

2026 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.

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

APRIL 5: 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 which can be incorporated into your classroom sessions. 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

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Blest Are We

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Grade 5:	Feasts and Seasons
Grade 6:	Feasts and Seasons

The Story of Jesus: Feasts and Seasons

The Story of Our Church: Chapter 2

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!



Celebrate Saints and Solemnities of the **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 1st 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 to the right:

Saint Joseph the Worker, pray for us! Alleluia!

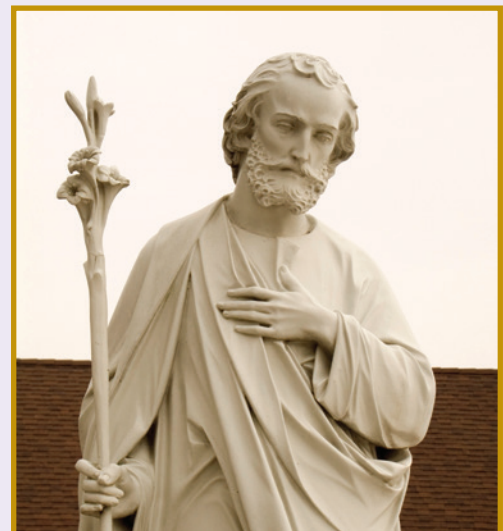
Loving God,
Saint Joseph the Worker
used many tools
in his work as a carpenter.

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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THURSDAY, MAY 14 OR SUNDAY, MAY 17: **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.

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Grade 1: Chapter 6

Grade 2: Chapter 7

Grade 4: Chapter 6

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

The Story of Our Church: Feasts and Seasons

MAY 24: **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 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!***

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Grade 1: WCCY

Grade 2: Chapter 7

Grade 3: Chapter 6

Grade 4: Chapter 7

Grade 5: WCCY

Grade 6: Chapters 7 and 11

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

The Story of Our Church: Chapter 4

