

EASTER SUNDAY

The day Jesus rose from the dead!!!! *"This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us be glad and rejoice in it!"*

- **Go to Easter Sunday Mass** and invite someone to go with you. (Special parts to watch for: the return of joyful "Alleluia's," sprinkling with holy water, a prayer before the Gospel called the Sequence, and the renewal of Baptismal promises.) **Fill a small bottle with the blessed Easter water** at church, to draw from for blessings at home.
- **Dress up!** The tradition of Easter clothes reminds us that we are a new creation. We have put on Christ.
- **Have an Easter egg hunt** out in the yard if possible, recalling the women searching in the garden for Jesus who was no longer in the tomb.
- **Have a special meal** (or two!) in the formal dining room with linens, china, candles, flowers – make it truly a feast with family and/or friends!
- **Make a playlist of Easter- Alleluia songs** to listen to throughout the day.
- **Read the Easter story** – there are various accounts at the end of all four Gospels!
- If you placed a **cross in your yard** on Friday, **find a way to witness to the Resurrection** – drape it in a white cloth, add flowers, or the words "He is Risen." Invite your neighbors to contribute. (Other ideas: paint a "stained glass" front window, or sidewalk-chalk your driveway!)
- As you encounter family members throughout the day, **say and respond:** "Christ is risen. Christ is indeed risen!"
- **Take a few minutes of silence simply seeking to encounter the risen Christ in prayer** and inviting him into your heart – with all of the power, peace, joy, and love that he brings.



Tone for our day:

*Completely joyful
and happy!*

*Jesus has won.
He is with us.*

*He has opened heaven
for us!*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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