



Liturgy of the Light

Celebrating Easter in the Atrium

During our first week or two back in the Atrium all sessions celebrate the Liturgy of Light during their regular session time. For those of you who have attended an Easter Vigil celebration, the Liturgy of the Light is how the Vigil Mass begins: with the blessing and lighting of the new Paschal Candle, the proclamation of the Exultet, lighting of individual candles from the Paschal Candle, and a candlelit procession into the sanctuary.

In the Atrium, we have a model Paschal Candle that is decorated by the older children. It shows the alpha and the omega, the cross and year. The children bless the candle by tracing its markings and proclaiming the words of the blessing. Cloves are inserted at the points of the nail wounds.

The children process into the Atrium, with songs appropriate to the Easter celebration. Depending on the session, the catechist may read or chant portions of the Exultet, or the children may be involved in its proclamation. One or more pieces of the resurrection scripture accounts are proclaimed. The room is darkened so we can focus on the light. The children have the opportunity to light an individual candle from the model paschal candle and reflect on the individual gift of the Light of Christ for each one of us. Once again we can glory in praising God with "Alleluia!"

The Easter Celebration lasts until Pentecost! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

April 2017



Upcoming Events

Sacramental Prep Meditations
4/24, 5/1 Westside @ 6:30

Sacramental Prep Retreat
5/11-14

Last Week of Atrium sessions
5/21-5/24

All Family Year End Celebration
5/30 5-7 (or whenever you can arrive)

