



This chapter includes the three days from Holy Thursday evening until Easter Sunday.

The Easter Triduum celebrates the joy of the cross.

WE GATHER

Jesus, by your Death you bring us new life. Glory to you!

What are some things you do that last for several days? What joins, unites, or connects the days?

WE BELIEVE

lives forever.

Triduum is a Latin word that means "three days." The Easter Triduum is the greatest celebration of the year. It

is during these three great days that we remember Jesus' passing from Death to new life. It is an amazing thing that joy can come from death. But by dying, and then rising, the Son of God changed our

We count the days of the
Easter Triduum from
evening to evening. The
Easter Triduum begins on the
evening of Holy Thursday and ends on
the evening of Easter Sunday. The
Church's liturgical year continues the
Jewish tradition of counting days from
evening to evening. We spend these three
days in prayer and worship. Because
we celebrate them as the Triduum, we
celebrate them as one special liturgy.

Holy Thursday

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper begins the Easter Triduum. Many things happen at this celebration. We remember what happened at the Last Supper. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave the gift of himself in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is a promise that we will share God's life forever.

We remember Jesus' teachings to serve others and the example of service he gave us by washing his disciples' feet. "He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist." (John 13:4-5) We also have a special collection for those who are in need.

As the parish community leaves this celebration, they are not actually dismissed as usual. This reminds us that Holy Thursday and Good Friday are connected in a special way.



Good Friday

On Good Friday, the Church remembers the Death of Jesus on the cross. The cross is the sign of Christ's suffering and Death. But it is also the great sign of his Easter victory. When Jesus died on the cross, he was not defeated. He rose from Death, and in doing so won over sin and death forever.

In church, the altar is bare, without cloths, candles, or even a cross. We honor the cross with a prayerful procession during the liturgy. We listen to the Scripture readings about what happened to Jesus on the day of his Death. We remember that Jesus was the faithful servant of God who suffered and died so that we might have new life. We also pray for the whole world on this day, since Jesus died and rose for the whole world. And, as with Holy Thursday's liturgy, the Good Friday liturgy does not actually end but extends into Saturday.

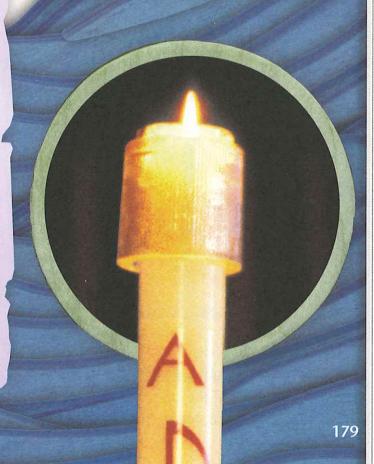
Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday, we spend time thinking and praying. We remember that Jesus died for us and was laid in a tomb. We prepare to celebrate Jesus' new life. We gather with our parish at night for the Easter Vigil. This is the most beautiful and exciting night of the whole year!

On Good Friday, we watched as the cross was carried out of the church. Now, as we wait in darkness at the Easter Vigil, we turn to see something carried into our midst. It is no longer the cross of Christ, but a single bright flame of joy and life. It is the Paschal candle. It is lit at the Easter Vigil as a symbol of Jesus' Resurrection.

"Christ our light," the deacon sings.

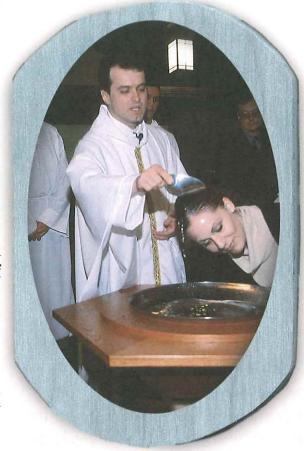
"Thanks be to God," we sing in response.



At the Vigil, we listen to many readings from the Bible. We remember all the great things God has done for us. We sing Alleluia with joy to celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead. And those preparing to become members of the Church celebrate the Sacraments of Christian Initiation and receive the new life of Christ. We welcome them and once again renew our own Baptism.

Easter Sunday

On this day we proclaim, "The Lord has indeed risen, alleluia. Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever." (Entrance Antiphon, Easter Sunday)
We gather with our parishes and families to celebrate this most important Sunday of the year. We know that Jesus is with us always.



Make notes about the ways you can celebrate the days of the Triduum.

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

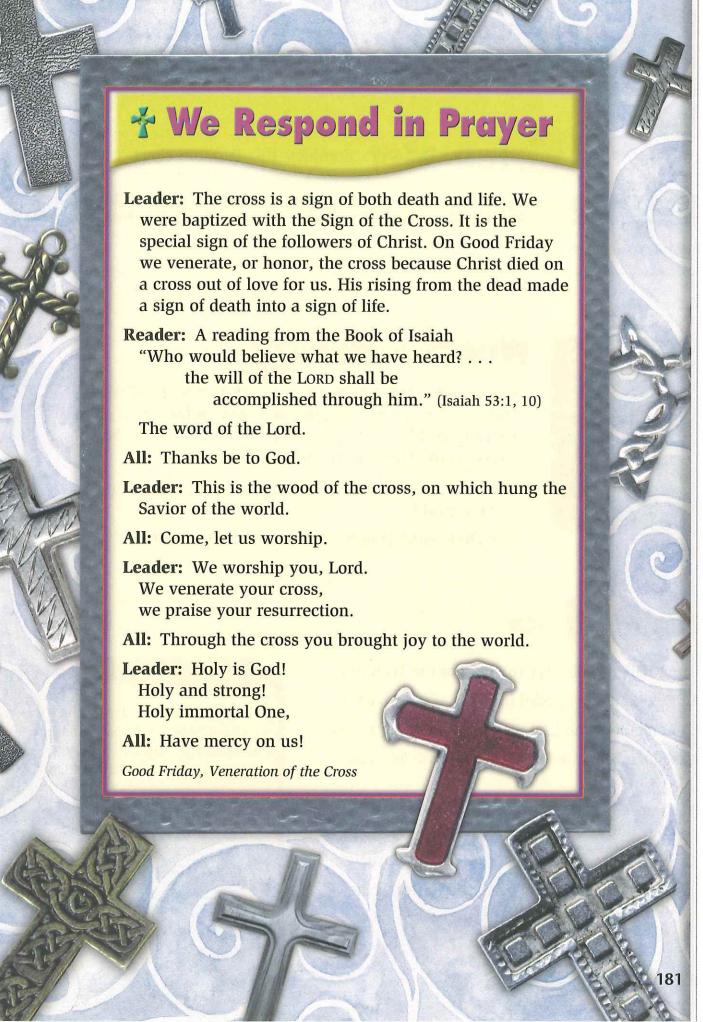
Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday

WE RESPOND

Make up your own prayer of praise and thanksgiving for Jesus our risen Savior. Pray it often.







Grade 4 Triduum

PROJECT DISCIPLE



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What We Remember	2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			



What's the Word?

Pilate said to Jesus, "'Then you are a king?' Jesus answered, You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:37).

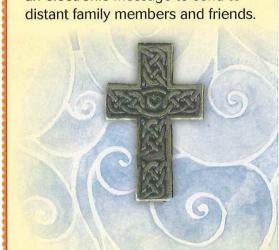
- Underline the phrase that tells why Jesus came into the world.
- Circle what people do who "belong to the truth."

Reality Check

How will you observe the days of the Triduum?

- ☐ Celebrate the special liturgies at your parish.
- ☐ Remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday.
- ☐ Remember Jesus' Passion and Death on Good Friday.
- ☐ Choose one hour for a time of silence in your house on Good Friday.
- ☐ Help get ready for Easter on Holy Saturday.
- ☐ Rejoice together and celebrate Easter at the Vigil or on Easter Sunday!

Celebrate the three days of the Triduum. Make an e-card or design an electronic message to send to distant family members and friends.



Grade 4 Unit 3

UNITIEST

Fill in the circle beside the correct answer.

1.	1. Every Christian family is called to be a						
	O domestic Church	O private community	O lawful authority				
2.	2. When we obey our parents and guardians, we are living by the Commandment.						
	○ Eighth	○ Sixth	○ Fourth				
3.	3 is the value and worth each person has from being created in God's image.						
	O Divine mercy	O Human dignity	O Loving respect				
4.	4 are women and men who died rather than give up their belief in Jesus.						
	○ Stewards	○ Guardians	○ Martyrs				
5.	. The virtue of helps us to respect ourselves and our bodies.						
	○ hope	○ chastity	○ faith				
6.	. Stewards of creation are those who everything that God has given them.						
	○ use up	○ take care of	O do not appreciate				
7.	. The Holy Spirit helps us to be courageous to our Catholic faith.						
	○ parents	○ witnesses	○ neighbors				
8.	. The most basic human right is the right to						
	Olife	○ property	○ friendship				
9.	When we obey the just laws of our nation we honor the Commandment.						
	○ Fifth	○ Fourth	○ Sixth				
10.	Then we work to help all people share the gift of the world, we honor the Commandment.						
	○ Seventh	○ Third	○ Sixth				

own is stealing.

Write True or False for the following sentences.

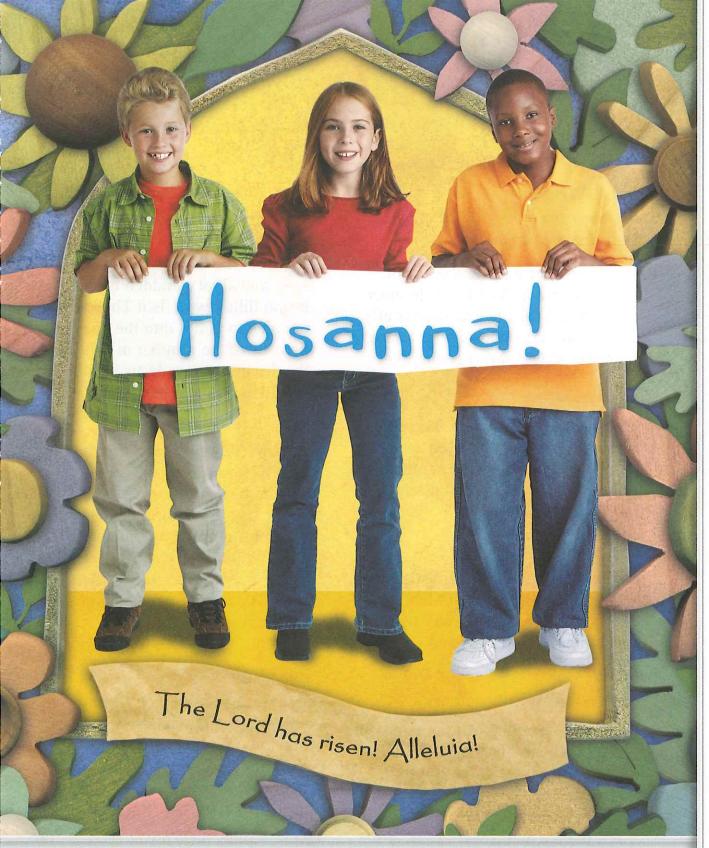
Then change the false sentences to make them true.
11. ______ Our friendships are not that important in our lives.
12. _____ Each of us has the right to life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.
13. _____ When we speak out against violence and injustice, we honor the Sixth Commandment.
14. ____ When we make promises but do not keep them, we fail to honor the Fifth Commandment.
15. ____ Copying homework or using someone else's ideas as our

Write your answers to the questions on a separate sheet of paper.

16. _____ The Fifth Commandment requires people to give back to

others the things that were unjustly taken from them.

- 17–18. Our government leaders are called to respect the dignity of all people. What should we do if our leaders pass laws that are wrong or unjust?
- **19–20.** As stewards of God's creation, what can we do now to make sure that our own children will be able to share in God's gifts in the future?





This chapter celebrates the entire Easter season.

During the season of Easter, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

WE GATHER

Risen Jesus, help us to recognize your presence among us.

Have you ever gone to the bus or train station, or the airport, to meet a friend or a member of your family whom you have not seen for a long time? What was this meeting like?

WE BELIEVE

The season of Easter is a season of meeting. We meet the risen Jesus in the Eucharist and in one another. Here is a story of the first disciples meeting the risen Jesus.

John 21:1-14

Narrator: Some of the Apostles and disciples were together after Jesus' Resurrection. Simon Peter was among them, and he said,

Simon Peter: "I am going fishing."

All: "We also will come with you."

Narrator: "So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them,

Jesus: 'Children, have you caught anything to eat?'

All: 'No.'

Jesus: 'Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something.'"

Narrator: The disciples did as he said, and all of a sudden the net began filling with fish! They were not able to pull it into the boat because of the number of fish! So the disciple whom Jesus loved, the Apostle John, said to Peter,

John: "It is the Lord."

Narrator: When Simon Peter heard this, he wrapped his garment around him and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish. "When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them,

Jesus: 'Bring some of the fish you just caught.'

Narrator: So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them,

Jesus: 'Come, have breakfast."



Narrator: The disciples realized that it was the risen Jesus. Jesus "took the bread and gave it to them" and then he gave them some fish, too. This was the third time they had seen Jesus since he was raised from the dead. (John 21:3–5, 6, 7, 9–12, 13)

Imagine you are with the disciples in the boat. What are you feeling when you realize that it is really Jesus? What questions do you want to ask him?

The Easter season is a time of joy and amazement at the risen Jesus among us. It is a time of new life. The Easter season begins on the evening of Easter Sunday and ends fifty days later on Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

At every Mass during the Easter season, the Paschal candle is lit to remind us of Jesus' living presence with us. We decorate the church building with flowers as a sign of new and joyful life.

Because Jesus rose on a Sunday, we celebrate every Sunday as a "little Easter." The Sundays of the Easter season are especially important. The early Church called the whole Easter season "one great Sunday," one great day of Resurrection.

Easter is a season of joy and happiness because Jesus rose from the dead. We meet the risen Jesus in the people around us. Jesus even told us that when we care for those in need, we care for him.

What are some ways people can meet Jesus in each of us? What can we do at home and in our neighborhoods to share the joy of Jesus' love?

During the Easter season the Church celebrates two very important events in the life of the Church.

Ascension

In the United States some dioceses observe the Ascension on Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter, as a holy day of obligation. Some dioceses observe it on the next Sunday. Whenever we celebrate it, we recall the last event of Jesus' public life, his Ascension. We read about Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven in the Acts of the Apostles.



Acts of the Apostles 1:3–12

Forty days after his Resurrection, the risen Jesus had gathered with his Apostles outside of Jerusalem. He told them that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them. They would be strengthened to be his witnesses to all the ends of the earth.

"When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight." (Acts of the Apostles 1:9)



Pentecost Sunday

After the Ascension the Apostles returned to Jerusalem and awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost

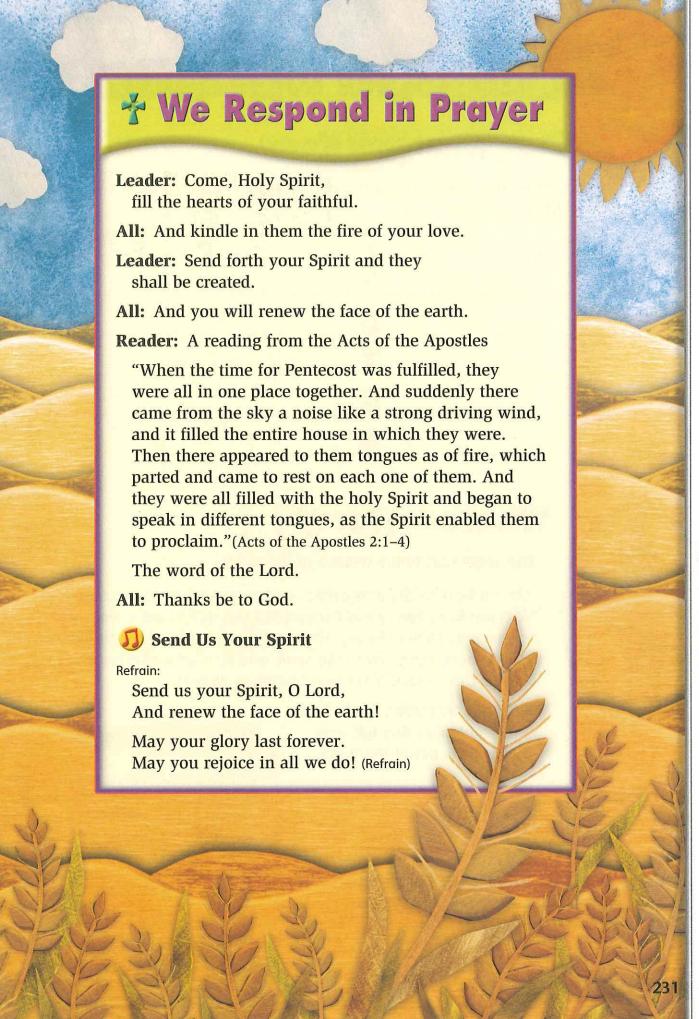
We celebrate Pentecost fifty days after Easter. It is the last Sunday and final day of the Easter season. On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples. We remember the ways the Holy Spirit helped the Apostles as they continued Jesus' work. On Pentecost we celebrate the beginning of the Church, and we rejoice because the Holy Spirit fills our hearts, too!

WE RESPOND

In what ways can the Holy Spirit help you to continue Jesus' work?

Call on the Holy Spirit to be with you.







Grade 4 Easter

PROJECT DISCIPLE

Show What you Know

Use each of the letters in "Easter" to write words or phrases about the season.

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What's the Word?

The angel said to the women at the tomb,

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him'" (Matthew 28:5-7).

bisciple CHALLENGE Underline the sentences that tell why Jesus was not in the tomb.



May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread, and follow him in his risen life. Amen.

Take Home

With your family, plan a special family breakfast. Invite several family members to read the story of the risen Jesus and his disciples on pages 228–229. Share times that family members have experienced the risen Jesus in their own lives.



Grade 4 Unit 4

UNITEST

Choose a word or phrase from the box to complete each sentence.

1.	The Commandment calls us to be happy that other people have what they need and want.	parish
2.	The of the Church are laws to help us know and fulfill our responsibilities as members of the Church.	liturgy Lord's Prayer
3.	is sharing in God's goodness and responding to God's love by the way we live.	Ninth precepts
4.	Christ is always present when we celebrate the	sacraments
	, the official public prayer of the Church.	holiness
5.	is the virtue by which we think, speak, act, and dress in ways that show respect for ourselves and others.	Tenth
	The Commandment calls us to respect the love between a husband and wife.	
7.	A is a community of believers who worship work together.	o and
8.	The are special signs given to us by Jesus t which we share in God's life.	hrough
9.	The sums up Jesus' teachings.	

15. _____ faith

16. _____ fortitude

Write the letter of the sentence that defines each of the following.

10. _____ prudence a. This theological virtue is the source of all other virtues and the goal of our life in Christ.
11. _____ love b. This theological virtue helps us to trust in Jesus and in God's promise to love us always.
12. _____ temperance c. This theological virtue helps us to believe in God and in all he has said and done.
13. _____ hope d. This Cardinal Virtue helps us to give to God and our neighbors what is rightfully theirs.
14. _____ justice e. This Cardinal Virtue helps us to act bravely in the face of troubles and fears.

f. This Cardinal Virtue helps us to keep our desires

g. This Cardinal Virtue helps us to make sound

Write your answers to the questions on a separate sheet of paper.

17–18. Mary was pure of heart. She said yes to God because her heart was always open to God's call. How can a fourth grader be pure in heart as Mary was?

under control.

judgments.

19–20. Jesus was poor in spirit. He always placed his trust in his Father, and he asked his disciples to do the same. How can a fourth grader be poor in spirit as Jesus was?