

# 2025 EASTER SEASON



Invite your students to learn more about the saints and solemnities of the Easter season. Encourage them to grow as disciples by honoring these saints through the example of their lives and through their prayers. The list under each indicates where you can find their stories in RCL Benziger parish and school textbooks.

For even more information on the lives of many of the saints listed here, go to **SaintsResource.com**.

## APRIL 20

### **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

There are excellent lessons on the Easter season found in the liturgical year section of your textbook that can be incorporated into your classroom sessions. Two Easter classroom celebrations can be found by clicking on the resources Preparing the Easter Prayer Table and Welcoming the Alleluia and Prayer Collages.

Make the fifty days of the Easter season a time of joyful prayer and celebration!

***Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

#### ***Be My Disciples and Sean mis Discípulos***

Grade 1:	Chapter 9, WCCY
Grade 2:	WCCY
Grade 3:	Chapter 10, WCCY
Grade 4:	Chapter 10, WCCY
Grade 5:	Chapter 9, WCCY
Grade 6:	Chapter 9, WCCY

#### **Additional Activities and Liturgical Lessons**

##### ***(Be My Disciples Junior High)***

Triduum: Easter Sunday; Ascension of the Lord; Pentecost Sunday

##### ***Blest Are We***

Kindergarten:	We Celebrate
Grade 1:	Feasts and Seasons
Grade 2:	Feasts and Seasons
Grade 3:	Feasts and Seasons

Grade 4:	Feasts and Seasons
Grade 5:	Feasts and Seasons
Grade 6:	Feasts and Seasons
The Story of Jesus:	Feasts and Seasons
The Story of Our Church:	Chapter 2, Feasts and Seasons

## APRIL 29

### **SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Saint Catherine of Siena was the twenty-third of twenty-five children. When she was a teenager, she dedicated her life to God despite the fact that her family was not supportive of her choice. A joyful person, she lived in service to the poor and needy but also advised the leaders of the Church in matters of great importance and concern. She was one of the first women to be named a doctor—or great scholar and teacher—of the Church.

Today, pray for all women who serve the Church as scholars and teachers. Remember by name the women who have taught you about discipleship, Scripture, and the teachings of the Church.

***Saint Catherine of Siena, pray for us! Alleluia!***

#### ***Be My Disciples and Sean mis Discípulos***

Grade 1:	Chapter 3
Grade 2:	Chapter 11
Grade 5:	Chapter 18
Christ in the Liturgy:	Chapter 1

##### ***Blest Are We***

Grade 2:	Chapter 17
The Story of the Church:	Chapter 15

# *Celebrate Saints and Solemnities of the* 2025 EASTER SEASON

## MAY 1

### SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

On March 19, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The memorial on May 1 is fairly new to the Church calendar, added in 1955 by Pope Pius XII. It is customary on this day to celebrate the Blessing of Tools or Other Equipment for Work (see *Book of Blessings*, copyright 1989 by The Order of St. Benedict, Inc., or *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*, copyright 2007, 2020 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). The following suggestion is an alternative activity and prayer for use in the classroom.

1. If possible, bring to class a small tool kit. Display the various tools, and invite students to name the tools and what they are used for. (For the safety of the students, have adults display and handle the tools.)
2. Ask the students what tools their parents use in their work at home or at jobs outside of the home.
3. Invite the students to display the tools they use in their work—the work of studying.
4. Invite the students to stand as you offer the prayer in the box to the right.

*Saint Joseph the Worker, pray for us! Alleluia!*

***Be My Disciples and Sean mis Discípulos***

Grade 3: Chapter 4

***Blest Are We***

The Story of Jesus: Chapter 6

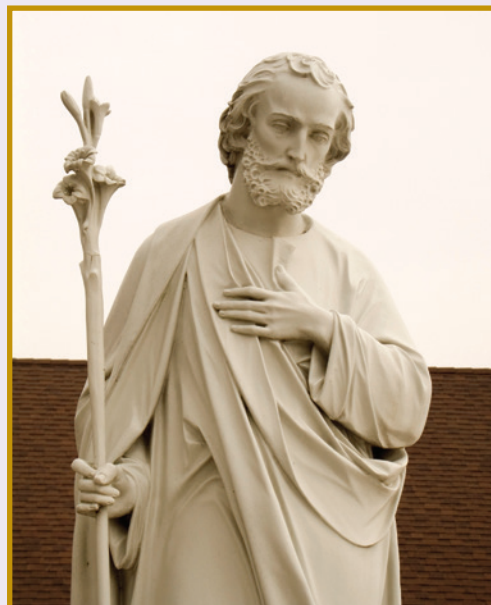
Loving God,  
Saint Joseph the Worker  
used many tools  
in his work as a carpenter.

Our parents use many tools  
in their work at home  
and outside of the home.

Bless us  
as we use the many tools  
here before us  
to study and to grow in knowledge.

Help us to use  
the tools of our faith—  
your Word in the Bible,  
the prayers of the Church,  
and the teachings in our religion books—  
to grow as disciples of Jesus.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



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## MAY 3 SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

Saint James, the son of Alphaeus, is also known as Saint James the Less, so as not to confuse him with Saint James, the son of Zebedee.

Nothing is known about

him, except that Jesus chose him to be one of his Twelve Apostles.

Saint Philip was also one of the Twelve Apostles called by Jesus. The stories in the Gospel tell us that Philip grew in his realization of who Jesus was. As a Greek, Saint Philip was able to lead Gentiles to Jesus.

Today, we pray for all the leaders in the Church who lead us to know Jesus. We remember especially those local and ordinary people, who may not be famous, who work for the Church.

***Saint Philip and Saint James, pray for us! Alleluia!***

### ***Be My Disciples and Sean mis Discípulos***

Grade 1: Chapter 1

Grade 2: Chapter 2

## MAY 10 SAINT DAMIEN DE VEUSTER, PRIEST (USA)

Saint Damien de Veuster, also known as Damien of Molokai, was sent to Hawaii and was ordained there in 1864. Once there, he learned of a large leper colony on the island of Molokai where people suffering from leprosy were kept isolated from the rest of the population. He asked permission to live with and to care for the people in the leper colony. Damien helped the people of Molokai build homes, and he used his limited resources to provide medical care to the people suffering from leprosy. Eventually, Damien himself contracted leprosy. But he ministered to the people of Molokai until he was physically unable to do so.

Today, pray for the nearly quarter of a million people who have been diagnosed with leprosy and for those who care for them.

***Saint Damien de Veuster, pray for us! Alleluia!***

### ***Be My Disciples and Sean mis Discípulos***

Grade 2: Chapter 16

Grade 5: Chapter 20

### ***Blest Are We***

Grade 5: Chapter 1

The Story of Jesus: Unit 1

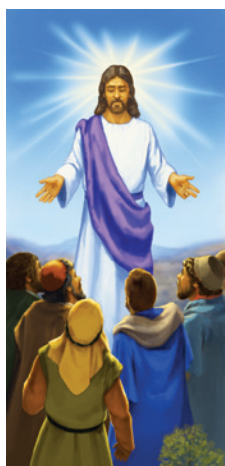
## MAY 14 SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

Read aloud or invite the students to read the story of Saint Matthias (see Acts 1:15-17, 20-26). Saint Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus. Matthias was both a disciple of Jesus and a witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Today, in honor of Saint Matthias and all Apostles, pray together the Apostles' Creed.

***Saint Matthias, pray for us! Alleluia!***

# Celebrate Saints and Solemnities of the 2025 EASTER SEASON



## THURSDAY, MAY 29 OR SUNDAY, JUNE 1 **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Refer to the liturgical year lessons in your textbook for resources on the Ascension of the Lord. After Jesus' Ascension, his disciples gathered in the upper room and prayed until

they received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

As a class, pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit (or sing a Pentecost hymn or refrain) on each of the days leading up to Pentecost Sunday.

### ***Be My Disciples and Sean mis Discípulos***

Grade 1: Chapter 6, WCCY

Grade 2: Chapter 7, WCCY

Grade 4: Chapter 6, WCCY

### **Additional Activities and Liturgical Lessons (Be My Disciples Junior High)**

Ascension of the Lord

### ***Blest Are We***

Grade 3: Feasts and Seasons

Grade 4: Chapter 5, Feasts and Seasons

Grade 6: Feasts and Seasons

The Story of Jesus: Chapter 15, Feasts and  
Seasons

The Story of Our Church: Feasts and Seasons

## JUNE 8 **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Pentecost Sunday celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. On this day, the disciples boldly were sent out on the mission to proclaim the Good News to all. Take time to read the dramatic story of the first Pentecost found in Acts of the Apostles 2:1-13. Refer to the liturgical year section of your textbook for resources to highlight this solemnity. Sing a Pentecost hymn or refrain, and pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

***Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful!  
And kindle in them the fire of your love! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

### ***Be My Disciples and Sean mis Discípulos***

Grade 1: WCCY

Grade 2: Chapter 7, WCCY

Grade 3: Chapter 6, WCCY

Grade 4: Chapter 7, WCCY

Grade 5: WCCY

Grade 6: Chapters 7 and 11, WCCY

### **Additional Activities and Liturgical Lessons (Be My Disciples Junior High)**

Pentecost Sunday

### ***Blest Are We***

Grade 2: Feasts and Seasons

Grade 3: Chapter 12, Feasts and Seasons

Grade 4: Chapter 9, Feasts and Seasons

The Story of Jesus: Chapters 16 and 18, Feasts  
and Seasons

The Story of Our Church: Chapter 4

