

Chapter 21 Triduum

Advent

Christmas

Ordinary Time

Lent

Triduum

Easter

Ordinary Time

Easter Triduum

Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

(Norms Governing Liturgical Calendars, 18)

Overview

In this chapter students will learn that the Easter Triduum is our greatest celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

For Adult Reading and Reflection

You may want to refer to paragraph 654 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Catechist Background

Recall a loving act a friend or family member did on your behalf. How did it change you?

From the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday, the Church focuses entirely on the celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The Easter Triduum, as these three days are known, is the most important season of the Church year. It is the time when the entire Church enters into the saving mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

For those who are being welcomed into the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the Easter Vigil is the high point of their faith journey.

"The whole initiation must bear a markedly paschal character, since the initiation of Christians is the first sacramental sharing in Christ's dying and rising." (*RCIA*, 8) As the period of purification and enlightenment marks the season of Lent, so the postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy marks the Easter season.

On Holy Thursday the Church celebrates the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The ritual of the washing

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of feet reminds us of our baptismal commitment to serve others as Jesus did. On Good Friday the Church venerates the Holy Cross and proclaims the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. We recall that in our Baptism, we died with Christ so that we might rise with him to new life. On Holy Saturday the waters of Baptism flow as the Church rejoices in the Resurrection and celebrates the Sacraments of Christian Initiation.

We rejoice with all the saints that "We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

How will you enter into the Easter Triduum liturgical celebrations in your parish community?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Focus

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

<p>page 177 Introduce the Season</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the <i>Chapter Story</i>. • Introduce the Easter Triduum. • Proclaim the verse on the banner. 	
<p>page 178</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss ways of showing love. 	

2 WE BELIEVE

<p>pages 178–180 <i>The Easter Triduum is our greatest celebration of the Paschal Mystery.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present and discuss Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. 	
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3 WE RESPOND

<p>page 180</p>	 Illustrate the Easter Triduum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • markers, colored pencils
<p>Text page 181 Guide page 181–182 We Respond in Prayer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to Scripture.  Respond in song.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prayer space items: white tablecloth; large basin and pitcher of water; large white towel  "This Is My Commandment," #20, Grade 5 CD
<p>Text page 182 Guide pages 181–182, 182A Project Disciple</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Project Disciple activities. • Complete Reproducible Master 21 activity. See guide pages 182A and 177C. • Discuss/send home Sharing Faith with My Family, guide page 182B. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • copies of Reproducible Master 21, guide page 182A. • copies of Sharing Faith with My Family, guide page 182B.

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