

## TALKING ABOUT EASTER >>>

On Easter morning, the Church rejoices. We celebrate as People of God who have received the gift of salvation. The celebration of the Easter season includes the fifty days following the Triduum. The Easter liturgies of these eight weeks reflect the joy of salvation in song and in action. The Alleluia not only returns to the repertoire, but also expresses wholeheartedly the joy of the Body of Christ. The Church renews their baptismal commitments in the sprinkling rite. The Gospels unpack the meaning of the Easter event and help the assembly to celebrate God's saving power.

### God's Word



Read **Matthew 28:1–10**, which describes the women's trip to the empty tomb on Easter morning and their conversation with the angel about Jesus' Resurrection.

## HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND >>>

### Easter

- Young children usually enter easily into the joy of the Easter season.
- At this age most children will usually enter into the mystery of Easter through the Gospel stories of the events after the Resurrection.
- Generally, children this age do not understand that Jesus' body would look different after the Resurrection.



## FEASTS OF THE SEASON >>>

### Ascension Thursday

Ascension Thursday marks the Ascension of the Risen Christ to Heaven and is celebrated forty days after Easter. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Sometimes dioceses move the celebration of the feast to the Sunday following Ascension Thursday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

## FAMILY PRAYER >>>



Say this prayer before your Sunday meal during the Easter season.

Leader: We joyfully sing your praises, Lord Jesus Christ, who on the day of your Resurrection was recognized by your disciples in the breaking of the bread. Remain here with us as we gratefully partake of these gifts, and at the banquet table in Heaven welcome us, who have welcomed you in your brothers and sisters, for you live and reign forever and ever. All: Amen.



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