

## FAITH IN FIVE

### Easter Week 1

1. Happy Easter! Jesus is truly risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! Read John 20:1-9 as a family. **Who first goes to the tomb on Sunday morning to Jesus' tomb?** Mary of Magdala arrived at the tomb to see the stone gone. **When she goes and tells the disciples, what do they do?** Simon Peter, and the "disciple whom Jesus loved" (this is believed to be John) ran to the tomb. **What do they discover?** They discover the burial cloths. Peter goes into the tomb to find it empty. This gospel reading says "They saw and believed." The disciples, our fathers in the faith, saw what we have not seen. Through their testimony in the gospels, we also believe!! We pray for the truth of the Resurrection to pierce our hearts and to conquer all doubt and despair!
2. **What is the Easter Octave?** The Easter Octave is 8 days of solemn celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. It is wonderful to go to mass as often as possible to celebrate. Also, indulge in desserts, Easter is a time of feasting! **How long does the liturgical season of Easter last?** The season of Easter lasts for 50 days! **Why do we have Easter egg hunts for Easter?** Eggs also represent new life! Easter eggs also remind us of Jesus' emergence from the tomb. [Resurrection Rolls](#) are a delicious and fun way to celebrate Jesus' empty tomb!
3. **What parts of the mass will return during the Easter Season?** During Easter we joyfully praise God saying "Alleluia" again! Gloria is also said again. **What else will we see at mass during Easter time?** The priest will wear white or gold vestments. The church and the altar will be decorated with lilies, which symbolize new life, purity and hope!
4. **What is the Regina Caeli?** Regina Caeli means Queen of Heaven. The Regina Caeli is an antiphon traditionally prayed or sung during the Easter season instead of the Angelus. We celebrate Jesus' Resurrection by honoring His Mother. This is a beautiful tradition for the Easter Season.

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.*

*For he, whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.*

*Has risen as he said, alleluia.*

*Pray for us to God, alleluia.*

*V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.*

*R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.*

*Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

5. **Catechism: Why do we make the sign of the cross to begin and end our prayers?**  
"We make the sign of the cross to express two important mysteries of the Christian Religion, The Blessed Trinity and the Redemption" (Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 174)

REVIEW QUESTION: **Why do we hold Palm branches?** We hold blessed Palm branches as a reminder of the crowd that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. They recognized Him as the Son of God saying "Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord"

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