Souls' Day and funeral Masses, as we mourn the loss of those preceded us.

### YOUR THOUGHTS?

How do you feel about the meanings behind each of the colors?

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What do you think the added symbolism of the chosen colors brings to each season?

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