

Letter for Families • The Easter Triduum

Getting Ready

The Easter Triduum is the center of the Church's year. The Easter Triduum is the three-day-long celebration and participation in the great mystery of our faith, the Paschal mystery, which begins with the evening celebration of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and concludes with the celebration of Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

On Holy Thursday evening we join Christ at the memorial of his final celebration of the Passover meal with his disciples. We learn what it means to serve as Jesus did and we receive Christ's gift of his Body and Blood, the Eucharist. On Good Friday we remember Jesus' great love of us as we celebrate the Lord's Passion and death. On Holy Saturday evening we celebrate the Easter Vigil. We rejoice and proclaim that Jesus is risen and celebrate our new life in Christ. We welcome new members into the Church and renew the promises of

our own baptism. The Church continues the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus for the fifty days of the Easter Season.

Looking for More?

- **Faith First Legacy Edition**
Additional Activities booklet for appropriate age level
- **Faith First Legacy Edition**
Called to Prayer booklet for appropriate age level
- *Helping Kids Live Their Faith: Service Projects that Make a Difference* by Mary Beth Jambor (Resources for Christian Living). Help children understand the importance of carrying out the Church's mission to serve families, communities, and parish.
- *Let's Learn About the Church and Celebrate Its Message* by Mary Coy Senger (The Liturgical Press). An Explanation of the sacraments and Church beliefs.

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Catholic Family Traditions

This is an appropriate time to review the Divine Praises together as a family. You can find this prayer in the "Prayers and Practices" section in the back of your child's book. Choose a time when you can pray this prayer together each day this week.