

## LENT TO EASTER EPISODES AT COLOMA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Coloma Primary School wishes you a joyous Easter tide and would like to share with you some insights of the above season!

Shortly after schools had opened for the new academic year 2023, the Lenten season started with a symbolic ritual of burning palm leaves for Ash Wednesday ashes. Primary five pupils helped in that activity. It was a humbling exercise as all children and elders went for ashes and were reminded of their humble beginning and ending.



Some of the subsequent weeks of Lent were dramatised by pupils.

The first episode was the touching Gospel Narrative of "Jesus and the Samaritan Woman" was nicely dramatised by Primary Six pupils starting with the encounter of Jesus and the woman at the well.

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As seen in the photo, Jacob's well was dug at Coloma.

People did not only believe because of the Woman's testimony,

"He told me all I ever did...." but because they saw and heard Jesus speak.

The second episode was "the miracle at Martha and Mary's home" and this was the most exciting! During one of the rehearsals, Lazarus fell asleep and when Jesus called out to him, he did not come out, and this was so funny.

"Lord, if you were here, my brother wouldn't have died! ", cried Mary.

The creativity of children was unbelievable and touching as we saw women crying for their brother Lazarus



## Palm Sunday



Our next episode was **Palm Sunday!**

Time went by quickly and Palm Sunday rolled in, new palm branches unlike the ones for ashes were gathered, blessed and distributed to each child and every faithful present. There was joy and excitement of welcoming and waving branches to the King of kings.

## EASTER TRIDUUM

### Holy Thursday

We were blessed to fully participate in these Paschal mysteries with a priest throughout the passion week.



The washing of the feet was a unifying symbol that touched every section of Coloma community, that is; pupils, teaching staff and non-teaching staff were all represented in the washing of the feet portraying service to and for each other.

Our Chaplain Fr. Mukasa washed the feet in humility and love. As seen in the picture.

### Good Friday



Sticks of different sizes, shapes and heights were gathered and crossed were made for everyone at Coloma ready for The Way of The Cross. It was another humbling and edifying exercise seeing the little ones carrying their crosses, some on bear feet tracing in the footsteps of Jesus. It was touching! Then the Veneration of the Cross that took ages as each child and elder had to touch and make a prayer or petition. The silence and devotion were remarkable during this exercise.

### Holy Saturday (Vigil Mass)



A bonfire for Easter Vigil Mass was made and blessed. The Easter Candle was blessed, marked and lit. Then we started the procession to the main hall for Mass where other candles were lit and the exultate beautifully sung by primary seven pupils. The long-awaited Gloria was sung, bells rung, drums sounded and dancers showed their talents. And this was the climax of it all.



The Easter Candle being blessed and marked with the Five Wounds of Jesus.

Wishing you blessings and peace during this Easter tide season!

***ALLELUIA ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!***



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