

Family Faith at Home



Make Sunday Come Alive All Week!

The Department of Youth Faith Formation wants to support you and your whole family during this difficult time in our world. Each week we will be sending out this resource which can help you reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings with your entire family.

Here are some ideas on how to use this resource:

- Consider reading one of the mass readings each evening.
- Do the discussion of the Gospel questions after dinner one night.
- Watch the video on a different night. Formed.org is graciously offering free access to our Archdiocese during this time. If you do not already have access, [you can sign up here](#).
- Pray the prayer each evening.



Fifth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

Mass Readings:

Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

[Readings can also be found at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.](#)

Discuss

After reading the Gospel, discuss as a family:

1. Our world is very different than it was. How do the first words of Jesus in this Gospel give us hope?
2. Some of Jesus' closest friends still did not know how to follow him on the way. What did Jesus tell them? How can Jesus' words be a guide for us to follow him?
3. Jesus came to introduce us to our heavenly Father. What did Jesus tell us the Father was like?
4. Jesus tells us we will do the things he does if we believe in Him. What kinds of things do you think Jesus helps you to do?

Share:

God the Father chose Mary of Nazareth to become the mother of His son, Jesus. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit love Mary very much and want us to honor her for her faith and trust in God. Jesus gave Mary to us to be our heavenly mother. We have two mothers. God gave us a heavenly mother and an earthly mother. The month of May, in our part of the world, is a beautiful month filled with warm spring sun and the earth bursting with new life. The month of May reflects the beauty of our mothers' love. We honor Mary, our heavenly mother during the month of May and our earthly mother on a special Sunday in May – May 10th this year

Watch

For families with young children, [a cartoon about Mary](#)
For families with older children, [a video about Mary](#)

Pray

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Dear Heavenly Father. Thank you for our mother Mary and for our mother on earth. Please bless our mothers, our grandmothers, Godmothers and all who are loving, like mothers, to us. Please keep them safe and strong. Please take our loving prayers to all mothers who have gone to be with you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



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Do

Think of ways you can honor your earthly mother this week. For example: write a letter thanking your mother for all she has done and is doing for you; create a greeting card; make a book of coupons - each coupon offering a different little gift.

Place a statue or picture of Mary on a table. Fill a small vase with water and some flowers from the garden or draw some flowers or cut flowers from a magazine for her. Light a small candle and pray the rosary as a family in honor of Mary.

Other Resources for Your Family

ArchCare

[ArchCare](#), the continuing care community of the Archdiocese, has established a 24-hour hotline to assist with any aspect of the coronavirus. If you have questions or other health-related concerns, call their hotline at 877-239-1998.

Catholic Charities of New York

[Catholic Charities of New York](#) provides or directs individuals and families to a variety of services ranging from financial to mental health. Do not hesitate to call them at 888-744-7900.

ADAPP

ADAPP, Archdiocese of New York Drug Abuse Prevention Program, has compiled a list of tools and resources for families, caregivers, and students including mental health and food assistance resources. [Click here for a listing of resources.](#)

Sunday Mass

[Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral](#) is streamed live at 10:15 on Sunday in English and 4:00pm in Spanish

Department of Youth Faith Formation

The Department of Youth Faith Formation encompasses the Catechetical Office and Office of Youth Ministry. Collaboratively, these offices work with parishes and parish leaders to support their efforts to help young people (grades Pre-K to 12) and their families encounter Christ and grow in their Catholic faith. The Department provides training, resources, consultation, networking and events.

Catechetical Office

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