

## Easter Season and Pentecost

The days of the Easter Octave are celebrated as solemnities. The double alleluia is added to the dismissal and its response (just for the octave; not for the entire season). The Sequence is required on Easter Sunday but optional on the other days of the octave.

The Second Sunday of Easter is also celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Information for celebrating the day may be found on the USCCB website at:  
<http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/innews/022003.shtml>.

Have the neophytes (the newly baptized) sit in a special place during the Easter Season. Remember them in the intercessions. Please see RCIA # 244-251.

The paschal candle should be kept by the altar or ambo, and lit during liturgies until Evening Prayer II on Pentecost.

The Easter Season is a great time to celebrate infant baptisms at the Sunday liturgy, and to use the Sprinkling Rite instead of the Penitential Rite.

This is also a traditional time for home blessings (see Book of Blessings #1597-1621).

Remember: we “fast for 40” but we “feast for 50!!”