

Paschal Candle

The Light of the World

The paschal candle is the symbol of “the light of Christ, rising in glory,” scattering “the darkness of our hearts and minds.” [Built of Living Stone, p. 22]

The candle represents Christ as He is the Light of the World.

The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ Who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity; the flame, His Divine Nature, both soul and body.

Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross recall the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb and the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side.

During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, the priest or deacon carries the candle in procession into the dark church. A new fire, symbolizing our eternal life in Christ, is kindled and lights the candle. The candle, representing Christ Himself, is blessed by the priest, who then inscribes in it a cross, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet (Alpha and Omega, “the beginning and the end”), and the current year, as he chants the prayer below; he then affixes the five grains of incense.

The Easter candle is lighted each day during Mass throughout the paschal season until Ascension Thursday.



ALTAR CANDLES

(6 Available)

Memorial
\$5,000.00

Altar Candles

Spirit of Truth

The candles that surround the altar direct our attention to Christ's nature: that Jesus was both a human being and God. Their light symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve Him.

The candle flames symbolize the holy illumination of the Spirit of Truth.