Holy Thursday

Tradition: Christianity
April 1, 2021

Holy Thursday is celebrated on the Thursday night before Easter and is a remembrance of Jesus’s Passover Supper, also known as the Lord’s Supper.

Christians remember this event through a ritual celebration involving drinking wine and breaking bread.

Catholics (and some other denominations) perform a foot washing of 12 members of the congregation in remembrance of when Jesus washed the feet of his apostles.

Campus Climate Considerations, some celebrating the holiday are...
- fasting
- traveling
- managing family expectations/obligations
- ☑ busy with holiday preparations/rituals

Student accommodations might include:
Typically services are in the evening. A student should be given the opportunity to attend an evening service.

Work-Restricted?
Work restrictions are not typical for this holiday.

What’s on the menu?
There is no typical menu for this holiday.

Greet your neighbor!
There is no standard greeting for this holiday.

What is the mood of this holiday?
(we realize that holidays are multilayered and complex; we are simply checking off a few moods to give people a tiny sense of the overall tone of the day)

☐ Celebratory  ☐ Mournful  ☐ Fun

☑ Reflective  ☐ Serious

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