

■ Parish Seasonal Guide ■

Easter: Living the Resurrection

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This Easter parish guide provides reflections and group prayer outlines for the season of Easter. It invites parish groups to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection and to live it out in daily life, through hope, mission, and witness.

■ Structure of Weekly Gathering

1. Opening Prayer

Begin with an Easter hymn or Alleluia chant. Place flowers or light a Paschal candle if possible.

2. Reading of the Gospel

Proclaim the Sunday Easter Gospel. Pause for silence, then read again.

3. Reflection Input

Short reflection on the theme of resurrection and new life.

4. Faith-Sharing

Each participant shares: Where do I see signs of resurrection in my life? Where do I feel called to bring new life?

5. Closing Prayer

Conclude with the Regina Caeli or a prayer of thanksgiving.

■ Weekly Themes & Reflections

Week 1: Joy of the Resurrection

John 20:19–31 — ‘Peace be with you.’

Reflection: Where do I need Christ’s peace today?

Week 2: The Good Shepherd

John 10:1–10 — The Shepherd calls his sheep by name.

Reflection: How is Christ guiding me in this season?

Week 3: The Vine and Branches

John 15:1–8 — ‘Remain in me.’

Reflection: What practices help me stay rooted in Christ?

Week 4: The Gift of the Spirit

John 14:15–21 — ‘I will not leave you orphaned.’

Reflection: Where do I see the Spirit’s presence and strength?

Week 5: Sent on Mission

Matthew 28:16–20 — ‘Go and make disciples.’

Reflection: How am I called to share the joy of Easter with others?

■ Closing Easter Prayer

‘Risen Lord, You have conquered death and opened the way to new life. Fill our hearts with Easter joy and send us as witnesses of Your Resurrection. May we bring hope and life to the world. Alleluia!’