



# EASTER MESSAGE SERIES

## Feast of Pentecost May 23, 2021 Worksheet #8

**Do we have the joy, delight, jubilation, triumph, happiness, glee, exhilaration, ebullience, exuberance, euphoria, elation, bliss, ecstasy, felicity, enjoyment, pleasure, and thrill of Easter? In other words: Does the Resurrection matter?**

“Jesus told us: “That my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” And the Lord wants that the joy He possesses, because He is in complete communion with the Father, to be in us insofar as we are united to Him. The joy of knowing we are loved by God despite our infidelities enables us to face the trials of life confidently, makes us live through crises so as to emerge from them better. Our being true witnesses consists in living this joy, because joy is the distinctive sign of a true Christian. True Christians are not sad; they always have that joy inside, even in difficult moments.” *Pope Francis*

Pope Francis says that joy is the “distinctive sign of a true Christian.” The Holy Spirit has endowed us with many gifts so that we can live as joyful disciples. In honor of the feast of Pentecost, take a few moments to think of one or two ways in which you can practice being a joyful Christian at home, at work, wherever you go.

