

TALKING ABOUT EASTER >>>

The celebration of the Easter season includes the fifty days following the Triduum. The Easter liturgies reflect the joy of salvation. The Alleluia is sung once again. The People of God renew their baptismal commitment in the sprinkling rite. The Gospels unpack the meaning of the Easter event and help the assembly to celebrate God's saving power. We are sent out from the Easter celebration to spread the Good News.

God's Word



Read **John 20:19–21**, the story of two appearances of the Risen Christ to the disciples. The first, when Thomas was absent, and the second, when Thomas was present and expressed his faith.

HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND >>>

Easter

- At this age, usually children will enter into the meaning of the season through the songs and the Easter Gospel readings throughout the season.
- Most children at this age can identify with the fear of the disciples, both that the disciples fear the Jews and Jesus' response to their desertion during his Passion.
- Normally, reasoning abilities begin to become more developed at this age, so children may begin to ask more questions about the Easter events.



FEASTS OF THE SEASON >>>

Ascension Thursday marks the Ascension of the Risen Christ to Heaven, which 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 >>>



Joyfully pray this prayer at mealtime on the Sundays of the Easter season:

O God, source of life, fill our hearts with the joys of Easter. In your goodness, you have given us food to eat; grant also that we may continue to live that new life which the Risen Christ has won for us, for he lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.



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