

# GROW IN CHRIST – SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR EASTER 2025

## WEEK 1



- ☐ Sunday, April 20, 2025 – GALATIANS 2:19-20
- ☐ Monday, April 21, 2025 – MATTHEW 5:16
- ☐ Tuesday, April 22, 2025 – COLOSSIANS 3:23-24
- ☐ Wednesday, April 23, 2025 – PHILIPPIANS 4:8
- ☐ Thursday, April 24, 2025 – ROMANS 12:1-2
- ☐ Friday, April 25, 2025 – ACTS 1:1-5
- ☐ Saturday, April 26, 2025 – 1 PETER 2:9

## WEEK 2



- ☐ Sunday, April 27, 2025 – ACTS 1:6-8
- ☐ Monday, April 28, 2025 – JAMES 1:22
- ☐ Tuesday, April 29, 2025 – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18
- ☐ Wednesday, April 30, 2025 – NEHEMIAH 8:10
- ☐ Thursday, May 1, 2025 – JOHN 15:11
- ☐ Friday, May 2, 2025 – PHILIPPIANS 4:4
- ☐ Saturday, May 3, 2025 – ROMANS 15:13

## WEEK 3



- ☐ Sunday, May 4, 2025 – ACTS 2:42
- ☐ Monday, May 5, 2025 – JOHN 16:24
- ☐ Tuesday, May 6, 2025 – GALATIANS 5:22-25
- ☐ Wednesday, May 7, 2025 – JOHN 13:34-35
- ☐ Thursday, May 8, 2025 – ROMANS 8:28
- ☐ Friday, May 9, 2025 – MATTHEW 11:28-30
- ☐ Saturday, May 10, 2025 – JOHN 16:33

## WEEK 4



- ☐ Sunday, May 11, 2025 – ACTS 1:9-19
- ☐ Monday, May 12, 2025 – 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13
- ☐ Tuesday, May 13, 2025 – HEBREWS 10:24-25
- ☐ Wednesday, May 14, 2025 – GALATIANS 6:2
- ☐ Thursday, May 15, 2025 – JOHN 3:16
- ☐ Friday, May 16, 2025 – PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4
- ☐ Saturday, May 17, 2025 – ROMANS 12:10

## WEEK 5



- ☐ Sunday, May 18, 2025 – 1 PETER 1:3
- ☐ Monday, May 19, 2025 – HEBREWS 12:14
- ☐ Tuesday, May 20, 2025 – ROMANS 8:11
- ☐ Wednesday, May 21, 2025 – PHILIPPIANS 3:10-11
- ☐ Thursday, May 22, 2025 – ROMANS 8:31
- ☐ Friday, May 23, 2025 – ROMANS 8:37-39
- ☐ Saturday, May 24, 2025 – PHILLIPIANS 2:5-11

## WEEK 6



- ☐ Sunday, May 25, 2025 – JOHN 10:10
- ☐ Monday, May 26, 2025 – COLOSSIANS 3:4
- ☐ Tuesday, May 27, 2025 – 1 CORINTHIANS 12:26
- ☐ Wednesday, May 28, 2025 – JOHN 13:12-15
- ☐ Thursday, May 29, 2025 – 1 JOHN 4:13-16
- ☐ Friday, May 30, 2025 – 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27
- ☐ Saturday, May 31, 2025 – COLOSSIANS 3:13-14

## WEEK 7



- ☐ Sunday, June 1, 2025 – LUKE 24:49
- ☐ Monday, June 2, 2025 – 1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27
- ☐ Tuesday, June 3, 2025 – MATTHEW 28:19-20
- ☐ Wednesday, June 4, 2025 – 1 JOHN 4:20

*When you were baptized, Jesus began to live in you. Now, you need to let Him grow more and more within you until it is “no longer you who live, but Christ who lives in you.” Galatians 2:20*

### Read the Verse(s) of the Day.

*Start your time with prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you in understanding and transformation.*

### Summarize the Verse.

*Write a short summary of what the verse is saying in your own words.*

### Reflect with These Questions:

- 1. What is Jesus saying to me in this verse?*
- 2. How can I grow in Him more through this?*
- 3. Is there a promise to believe?*
- 4. Is there a command to obey?*
- 5. Is there a sin to confess or avoid?*
- 6. Is there an example to follow?*
- 7. How does this verse point me to Jesus or reflect His heart?*

### Write Down Your Insights.

*Be honest and personal. This is your space to grow closer to Christ, one day at a time.*

### Write a Prayer.

*End each reflection with a written prayer asking Jesus to help you grow in Him, so that people see Him in your life!*

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. Peter 3:18*



- ☐ Thursday, June 5, 2025 – COLOSSIANS 3:17
- ☐ Friday, June 6, 2025 – ROMANS 12:18
- ☐ Saturday, June 7, 2025 – PHILIPPIANS 4:7
- ☐ Sunday, June 8, 2025 – ACTS 2:1-4 **COME HOLY SPIRIT!!!!**

## **EXAMPLE OF DAILY JOURNALING:**

Friday, May 16, 2025 - PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4

*Summarize:* These verses encourage unity and humility among us. Instead of acting selfishly or pridefully, we are urged to be humble, valuing others and caring for their needs above our own.

*What is Jesus saying to me in this verse?* Jesus is asking me not to be selfish and to put others above myself.

*How can I grow in Him more through this?* I need to let Jesus live His life in me more!

*Is there a promise to believe?* The more I serve the more I grow into Jesus!

*Is there a command to obey?* I MUST be a servant if I am His disciple!

*Is there a sin to confess or avoid?* I need to repent of selfishness and pride!

*Is there an example to follow?* St. Paul is showing me how to be like Jesus!

*How does this verse point me to Jesus or reflect?* Jesus lived His life for others, and I must do the same!

Jesus, help me to let You live in me so much, that I no longer live but You live in and through me! Help me to grow in humility and love. Help me to put other people before me and think that they are better than me. Lord I cannot do this without your Holy Spirit, so fill me with Your Spirit and grant me the grace of full surrender to Him! I love You Jesus! Help me to love You and Your people more!

***Know that I am praying for you, and I am doing this with you! I love you! Fr. Larry***

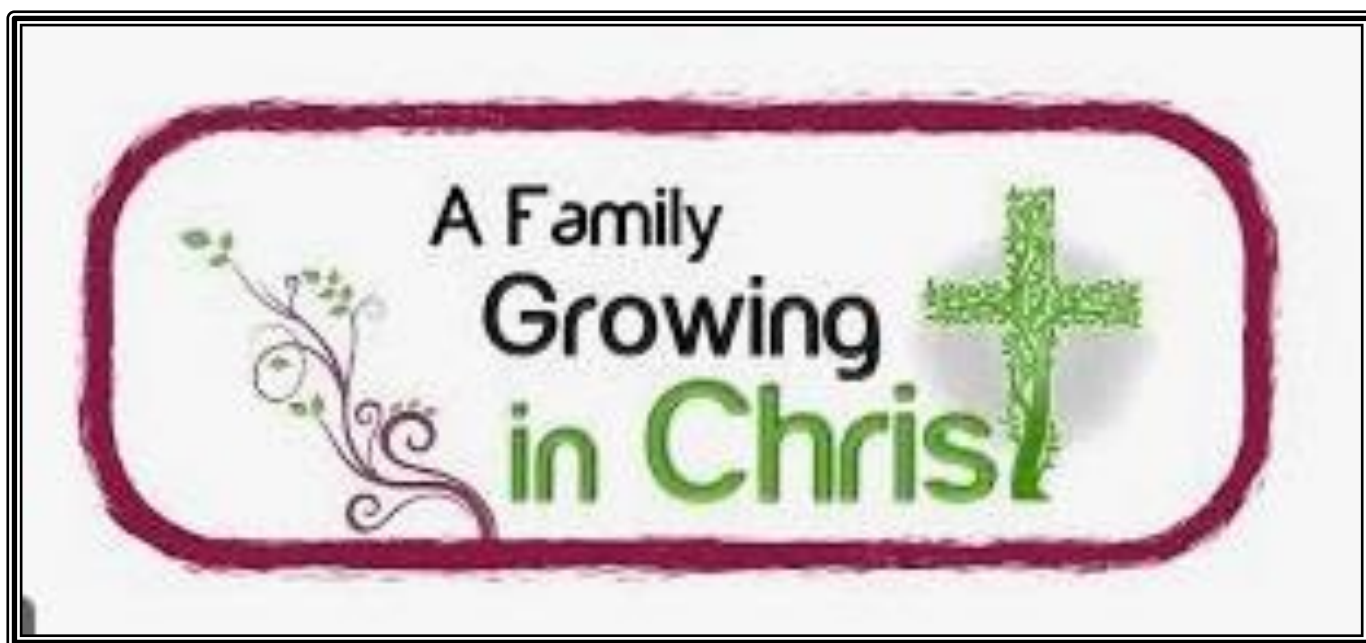


## **Family Activities to Celebrate the Easter Season\***

*Easter is the most important feast of the Christian year—so important that the Church sets aside a seven-week season to rejoice in Christ's victory over sin and death. How can a family sustain this "Easter spirit" of celebration all the way to Pentecost? Here are fifty ways to celebrate the fifty days. But don't try to do them all! Each week, just pick a few ideas that seem right for you. You'll be rejoicing long after the last jellybean is gone!*

1. Plant the "seed flower" you received from Church this Easter! Watch it grow as you grow in Christ!
2. Every day, read together from the Easter story: Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21.
3. Plan fun family activities—one for every week of Easter.
4. Put up a sign or banner that proclaims, "He is risen!"
5. Was anyone received into the Church during your parish Easter Vigil? Have them over.
6. Add an "alleluia" song—or three alleluias—to your grace before meals.
7. Put on an Easter play. Invite relatives and friends to a performance.
8. Make a poster of a life-giving cross. Add paper flowers and leaves to it throughout Easter.
9. Celebrate new life by doing something as a family to support unborn children and their parents.
10. Keep fresh flowers around.
11. Use the old Easter greeting and response: "Christ is risen! – He is risen indeed!"
12. Visit a lonely neighbor or do some other family act of kindness to express thanks for the resurrection.
13. Talk about baptism. Tell stories of family members' baptisms.
14. Plan a family outing to a river, lake, stream, or ocean.
15. Drape your crucifixes and crosses with a strip of white cloth.
16. Make cookies in the shapes of Easter symbols. Freeze some to serve throughout the season.
17. Learn how other cultures celebrate Easter. Try out some of their customs and foods.
18. Make cards announcing the good news of the resurrection.
19. Use a special container for newly blessed water from church. Show your kids how to use holy water.
20. Throw some water balloons!
21. Listen to Handel's Messiah and other Easter music.
22. Read about the Emmaus disciples (Luke 24:13-35); take a family walk.
23. What about a short trip to an interesting shrine or church?
24. Place a resurrection icon or picture in a place of honor.
25. Discuss what it means to be Christ's "witnesses" (Luke 24:48)? Help each family member to see that their witness matters.
26. Wear more white, or even gold! They're the season's special colors.
27. Pray the Liturgy of the Hours together in the morning or evening ([www.liturgyhours.org](http://www.liturgyhours.org)).
28. If your family likes to sing and play instruments, have people over for a musical Easter celebration.
29. Read about the disciples' amazing catch of fish (John 21:1-14). Then go fishing together.
30. Or imitate Peter, and go swimming (John 21:7).
31. The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. Explore this relatively new devotion ([www.marian.org/divinemeracy](http://www.marian.org/divinemeracy)).
32. Talk about how the disciples hid (John 20:19) until the Spirit's coming at Pentecost. Follow up by playing hide and seek.
33. Tell people you love that you love them!

34. Honor the risen Lord's mother by learning about "Mary gardens" ([www.mgardens.org](http://www.mgardens.org)).
35. Read Luke 24:50-53 or Acts 1:6-11. Ask family members to imagine themselves present at Jesus' ascension. How would they have felt about it?
36. Watch a movie with an Easter theme
37. Just before his ascension, Jesus blessed the disciples. Pray Numbers 6:24-26 together as a way of communicating his blessing to one another.
38. On Ascension Thursday, choose a family intention. Make the nine days till Pentecost a novena to the Holy Spirit.
39. Add some Pentecost red (for fire) to your Easter decorations.
40. Read Acts 2, the Spirit's coming at Pentecost. Read it in all the languages family members speak! (See the Bible translations at [www.biblegateway.com/languages](http://www.biblegateway.com/languages)).
41. Decorate a cake with Pentecost flames and other symbols to celebrate the birthday of the church.
42. Talk about the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (see Isaiah 11 and 1 Corinthians 12; also the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1830-1832).
43. Make a Pentecost hanging or mobile that features a dove and tongues of fire.
44. Learn a prayer to the Holy Spirit to use in your family prayer time.
45. Play "twenty questions": Have someone choose a Bible character or thing from the Easter and Pentecost stories. The group gets twenty questions (yes or no answers only) to guess the right answer.
46. List the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23; Catechism, 1832) on separate slips of paper. Have each family member randomly select a fruit to cultivate.
47. Fly a kite to celebrate the wind of the Holy Spirit.
48. Find ways to make Sunday meals special during the Easter season.
49. Continue the "special Sunday meal" tradition to celebrate Jesus' resurrection all year.
50. Bring the Plant that grew from the seeds to Church for Pentecost!



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