

# 2020 Easter Book Program

HOMILY PROMPTS: REDISCOVER THE SAINTS

**“People don’t do anything until they are inspired, but once they are inspired there is almost nothing they won’t do.”**

—MATTHEW KELLY

One of the best ways to make sure your parishioners read the book is to engage with them before and after handing it out. We wanted to make this as easy for you as possible, so here are some ideas of how to integrate *Rediscover the Saints* in your homilies.

APRIL 5

## Palm Sunday

Make an announcement about the books at least one time before Easter. We recommend you do this during the homily instead of announcements because people are generally more engaged during the homily.

### Here are some thoughts:

- Jesus did not die on the cross for you to have a mediocre life. You are capable of incredible things. This is a major theme in *Rediscover the Saints*. Begin your collaboration with God to see just how much potential you have!
- Focus on this one line from the Gospel: “The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised.” Jesus’ death was the catalyst for saints entrance into heaven! What does it mean to be a saint? Who is called to be a saint? (Hint: it’s everyone.)

APRIL 12

## Easter Sunday

The goal here is to let people know about the books: what the book is about, why they need to take one home, why they need to read it, and how a great book can change everything. Show parishioners the book—hold it up high for them to see. And then make it personal.

### Suggested talking points:

- If you’ve read the book, make this personal. What resonated for you? Feel free to read a portion right there from the pulpit!
- Lent is over and Jesus has risen! It would be easy to go back to your old routines, as if Lent never happened at all. But if you look at the saints, they kept up great habits! They are our role models for living great lives. This book will help you realize how!

APRIL 19

## Sunday of Divine Mercy

This week’s goal is simple: remind your parishioners to begin reading the book.

### Suggested talking points:

- Chapter 14 of *Rediscover the Saints* is about Saint Thomas! We all have doubts. Jesus did not scold Thomas. But Thomas’s doubts did lead to a conversation with Jesus and a deeper relationship. How can your doubts lead to similar results?
- Do you have a personal story about a saint’s influence on your life?