

THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

Jesus said,
“COME, HAVE
BREAK-
FAST.”

SUNDAY, April 10, 2016
Third Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING

So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.
—Acts 5:27-32, 40B-41

PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
—Psalm 30

SECOND READING

“To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever.”
—Revelation 5:11-14

GOSPEL

Jesus said to them, “Come, have breakfast.” And none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they realized it was the Lord.
—John 21:1-19

REFLECTION QUESTION

Do you think you would have gone back to your old job after seeing the risen Jesus?

Get more reflection questions and Scripture resources in *Breaking Open the Word at Home* at pbgrace.com.

THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

MONDAY April 11

St. Stanislaus (1030–1079)

The Polish bishop who rebuked the Polish king for his sinful ways, and whom the king murdered while Stanislaus was saying Mass.

TUESDAY April 12

St. Teresa of Los Andes (1900–1920)

The young woman whose reading of St. Therese of Lisieux’s Story of a Soul inspired her to enter a convent at age fifteen; she became the first saint of Chile.

WEDNESDAY April 13

Blessed Margaret of Castello (1286-1320)

The blind, disabled, dwarfed young woman who started a school and became renowned for her cheerfulness and holiness, reportedly levitating during prayer.

THURSDAY April 14

Blessed Lidwina (1380–1433)

The woman who suffered a painful illness from the age of fifteen, shedding parts of her body; she offered her suffering to God, and became known for her holiness.

FRIDAY April 15

Blessed Damien of Molokai (1840–1889)

The Sacred Heart priest who selflessly served the people of Hawaii and the lepers of Molokai.

SATURDAY April 16

St. Benedict Joseph Labre (1748–1783)

The pilgrim who spent years traveling to the shrines of Europe as a poor beggar; his face glowed as he adored Jesus in the Eucharist.

Pope Emeritus Benedict’s birthday

THE WEEKS AHEAD

2 weeks to Earth Day (April 22)

2 weeks to Catholic Home Missions Appeal (April 23–24)



Get Your Grace On

PRAY

Prayerfully preview the Scriptures for this Sunday with your kids. The second reading says that all creation worships Christ; how do you worship him? [30]

The Te Deum is an ancient (fourth century) hymn of praise traditionally sung during Easter. Print out enough copies for each person in your family of reading age, and have each person read one line in turn. [20]

Pray Pope Francis's "Five-Finger Prayer" with your child this week; find out more at pbgrace.com.* [30]

CELEBRATE

Saturday is Pope Emeritus Benedict's birthday, which Catholic Cuisine suggests celebrating with authentic German bratwurst and/or cupcakes with his papal coat of arms; check out the website for details. [10]

Jesus invited his closest friends to have breakfast with him at the beginning of the day—and he made it an occasion of reconciliation. This Sunday (or sometime this week), pull out all the stops for

breakfast with special food and prayer. How might your family share an expression of love, as Peter did? [30]

SERVE

Now is the time to start organizing a block party for your neighborhood. It's a great way to meet your neighbors (or catch up on what's happening in their lives)—and that, in turn, will open up ways your kids can serve their neighbors. Plus, if the neighbors get to meet your kids, they can help watch out for them as your kids roam the neighborhood over the summer. [80]

Children can offer a great ministry of care through their hugs. Check out the Free Hugs Campaign for inspiration. [20]

TALK

The feast days of Blessed Margaret of Castello, Blessed Lidwina, and Blessed Damien of Molokai might be a good time to discuss people with disabilities with your kids. Margaret was blind and dwarfed; Lidwina suffered from a painful illness, perhaps multiple sclerosis, that par-

alyzed and disfigured her; and Damien spent eighteen years working with the lepers of Molokai. Watch "Don't Look Down on Me," a six-minute documentary by Jonathan Novick (YouTube) about his experiences as a little person in New York City; he used a hidden camera to capture video of how people treated him throughout the day. Or watch *Molokai: The Story of Father Damien* (1999, available on YouTube). Finally, teens can discuss this statement from "The Person with Disabilities: Subject - Active Agent in Ministry" (Vatican website): "Disability is not a punishment; it is a privileged situation, which God uses to manifest his love and crown all people with the glory of the resurrection." [40]

Parents (and teens, with parental guidance) may want to check out TIME magazine's April 11 cover story, "Porn and the Threat to Virility." The story documents the health and relational fallout of porn—and how young men are pushing back. [20]



The Marks of the Church

Have your kids look at the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* (available online) #153–160, then let them choose questions to pose to you; they get points if they can "stump" you, you get points if you answer correctly. See the full rules at "Stump the Parents" at pbgrace.com.

Sample questions:

Why do we say the Church is one? (#161)

Can elements of holiness and truth be found among non-Catholic Christians? (#163)

In what way is the Church holy? (#165)

Why is the Church called "Catholic"? (#166)

Who belongs to the Catholic Church? (#168)

What is the relationship of the Catholic Church with the Jewish people? (#169)

What is the meaning of the affirmation "Outside the Church there is no salvation"? (#171)

What does it mean to say the Church is apostolic? (#174)