

# 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.



## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

### **Mass Readings:**

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

Psalm 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

1 Peter 3: 15-18

John 14: 15-21

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

### **Discuss**

After reading the Gospel, discuss as a family:

1. What happened in this reading?
2. What does Jesus say about the commandments in this reading? What does he mean?
3. Who is the Advocate that Jesus refers to in the Gospel?
4. Look back at the second reading. How does the Advocate that Jesus speaks about in the Gospel help us follow Peter's instructions in this reading?
5. Jesus tells the apostles "I will not leave you orphans." Think of a time when you have felt alone. How does Jesus' promise in this Gospel bring you comfort in knowing that He is always with you?

### **Share:**

This Thursday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord. Our faith teaches us that Jesus died, rose from the grave, and ascended into Heaven. By his ascension, he completes our act of salvation—bringing our humanity to Heaven where we were created to be. Observing his commandments helps us to live united to Jesus who is preparing a home for us in Heaven. In the quiet of your heart, ask the Holy Spirit to help you to live out Jesus' commandments each day.

### **Watch**

For families with young children, two good videos on [Jesus' Ascension](#) and [Ten Commandments](#)

For families with older children, [a reflection on the readings](#)

### **Pray**

The [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#).

### **Do**

Create your own version of the 10 commandments. You can cut pieces of foam board into tablets and write them out and then display in an area in your home. [Use this examination of conscience](#) each day to help you pray and see how you live out Jesus' commandments.



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## 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

Website: [NYFaithFormation.org](http://NYFaithFormation.org)

Facebook: [NYFaithFormation](https://www.facebook.com/NYFaithFormation)

### Office of Youth Ministry

Website: [OYMNY.org](http://OYMNY.org)

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