







# **EASTER SONGS**

- · Raise a Hallelujah Bethel Music
- Father of Jesus Cody Carnes
- Trust in You Lauren Daigle
- An Easter Hallelujah Cassandra & Callahan Star
- · How Deep the Father's Love Austin Stone Worship
- Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me) Casting Crowns
- · At the Cross Hillsong
- · Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery Boswell & Papa
- · O Praise the Name (Anastasis) Hillsong
- My Redeemer Lives Nicole C Mullen
- · Before the Throne of God Above Shane & Shane
- It was finished upon that Cross CityAlight

- · Graves into Gardens Elevation Worship
- · What a Beautiful Name Hillsong
- · Christ is Risen Phil Wickham
- · Because He Lives Celtic Worship
- · Resurrecting Elevation Worship
- Because He Lives Matt Maher
- · Worthy is the Lamb Hillsong
- Forever Kari Jobe
- · In Christ Alone Kristian Stanfill
- · King of Kings Hillsong
- What He's Done Passion
- Man of Sorrows Hillsong
- · At the Cross / Love ran red Chris Tomlin

# **REFLECTIONS**

- · Ascension Presents: Run to the Risen Jesus this Easter!
- · Fr Mike Schmitz: What is Hope and Why do you need it?
- · Bobby Angel: Finding Hope in Times of Darkness
- Fr Mike Schmitz: The Role of Hope in Holy Week
- · Stations of the Cross Holy Family Mission
- Holy Week in 3 Minutes (Busted Halo)
- · Easter Sunday: What every Catholic Should Know





- · Easter Reflection: With God Nothing is Lost
- RISEN A Short Film
- He is Alive Easter Video (Billy Graham)
- · Easter He is Risen
- The Cross Worship Intro



- · God's Story: Easter
- The Story of Easter (Saddleback Kids)
- · The Stations of the Cross for Kids
- History of Easter Eggs for Kids
- · The Easter Story (The Beginner's Bible)

- How to Draw an Easter Cross
- Easter Traditions (Catholic Central)
- Easter Brunch Ideas for the Family
- Our Holy Week & Easter Triuum Traditions
- Easter Bake Along
- · Resurrection Garden craft





# CHECK OUT THE MEANING OF THE FOLLOWING EASTER SYMBOLS:



Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection.

So when you're tucking into your first, or fifth chocolate egg on Easter Sunday, think of what that empty tomb means:

That you have a God who loves you so much, He was willing to suffer, die and rise again from the dead just for you! He conquered sin and death, for our sakes! Now, that's sweeter than any chocolate!



White Easter Lilies symbolise Christ's purity and are often used to decorate churches and homes at Easter time.

Lilies grow from dormant bulbs in the ground to flowers which symbolise the rebirth and hope of Christ's resurrection.



Not much to be honest! At least, not with any real Christian understanding of Easter! Rabbits are associated with fertility (because they have so many baby bunnies in Springtime!). For Christians, at most, the rabbit can symbolise new life and rebirth.



The whole life cycle of a butterfly can be seen as a symbol for the life of Jesus Christ.

The first stage, the caterpillar, can stand for His earthly life.

The cocoon stage can be seen to symbolise Jesus' crucifixion and burial. The final stage is the butterfly, representing His resurrection from the dead in a glorified body.



Of all the Easter symbols, the lamb is probably the most strongly Christian. The lamb comes from the Jewish Passover, where each family killed a lamb as a sacrifice for the Passover meal. When Jesus Christ became the Passover Lamb for everyone, the sacrificial offering for the sake of the whole world, the lamb became a symbol for His sacrifice. Many Christians today also serve lamb as part of the Easter feast. In Germany, there is a tradition to serve an Osterlammkuchen (a cake in the shape of a lamb) on Easter Sunday.

### EASTER SYMBOLS





"I AM THE UGHT OF THE WORLD. WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT WILL HAVE THE UGHT OF UFE." JOHN 8:12

# The Paschal Candle

The candle symbolises the Light of Christ and the resurrection - all the other candles in the Church are lit from this one: Jesus is the source of all light!

#### Beeswax

"...extracted by bees from flowers symbolises the pure flesh of Christ received from His Virgin Mother, the wick signifies the soul of Christ and the flame represents His divinity". (Catholic Encyclopedia)

# Flame

Reminds us of the "pillar of fire" that led the Hebrews as they escaped slavery at the hands of the Egyptians.

#### Cross

The greatest symbol of Jesus since it was through the Cross He chose to save us.



Greek letters Alpha and Omega:

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." (Revelations 21:6-7)

### Year

To remind us that God is here with us today and always.

# Five Grains of Incense

Inserted into the candle symbolising the five wounds of Jesus Christ.

Get creative!
Why not try creating your
own Paschal Candle with
some sharpie pens?

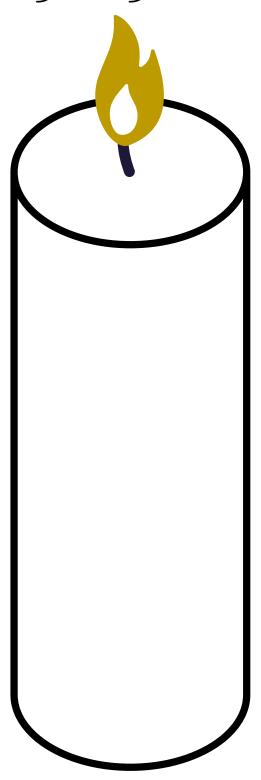


Watch the video here from TeachBhríde at the Notre Dame Newman Centre for inspiration! Make sure to use the correct symbols and year!





Design a paschal candle appropriate for use at a Christian Easter Vigil - think about the symbolism you have learned about so far.





If Jesus had just been an innocent man who was put to death on Good Friday, His death would have been tragic and an act of senseless cruelty, and the story would have ended there. For Christians, however, Good Friday is not the end of the story. Jesus told his followers on numerous occasions that He would have to suffer and die. but on the third day He would rise again. They were incapable of understanding that at the time. Imagine the pain, grief and hopelessness they must have felt on Good Friday, watching their good friend suffer and die, and with Him all their hopes for the future? Then imagine their overwhelming joy and sense of hope they felt at the resurrection! His mother, Mary, never lost hope in Jesus' promises. Can you imagine how joyful their reunion was after the Resurrection?

#### CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES ON THE THEME OF HOPE:



Hope Explained: **BibleProject** 



An Easter Hallelujah - 10 year old Cassandra Star & her sister Callahan



Fr Mike Schmitz: What is Hope and Why Do You Need It?



Fr Mike Schmitz: The Role of Hope in Holy Week



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Lauren Daigle: Trust In You (Live)



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Send a message of encouragement or gratitude to someone who you think could be struggling at the moment.



Each morning you wake up, think of ten things you are grateful for. Start your day choosing joy and gratitude to God for his blessings!





Hope is "trust in another, extended into the future."



Why not create an Instagram post or story with your definition to share with your friends on social media? Or commit to only sharing positive and hope-filled messages for the next week? Print it out and stick it on your bedroom mirror.

Create a playlist for yourself, with music filled with messages of hope - listen to this whenever you feel like you are struggling, or share it with a friend who might need a reminder that hope is real.



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**JOHN 3:16** 

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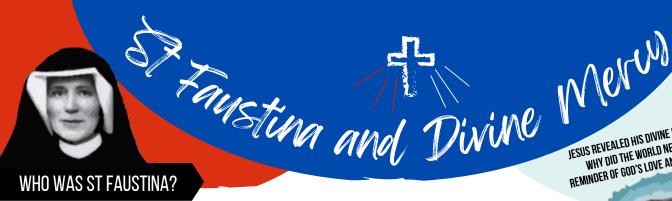
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JESUS REVEALED HIS DIVINE MERCY IN THE 1930S WHY DID THE WORLD NEED SUCH A STRONG REMINDER OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY AT THAT TIME?

#### Saint Maria Faustina was born in a village in Poland in 1905. Her birth name was Helena Kowalska. Her family was poor but prayerful and she only had a basic education. As a child Helena was very devoted to Jesus and felt a call to be a nun, but in her teenage years she became distracted with friends and social life. One night things changed forever for her when Jesus appeared to her, covered in wounds, while she was at a dance with her friends and asked, "How long will you put me off?" She left immediately and after some difficulty finally was accepted by the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of

Mercy in Warsaw, Poland. Her health was never strong and she performed the humblest

tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary messages from Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences. which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the

Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska (Divine Mercy in my Soul).

# WHAT IS THE MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY?

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple: God loves us and He wants us to truly know that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. "The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy." (723) Use ABC to help you remember the message!

Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to be sorry for our sins and ask Him to pour His mercy out on us and upon the whole world.

be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and in turn be merciful to other.

Completely trust in Jesus. "The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive." (1578)

# WHAT DOES THE IMAGE MEAN?

In 1931, our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in a vision. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. He asked that an image would be painted of this, with the signature; "Jesus I trust in You" at the bottom, calling it a vessel He was offering people with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. He said: "The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls." We can think of the blue ray as representing baptism and reconciliation, washing our souls clean and the red ray as the Eucharist which is our spiritual nourishment.

# WHEN IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY?

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. This day was instituted and promoted by Saint Pope John Paul II beginning on April 30, 2000. St. Faustina was also canonised on April 30, 2000.

**JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!** 

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Make the Sign of the Cross: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**You expired, Jesus,** but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You! (x3)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

The Apostle's Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



• On each of the Our Father beads:

**Eternal Father**, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

• On the Ten Small Beads:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (x3)

**Eternal God,** in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion – inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.



#### CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES ON THE DIVINE MERCY:



<u>Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the young people at Holy Family Mission</u>



What is Mercy?
Fr Chris Alar



<u>Divine Mercy Sunday 2020 Reflection by</u> <u>Bishop Phonsie Cullinan</u>



<u>Divine Mercy Sunday: Prove It</u> (Mark Hart)



Witness of Mercy:

The Story of Jennifer Trapuzzano

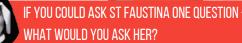


SOME SONGS TO HELP US UNDERSTAND GOD'S MERCY: Chris Tomlin: At the Cross Love Ran Red Jesus Army: Thank You

Hillsong United: None But Jesus



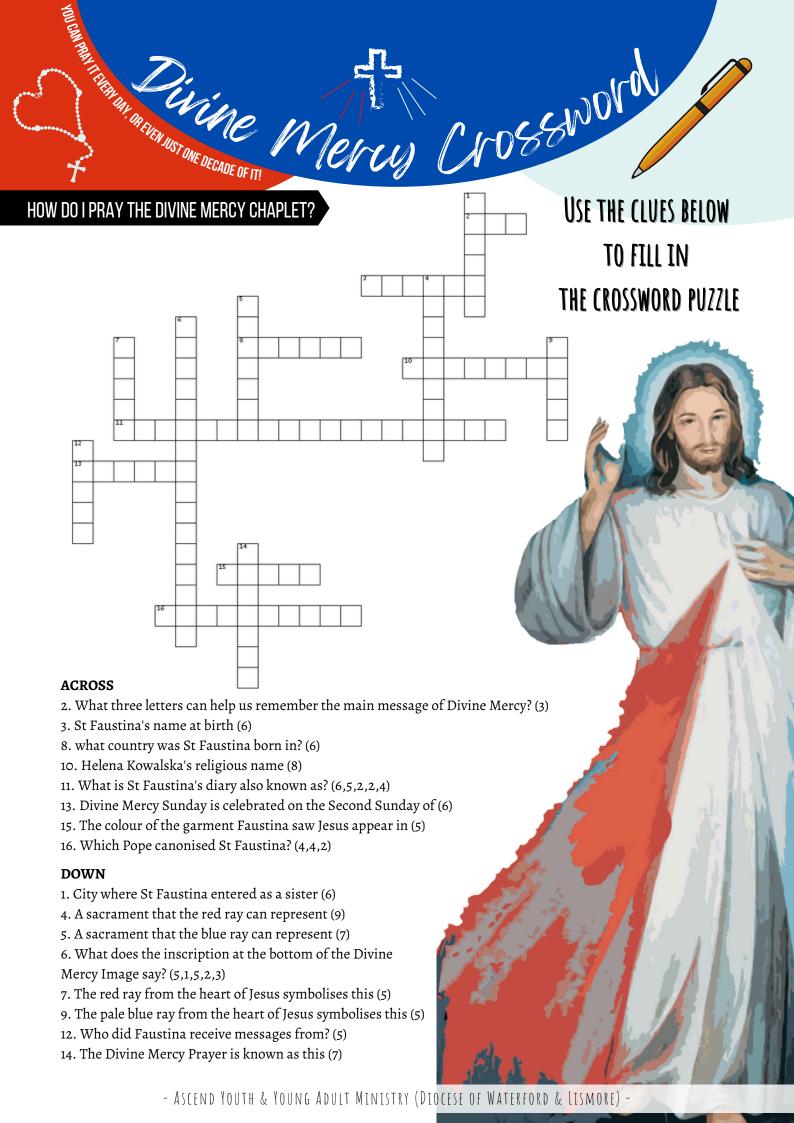
WHY WAS THE DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION SO PARTICULARLY SPECIAL TO ST JOHN PAUL II? HINTS: HOMELAND, ERA, MESSAGE OF MERCY, 1980 ENCYCLICAL, FIRST SAINT OF NEW MILLENIUM, DATE OF HIS DEATH



COPY THE SHORT PRAYER: "JESUS I TRUST IN YOU!" AND PUT IT SOMEWHERE IN YOUR ROOM YOU WILL SEE IT EVERY DAY.



LOOK UP SOME OF THE MESSAGES JESUS SHARED WITH ST FAUSTINA





"Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations..."

**Watch:** Be my Witness (Fr Mike Schmitz)

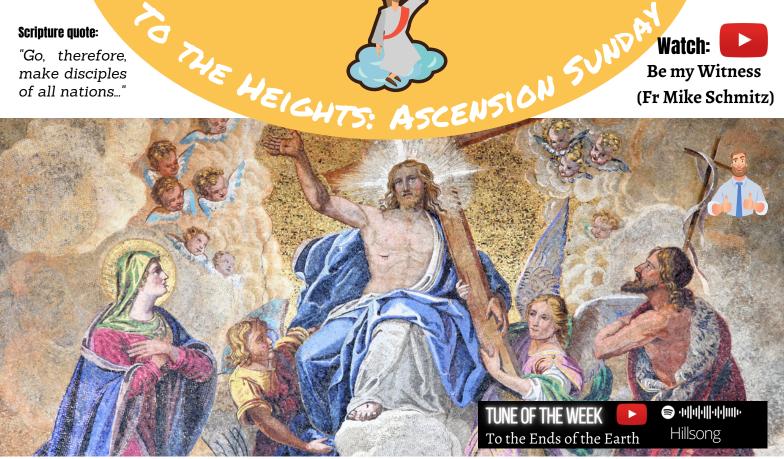


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# BE A WITNESS

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You will be presented with opportunities this week to be a joyful witness to the Christian faith: how will you use them? Will you offer to pray for or with someone? Will you mention the name of Jesus to them? Will you serve humbly and cheerfully? Will you put others before yourself?





Lord, you have asked me to be a witness to you in this world. No one else has the same set of circumstances and people in their lives as I do. No one else can reach people in the same way I can. Send your Holy Spirit to guide and direct my thoughts, words, actions and encounters this week. Amen!





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**In every age God** raises up saints who best exemplify the virtues so needed in their day.

WHAT CAN CAUSE A SUCCESSFUL TEAM TO START PLAYING POORLY?

WHAT STEPS DOES A GOOD COACH OR MANAGER TAKE IF HIS TEAM IS PLAYING POORLY?

# WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM FR MIKE SCHMITZ "BE MY WITNESS" AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW



The Greek word for Witness is similar to what other word?

How do you respond to the story of the Chinese man tortured for his faith, who eventually lost his faith when he moved to America?



# The Church needs witnesses in every age!

In 33AD when it looked like everything was over, what happened to the Church? Who were the key players Fr Mike mentioned?



500 years later, the Church grew big and fat and comfortable. It became corrupt and fell into disrepair. Who did God raise up to renew the Church?

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A witness is someone with the courage to say: "I'm not going to be like everyone else, I'm going to be like \_\_\_\_\_\_".

#### YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

**ACTS 1:1-11** 

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This is the Age of the M\_\_\_\_\_\_, of the men and women with the courage and the f\_\_\_\_\_\_ to look like Jesus and to live like Jesus.

Those people will be renewed by Jesus and they will \_\_\_\_\_\_ the Church. The \_\_\_\_\_ Church will \_\_\_\_\_ the world!

How do you feel about this mission? Do you see you as having a role to play?



Now Read Acts 1:1-11

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- Leeland: Follow You

- Fee: Send me out
- Kari Jobe: We Are
- Bethel Music: For the Sake of the World
- Chris McClarney: Send Me



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The Ascension (Catholic Kids Media)





# In every age God raises up saints who best exemplify the virtues so needed in their day.

IN FR MIKE'S "BE MY WITNESS" TALK, HE MENTIONS THE FOLLOWING SAINTS WHO RENEWED THE CHURCH IN THEIR GENERATION. CHOOSE ONE TO RESEARCH.























AUGUSTINE

**BENEDICT** 

**SCHOLASTICA** 

**FRANCIS** 

**DOMINIC** 

**CLARE** 

**CHARLES BORROMEO** 

CATHERINE OF SIENA

JOHN OF THE **CROSS** 

TERESA OF AVILA

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PATRON SAINT OF:		
CHALLENGES TO THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME:		
HOW THEY RENEWED THE CHURCH:		
FAMOUS QUOTE(S):		
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MY RESPONSE TO THIS SAINT'S LIFE:		

# NOW RESEARCH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SAINTS WHO LIVED CLOSER TO OUR TIMES:









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