

STUDY GUIDE

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EASTER

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According to the article, what is the very heart of the Gospel?

1. Which promises do we renew at Easter Masses?
2. According to the bishop, what about Jesus is cause for our hope?
3. What do Jesus' death and resurrection say about our own mortal lives?
4. What did Jesus do for us through his death and resurrection?

SEDER

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The Seder Meal is a retelling of the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian captivity. In what ways is modern society enslaved?

1. How can we combat this modern-day spiritual slavery?
2. Eggs are a popular image during Easter. What do eggs symbolize during the Seder?
3. Why didn't the ancient Hebrews fully bake their bread?

LATE NUN'S PLEA

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Sister Thea Bowman's legacy continues today in her roles as what?

1. Name three ways Sister Thea Bowman suggests we can keep Holy Week holy?
2. Sister Thea Bowman wrote her meditation in 1990, but her words are relevant today. Why?
3. Sister Thea Bowman's name was given to a leadership academy in Gary. That school recently made front-page news in sports – why?

POPE ON PALM SUNDAY

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How many people were gathered at the Vatican for the pope's Palm Sunday Mass?

1. The pope will turn what age in April?
2. What was the pope holding as he arrived to celebrate Palm Sunday Mass?
3. According to the pope, following Christ requires what?
4. The Palm Sunday Mass marked the 25th anniversary of what event geared for young people?

FAMILY FELT 'WELCOME'

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The Tucker family said they felt "welcome" at Holy Spirit Parish. What can a parish community do to make someone feel welcome?

1. What can you as a young person do to make some feel welcome in a strange place?

IN ALL THINGS

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What, according to the column, are some reasons people stray from the Church?

1. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, what was a key difference between the wayward son and his father?
2. What are parishes around the diocese offering the public?
3. What can a parishioner do to draw someone back to the faith?

CRUCIFIED JESUS

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According to Father Rolheiser, crucifixion was a humiliating experience. In what ways did the Romans humiliate their victims?

1. In what ways do we humiliate others (without a cross)?
2. Despite being humiliated, how did Jesus respond to those who tortured him?
3. Can you think of any times in your life when you were humiliated? How did you respond? How should you have responded?

POPE HAILS PREDECESSOR

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Pope John Paul II died in 2005 after serving as pontiff for how long?

1. What nationality was the late pope?
2. True or false: Pope John Paul II is a saint.
3. Pope Benedict XVI said his predecessor's life was a model of what?