

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 words of the hymns celebrate the victory of life over death, love over loss, salvation over sin. The People of God renew their baptismal commitment when they are sprinkled with holy water. The Gospels unpack the meaning of the Easter event and help the assembly to celebrate God's saving power. The People of God are sent out from the Easter celebrations to spread the Good News.

Scripture



Read **John 20:19–23**, which recounts Jesus' first appearance to the gathered disciples.

HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND >>>

Easter

- At this age children are usually very willing to be witnesses; however, they need adult guides or mentors.
- Most children at this age are interested in and capable of researching the cultural practices of Jesus' times regarding death and burial.
- Usually children at this age enjoy the stories and actions of the early Church found in the Acts of the Apostles.



FEASTS OF THE SEASON >>>

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday following Easter. This is a relatively new feast; it was established by Pope Saint John Paul II at the canonization of Saint Mary Faustina Kowalska in 2000. The Gospel read on Divine Mercy Sunday is about the institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, one of the great gifts of God's mercy.

FAMILY PRAYER >>>



Dear Lord,

We want to witness to your Easter message. Show us ways to bring peace to each other and to the places we work and play. Give us the courage to forgive those who have hurt us this week, and open our hearts to ask forgiveness of those whom we may have hurt in word or deed. We ask this in your name. Amen.



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