

## **Easter Study Guide**

Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. This is called the Resurrection.

He appeared to many people after He rose from the dead. Two disciples that were traveling to Emmaus on Easter Sunday recognized Him when he blessed and broke the bread.

He appeared to Mary Magdalene early in the morning at the tomb.

He appeared to the Apostles in the locked room.

Thomas did not believe that Jesus had risen because he wanted to touch His wounds.

### **Paschal Candle/ Easter Candle**



**\*\*The Easter Candle is lit at the Easter Vigil**

**This is the Mass at night before Easter Sunday\*\***

Our Candle has the alpha (A) and the Omega (symbol under the cross). They are Greek letters. They represent that God is the beginning and the end.

The candle has the year - usually around the cross.

→ This year it would say \_\_\_\_\_



There are crowns above the cross and fish below. Fish stand for the waters of Baptism.

On our candle there would be 5 red pins on the cross. They represent the 5 wounds of Christ.

Forty (40) days after Easter Sunday, Jesus went back to Heaven, This is called the **Ascension**.

Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He told the Apostles to go out and teach people about God. He promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them.

On **Pentecost** (50 days after Easter), the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles and disciples as they were still in hiding. The Spirit helped people to understand what the Apostles were saying in their own languages. It was a miracle that helped them build the Church.



# May Study Guide

May is the month of Mary. We honor Mary by praying the Rosary.

## The Rosary has 4 Mysteries:

**Joyful-** Happy events in the life of Mary and Jesus

- The Annunciation
- The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
- The Nativity of Jesus (the birth of Jesus)
- The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- Finding Jesus in the Temple

**Luminous** - Events where Jesus performed miracles, taught about God

- The Baptism of Jesus (in the Jordan River)
- The Wedding Feast at Cana
- The Proclamation of the Kingdom (Jesus calls us to do something important)
- The Transfiguration
- The Institution of the Holy Eucharist

**Sorrowful-** things that Happened to Jesus after the Last Supper

- Agony in the Garden
- Scourging at the Pillar
- Crowning of Thorns
- Jesus Carrying the Cross
- The Crucifixion

**Glorious-** things that happened with God's help

- The Resurrection
- The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit (at Pentecost)
- Assumption of Mary to Heaven
- Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth

The Rosary begins with the **Apostles' Creed**.

- The Creed tells us what we believe about our faith.

There are **5 decades** of each mystery.

- A decade of the Rosary is 1 Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, and 1 Glory Be.

We keep the consecrated Hosts in the Tabernacle.

- We call this the **Blessed Sacrament**.
- **Jesus is always present in the Blessed Sacrament, except Good Friday!**