

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains that the Paschal Mystery is the mystery of Christ's suffering, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, and that the feasts and seasons of the liturgical year celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ.

Scripture



Read **Psalm 62:8–9** to find out about the importance of giving thanks to God.

Catholics Believe

- The liturgical year celebrates the Paschal Mystery.
- The seasons of the liturgical year include Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum, Easter, and Ordinary Time.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1067–1068, 1168–1171 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Juan Diego. Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to him as he walked to church one morning.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Church Year Your child has a better “internal calendar” than he or she did as a preschooler. Children this age can calculate how long it will be until Christmas or Easter, for example. As they learn about the Church year, their ability to understand time can help them feel involved in the celebrations and seasons of the Church calendar. This is especially true when they have an opportunity to mark time in the home with a sacred space that reflects the current season (for example, cloths of green, purple, red or white and icons that fit the season).



CONSIDER THIS >>>

When have you longed for a flower to remain in bloom or for a child to not grow up too quickly?

All living things follow a cycle. They come to life, grow and develop, and finally die. The rhythm of the liturgical seasons of the Church flow through our lives just as the cycle of life. As Catholics, we know that “in the Liturgical Year, the Church celebrates the whole mystery of Christ from the Incarnation until the day of Pentecost and the expectation of Christ’s second coming. The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday” (*USCCA*, p. 173).

LET’S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to tell you about the liturgical year.
- Share memories of the ways your family has celebrated different Church holidays.

LET’S PRAY >>>



O God, help us grow closer to you by our worship at the Eucharist, our learning of our Catholic faith, and our devotion to prayer. Amen.



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