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5 Things to do on Easter

Easter, the biggest and most important date on the Catholic liturgical calendar—bigger than Christmas—is almost here. Easter is not just a day. It’s a forty-day season, a time for celebration, the beginning of Spring, the end of school, and a spiritual renewal. As Christians around the world gather to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, here are five things that you can do as part of Easter celebrations.

1. Go to Mass: Easter Sunday marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the Easter season. It’s the day that Jesus returned from the dead and is, therefore, the single most important holy day of obligation in the Roman Catholic church. Compared to the somber services of Lent, with no music and the church devoid of decorations, Easter is a bright and exciting affair. There’s flowers, music, white and gold. Many people are drawn to Catholicism entirely by the splendor of Easter Mass. Because of its association with renewal and rebirth, newcomers often choose Easter Mass for their Baptism. It is an experience which everyone should attend.
2. Have dinner with family: Like all holidays, Easter is a time to come together with loved ones. People travel far at Easter time to see friends and family members they might not see again for months, so while together everyone makes the most of it. The fast is over; the Lord has returned, so celebrate!
3. You are never too old for Easter Eggs: Some people think that they have outgrown searching for and dying Easter eggs, but that is nonsense. This is a fun-filled family event for all ages. Egg dying can be as much fun as dinner. It’s a messy endeavor filled with laughs. As for egg hunting, well, that’s as hard as you make it. Sure, there could be an egg in the birdbath. Or you could need to spread out in search teams over several square miles with compasses and ATVs. Hey, go big or go home. Also, no one is *ever* too old for Easter candy. Reese’s Egg anyone?
4. Get new clothes: Somehow clothes shopping at Easter has become a tried and true tradition. Every year you somehow need “Easter clothes,” brightly colored but otherwise dull polos in my experience. But if you are going to pick up a polo, you might as well get some other clothes while you’re there. After all, Easter is the beginning of spring. Time for bathing suits and flip-flops.
5. Binge what you gave up for Lent: we started this list Catholic, and that’s how we’ll finish it. This might not be the holiest advice you’ll ever get, but look, it’s been forty days already. Have that Coke. Watch that show. Enjoy yourself. The time of fasting and reflection has come to an end. It’s time to have fun.

There you have it, our list of five fun things to do this Easter. This is an important Catholic holiday, one where we begin again. But whether you celebrate the Christian aspects of the holiday or not, everyone can get down with eggs. Have fun, stay safe. Now, did we look under the sink?