



Families Celebrating Easter



Easter is the greatest feast of the Christian calendar because the Resurrection is a sure sign that Jesus conquered death. We too will rise with Christ. What signs of new life do you see around you this Easter? In your family, in nature, in your community?



Think it Through and Share

The first people to arrive at the tomb after Jesus was buried were very surprised to find it empty! When they realized what had happened they were overjoyed. Are there any resurrection stories in your family? A time when you were sad and discouraged and then things suddenly changed? What changed? Or a time you were surprised by something wonderful? What was that feeling like?

Act

Some families prepare for Easter by...

Joining in parish Holy Week services, doing springhouse cleaning, baking Easter breads and cakes, getting haircuts and new clothes.

Some families decorate by...

Placing flowers and plants in their home, coloring eggs, using pastel colors and decorations.

Some families celebrate Easter with...

Easter egg hunts, Easter baskets, candy and stuffed animals, family dinner.

Ask older family members to share with everyone their favorite Easter memories/traditions.

Ask younger family members what Easter traditions they would like the family to begin.

For Easter Meal: FINAL BLESSING AND TOAST

Leader: May God's grace and blessing rest upon this table, on each of us, and all those we love.

ALL: Amen. Alleluia.

ALL TOAST: Happy Easter!

Scripture

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them..." Matthew 18:20

Resources

Prayers for the Domestic Church: A Handbook for Worship in the Home by Edward Hays

A Family Journey with Jesus through Lent: Prayers and Activities for Each Day by Angela M. Burrin

