

April 4, 2021

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Responsorial Psalm: P. 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Second Reading: Col 3:1-4
Gospel: Jn 20:1-9



<http://bit.ly/SingAlleluia>

The great gifts of Easter are faith, hope and love. Faith: the belief that Christ has triumphed over evil despite appearances and that the Resurrection is the definitive act in human history. Hope: which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake. Love: through the power of the Resurrection comes salvation. So, we celebrate the mystery of the Resurrection, proclaim our faith, live in hope, and share Christ's love --- and we give thanks for all beautiful these gifts. (SacredSpace.com) Happy Easter!

Alleluia is a Hebrew word of joyful praise. Find where it is used in the Book of Psalms or Tobit. It is the word for the Easter season. Make a family banner and put it in your home. Better yet, put it on the outside of your home and share the good news with your neighbors. (Leave it up for the entire fifty days.)

Message from the Office of Catechesis:

Last year at this time the world was thrown into a lockdown. We shared faith, hope and love together within our homes and social media kept friends, co-workers and the faith community connected in a new way. On Palm Sunday 2020, the first issue of BuildingFaith@Home was created followed by daily editions through Holy Week and the Eastertide. It has continued since. As we move forward, we would like to hear from you so that we may offer this in a way that best serves you and your family. Please take a few minutes to complete this very short survey (six questions only!). We thank you so much for your support!

[SURVEY FORM](#)

Celebrating Easter: Ideas for Busy Parents

Simple suggestions to share the meaning of Easter with your children.

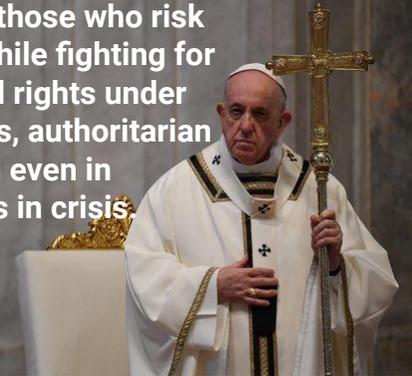
The ABCs for Fostering Vocations

Join together in prayer as a family; include a short vocations prayer when you pray before meals.



Pope Francis' April Prayer Intention

Fundamental Rights
 We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



Learn more about Catholic Social Justice Teachings: Rights & Responsibilities at USCCB.org



During the pandemic lockdowns, receiving the Holy Eucharist was not an option for many. As we come out of the pandemic, reflect on what it was like to be separated from Holy Eucharist and what it means to you to receive the Holy Eucharist again. If you would like to share your experience visit our online [padlet wall](#):

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

- CRS.org - *Rights & Responsibilities* - Discussion guide (All ages Faith Builders)
- Divinemercy.life - *Divine Mercy Novena* - audio and text for each day (Adult Faith Builder)
- Aleteia.org - *12 Ways to honor the Holy Eucharist in April* (Family and Adult Faith Builder)
- catholicblogger1.blogspot.com - *The Catholic Toolbox: Easter Games* - (Family Faith Builder)