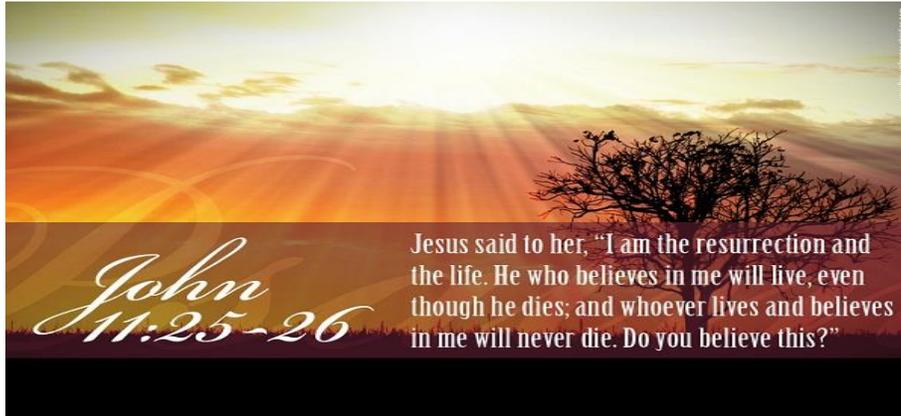


FAMILIES ON FIRE



REFLECTION: APRIL: RESURRECTION

After many days on the Lenten journey, we can now yell and say Alleluia! Christ has risen! He has risen indeed! What a beautiful and deep event to ponder. The Resurrection of our Lord is considered to be not only, a big feast for the Church, but to be “The Feast” from where all others work around. This does make sense since this mystery of life is the base of our Christian Faith. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church 652, “Christ's Resurrection is the fulfillment of the promises both of the Old Testament and of Jesus himself during his earthly life.” Jesus’ Resurrection can be a great reminder of the new life He has given and is constantly calling us to. Here are some suggestions to share and live the faith at home.

1. Story Time: On April 29th we celebrate St. Catherine of Siena. She was a very influential Catholic Theologian for her time. She was born on March 17, 1347 to a large family. She was always connected to God from a very young age. Take time to watch/read her Biography and discuss on why she still touches many lives today.
2. Prayer Time: Divine Mercy is this year is on April 8th. This Feast allows us to focus on the Divine Mercy that God has for all His children. Pray a Divine Mercy Chaplet together as a family. A chaplet follows the same repetitious style as the Rosary only shorter and with a specific theme. The instructions can be found here <https://www.catholiccompany.com/content/How-to-Pray-the-Divine-Mercy-Chaplet.cfm>
3. Simple Reminders: Easter Sunday falls on April 1st this year but the season lasts for fifty days. A great way to keep the Resurrection fresh in our minds during the whole month, would be to make a Resurrection Garden together! The garden can be customized to fit each family. Here are the directions and details to make one <http://www.catholicicing.com/resurrection-garden/>

Friends in High Places: St. Mark’s Feast day is on April 25th. He was the author of one of the Gospels of the New Testament. During the week of the 25th, add the Gospel of Mark to your dinner/family time. Take turns reading from the Bible. Use a Bible that is child friendly such as the Catholic Children’s Bible so everyone can understand what is going on in the Gospel.

“Accept the Risen Jesus into
your life” Pope Francis