



**Month:** April :Easter Season- Color White

The Lenten season ends, and a new, short season, the Triduum, begins on Holy Thursday with the Supper of our Lord. These three days, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are the holiest days in our liturgical year. The Easter Season begins with the Easter Vigil Mass and continues until Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015.

“Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem” ( Luke 24:44-47).

**Theme:** The Ten Commandments

Understanding the Commandments first requires an understanding of covenant, which is a bond of love between God and us. The Ten Commandments free us from attitudes and behaviors that undermine love, and move us to the acquisition of attitudes that enhance love. The first three commandments refer to our relationship and love for God, while the last seven refer to our relationship and love for others. So, the Ten Commandments are ten core values that show us how to love. Love liberates the human person.

**Sacrament:** Anointing of the Sick (continued)

Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick are Sacraments of Healing, and prepare us for the fullness of life in God.

**Family Activity:** Make an Easter decoration

To celebrate the ways you shared in the paschal mystery, make a collage as an Easter decoration. First, think about one thing you did individually during Lent that makes you especially proud. Then, think about one thing you did as a family that makes you feel especially proud. Write both of these two things on a separate piece of paper. The edges of the paper can be torn, pinked, cut at different angles or shredded to create different effects. Finally, glue your separate slips of paper onto one piece of 9x12 construction paper cut into the shape of a cross. Display your collage somewhere in your home as a reminder of your individual and family efforts during Lent.

**Saint Information:** Saint of the Month: St. Isadore of Seville-Feast Day April 4<sup>th</sup>.

St. Isadore was called the “Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages”, because he wrote an encyclopedia, a dictionary, and histories of the world. He is considered the Patron Saint of the Internet.