

EASTERTIDE @ HOME

The Great 50 Days of Easter Alleluia!

Throughout Lent we walked with Christ with discipline and devotion then entered Holy Week as we walked with Jesus through the darkness of uncertainty, betrayal and suffering. On Easter, we celebrated the Light of resurrection and redemption. We are now children of the Light! We are in a time of more Light, literally and spiritually, walking with the Risen Lord, just as the strangers walked with Christ to Emmaus ([LK 24:13-35](#)). The readings during these Great 50 days reflect this Good News!

We will now walk with the Risen Christ until His Ascension (40 days after Easter) and the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday (50 days after Easter).

Celebrate @ Home Activities

The Risen Lord walked with his disciples during this time. As a family, take a walk and offer intentions as you pass by homes, schools, parks, churches...pray for neighbors, the earth, the children, the parents, the unemployed, the elderly, etc.

Talk about how the disciples hid (John 20:19) until the Spirit's coming at Pentecost. Follow up by playing hide and seek.

Honor the Risen Lord's mother by learning about "Mary gardens" (www.mgardens.org)

Read about the disciples' amazing catch of fish (John 21:1-14). Then go fishing together. (April 17 Daily Mass reading) Play a game of "Go Fish", prepare a fish dinner or snack of goldfish crackers.

Memorize the 12 Apostles using the acronym BAPTISM

Note: (Change the J to I, in Hebrew, there was no J)

Bartholomew, **A**ndrew, **P**eter, **P**hilip, **T**homas, **T**haddaeus, **J**ames the Son of Zebedee, **J**ames the Son of Alphaeus, **J**udas, **J**ohn, **S**imon the Zealot, **M**atthew

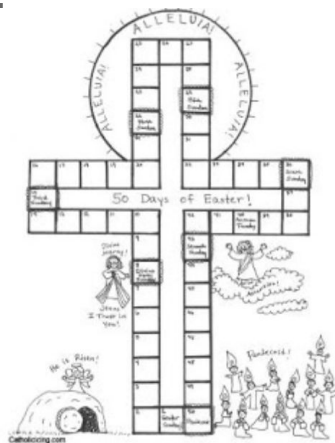
Create a "Great 50 Days" Countdown, or print from the link below.

More @ Home pages to come during this EasterTide to highlight the liturgical calendar.



50 Days of Easter

Divine Mercy | April 19
May the Month of Marian Devotions
May Crowning | May 1
Good Shepherd Sunday | May 3
World Day of Prayer for Vocations | May 3
Ascension Thursday | May 21
Holy Spirit Novena | May 23-31
Pentecost | May 31



Great 50 Days Countdown

Links for More Ideas and Activities

[Word Among Us](#) : Celebrate Easter's 50 Days in 50 ways!

[50 Days Easter Calendar Countdown](#) - Coloring Cross from CatholicCling (50 days until Pentecost)

Syracusediocese.org - Easter Season Resources



Thanks to the Catechetical Leaders in the Diocese of Syracuse for sharing these great ideas for families!
Our website RCfaithquest.syrdio.org has many ideas for this holy season!

