

The Easter Season

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Liturgy Preparation for the Easter Season

Maintaining the environment for the full season centres around the Paschal Candle; it remains the principal focus; flowers and banners are secondary.

II. Easter Season

- 22. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday." [12] These above all others are the days for the singing of the Alleluia.
- 23. The Sundays of this season rank as the paschal Sundays and, after Easter Sunday itself, are called the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays of Easter. The period of fifty sacred days ends on Pentecost Sunday.
- 24. The first eight days of the Easter season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord.
- 25. On the fortieth day after Easter the Ascension is celebrated, except in places where, not being a holyday of obligation, it has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter (see no. 7).
- 26. The weekdays after the Ascension until the Saturday before Pentecost inclusive are a preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

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