

how we make easter baskets

What Is It?

- no, it doesn't come from the Easter Bunny. We make Easter baskets and take them to church on Holy Saturday night.

How Do I Make It?

- take a large basket with a handle, like this one. Use a cloth on top.



Inside, put the foods you will use to celebrate Easter.

These are the foods we usually put in the Easter basket:

Easter bread, meats and cheeses, and of course - Easter eggs!

Why Do We Use These Special Foods?



Easter bread - it's not just any old loaf of bread, but special sweet bread with raisins inside. It reminds us of Jesus, who said, "I am the living bread who came down from heaven." He gives us life.

Meats, like ham for example, remind us of the mercy of God. God is like the Father in the Bible story who made a feast for his son who came home.



We use cottage cheese to make a special food called paska. Because it's white, it reminds us of a lamb - Jesus is the Lamb of God because he died for us.

Easter eggs remind us of life, because a baby chick can come out of an egg. This reminds us of Jesus, coming alive out of the grave on Easter. He gives new life to all of us.



We colour our eggs red to remind us of the blood of Jesus.

Why Do We Take the Basket to Church?

Because that's where we start our Easter celebration, with the Family of God.

Before we take our basket home, it will be blessed.

Why Is It Blessed?

When we bless something, God helps us see that it comes from him. We see that these foods are a gift from God and that he made them. The food is a sign of how much God loves us and wants to give us life.



Christ
is risen!
-risen indeed!



CHRIST IS RISEN!