

Easter Octave: Monday
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Two things to keep in mind today...

One, the way the Church counts time. We are in the Easter Octave. Octave means eight. So from yesterday to this coming Sunday these eight days are actually one day – Easter Sunday. It's all to say that the mystery and majesty of Easter can't be contained in a human twenty-four hour time span. It takes on a divine time span, eight days, a symbol also of eternity. After these eight days we enter into the fifty day Easter Season that will prepare us for Pentecost.

Two, what are we supposed to do during this time? During Lent we know what we are supposed to do or not do, but during Easter what are we doing? This is a time of Mystagogia. It's Greek, meaning, "to unfold the mystery." So during this time span we will hear in God's word how the disciples and Apostles of Jesus will be processing all that they had gone through regarding the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. They will ask the question: What just happened to us? It's the same for us.

Here are some good Mystagogical questions to pray over:

What grace did God bring to you through the success or failure of Lent this year?

Where did you see God active in your praying more, fasting more, or giving more?

In the liturgies we entered into with Holy Week, what did you experience, and who did you encounter?

What grace did God give you during Holy Week?

How did God move you, motivate you, help you, heal you?

Christ is risen from the dead, how does that impact your life?