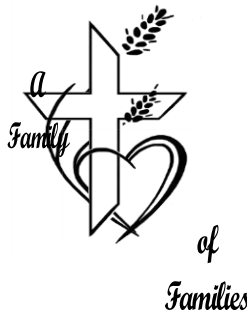


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Special Dates:

Called & Gifted Event / 10am-3pm in Prince Albert (April 6)

Called & Gifted Event / 2pm-4pm in North Battleford & on Zoom (April 7)

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 7)

The Annunciation of the Lord (April 8)

St Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (April 17)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations / Good Shepherd Sunday (April 21)

St. Mark, Evangelist (April 25)

Featured Special Days: **Easter Octave (April 1-7)**

Easter Time, like Christmas Time, is too big for just one day: it overflows into an entire period of liturgical time, lasting fifty days. The first eight days, the Octave of Easter, is a time of special celebration, lasting until the Second Sunday of Easter. In the early Church, the neophytes – those who had been baptized at the Easter Vigil – wore their white garments throughout this week...

During the Masses of this week, we hear the Gospel accounts of the appearances of the risen Christ to his disciples, and we begin reading from the Acts of the Apostles, which we will hear throughout Easter Time. The Resurrection changes everything: it made fearful disciples fearless, and doubters believers. It can do the same for us.

****taken from 'Companion to the Calendar: Second Edition'
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Food for Thought!

“In joy and thanksgiving the church celebrates the unfolding mystery of Christ’s resurrection during the Easter season. It flows out of the triduum, beginning on the evening of Easter Sunday and concluding on the fiftieth day of Easter, Pentecost Sunday. Easter’s fifty days celebrate in a single festival a “week of weeks”; as a season it is sometimes called the “Great Sunday.”

The *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* promulgated by Paul VI in 1969 established the restoration of the unity of this fifty-day period as a priority. Paragraph 22 insists that “the fifty days from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as on feast,” and the document goes on to point out that the “singing of the alleluia is characteristic of these days.”

The seven weeks between Easter and Pentecost are above all other seasons of the year the time of Christian joy: the joy of knowing that the Lord Jesus is victorious over the forces of sin and evil, even over death, and is risen to everlasting life. There is the joy of sharing in his resurrection through baptism, and of sharing the eucharist now in anticipation of the feast of the world to come. There is the joy of living as citizens of a world redeemed and restored in a new springtime of hope, our hearts lifted up in Christ.”

**taken from ‘Preparing For Liturgy Series: Preparing the Liturgical Year 2:
Lent-Easter and Advent-Christmas’ by Corbin Eddy