



Family Times at OLG



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC PARISH

April 2020

"A Parish with open arms and caring hearts!"

Easter Season Edition **How do we prepare for Easter?**



For family discussion:

If we could meet Jesus in a couple of weeks, how would we prepare as a family?

What would be different from what we are doing today?

At Easter, we celebrate Christ's Resurrection. What can we do as a family to be spiritually ready?

What/who can help us accomplish that?

Share with us your thoughts, questions and your experiences a family.

Family Faith Sunday



Family Faith Sunday is a multi-generational program where parents/guardians and their children (K-8th) gather to pray, play and share their faith in community with other families in a fun way!

More information [here](#).

Some words you may hear during Holy Week and the Easter Season:

Triduum: *Triduum* means three days. The Easter Triduum days are Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday through the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us in the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

This is the most important celebration of the liturgical year.

Paschal: *Paschal* is a Latin word meaning "Easter."

Maundy Thursday: From Latin *Mandatum*, for the commandment to humility and servanthood given by Jesus to the disciples on Holy Thursday, John 13:34-35

Palm Sunday – Beginning of Holy Week

The Triduum begins with the celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. On the night before he died, Jesus and his disciples celebrated the Passover together. Whenever we celebrate the Eucharist, we proclaim the saving death of Christ. The Eucharist is both sacrifice and sacred meal. This is memory in action: we both remember and take part.

To glory in the Cross is to glory in the dying and rising of Christ – The Paschal Mystery.



You can read and hear Sunday readings at any time!

Get them on your smart device!



*Read them at usccb.org
or listen to them at [daily readings](#)*



Fr. Kevin's homilies available online. [HERE](#)

Saint Catherine of Siena

Catherine lived a very long time ago in the city of Siena Italy. She had 24 older brothers and sisters! When she was seven years old, she decided she would work for God when she grew up. As a young woman, she spent many hours praying. Sometimes she prayed so hard, she heard and saw Jesus! A few years later, she began a different kind of work for God. Catherine visited prisoners and helped sick people. She talked with people who had done wrong things, helping them see how they could stop. She wrote hundreds of letters to help people with problems. Catherine showed people how to settle fights over land. She even helped the pope. Catherine is remembered as one of our smartest and Greatest saints.

Be who God meant
you to be, and you will
set the world on fire.

St. Catherine of Siena

Feast Day:

April 29

Patron Saint of:

Italy

**Saint Catherine of Siena,
Pray for us!**





Family Activity Corner



Basket Blessing

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We pray, Alleluia! Alleluia! Today we gather together to begin our Easter Celebration with the blessing of our baskets. Legends of the past tell us that the use of baskets came from the symbol of the bird nests. A bird nest holds the eggs out of which new life, new baby birds come. What a good symbol this is of Jesus coming out of the dark tomb of death to new life. Amen.

Smart Faith App of the month

How can I read the Mass readings before going to Mass?
Get the free app
New Missal
Readings for daily Mass



Looking for a Baptism Preparation class for parents/guardians and godparents?

Visit our website and contact us with your questions!

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Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

Sheep will distinguish the voice of their shepherd from all other voices. They trust that their shepherd will lead them well and in safety. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and we are his sheep. He loves us and calls us each by name. If we follow Him, he will guide us to eternal happiness. It is up to us to know and heed His voice amid the distractions of other voices that try to lead us astray. What can only separate us from God is our own free choice to turn away.

Family Reflection questions:

How does God care for us? How does it feel knowing that God loves you and calls you by name?



**Arbor Day/ Earth Day
Celebrating 50 Years!
April 22nd**

Earth day—which is on April 22, 2020—is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and the annual recognition of our planet has come a long way since its beginnings in 1970!

The celebration of Earth Day has spread globally with almost every country in the world now hosting environmentally focused events, since Earth Day is all about celebrating our beautiful planet and learning ways to be active in taking care of it.

Due to the COVID-19, getting together with your community to celebrate may not be an option, which is why you can do some of these **Earth Day activities** on your own or with your immediate family, without straying too far from home. Here are some fun Earth Day activities to do as a family:



- Make Tin Can Lanterns and Planters
- Recycled Art
- Cardboard Forts
- Make a homemade bird feeder
- Plant flowers
- Make a worm compost bin
- Start a rock collection
- Make a tin can bowling game
- Build a cardboard ramp for toys
- Make homemade games with recycled products



Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

In their last earthy encounter with Jesus, we hear that the disciples worshiped, but they doubted. This seems to be a paradox. How could the disciples worship Jesus Christ and at the same time doubt the truth of his identity?

Jesus is not concerned with their doubt, just as he was not concerned with their betrayal in Jerusalem. He exhorts them to make disciples of all nations. Even when we, his disciples, doubt and deny and are imperfect, we are still called to be missionaries of his Good News.

Reflection Questions for families:

Have you ever felt insecure and unready, yet excited and hopeful about something new?

How do you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?



Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost means fiftieth and is the capstone of the Easter Season it is the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

Traditionally, Catholics may wear red on Pentecost Sunday, to commemorate the tongues of fire which appeared over the Apostles heads at the first Pentecost.

As a family, you can make paper doves at home to decorate your prayer space. Pray the sequence for Pentecost (*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*) in English or Latin, or both!



Vacation Bible Camp has been cancelled for 2020!