

# 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 every evening.



## *Pentecost*

### **Mass Readings:**

Acts 2: 1-11

Psalm 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

John 20: 19-23

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

### **Discuss**

Share the readings as a family and then discuss:

1. What image comes to mind when you think of the Holy Spirit?
2. In the first reading we hear about how the Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples. What do you think that was like for them? How do you think it made them feel?
3. In the second reading we hear how the Holy Spirit makes us “one body” with different gifts. What are your gifts? What are the gifts of your family members?
4. Jesus sends us out to the world with the aid of the Holy Spirit. How can you share your gifts with the world?

### **Share:**

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He is one with Jesus and the Father. Another word for the Holy Spirit is the Paraclete from the Greek *paraklētos* meaning “called in aid.” Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to us to be our aid: to strengthen us, be with us in times of need, and empower us to share the Good News with other people.

### **Watch**

For families with young children, [about Pentecost with LEGO](#).

For families with older children, [Sr. Miriam James reflects on Pentecost](#).

### **Pray**

The Pentecost Sequence (on the second page). Take turns reading the lines.

### **Do**

Make a family portrait but do not use your faces. Make a family portrait of the gifts found in your family.



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## Pentecost Sequence

Veni, Sancte Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit)

Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
And from your celestial home  
Shed a ray of light divine!  
Come, Father of the poor!  
Come, source of all our store!  
Come, within our bosoms shine.  
You, of comforters the best;  
You, the soul's most welcome guest;  
Sweet refreshment here below;  
In our labor, rest most sweet;  
Grateful coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.  
O most blessed Light divine,  
Shine within these hearts of yours,  
And our inmost being fill!  
Where you are not, we have naught,  
Nothing good in deed or thought,  
Nothing free from taint of ill.  
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour your dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:  
Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.  
On the faithful, who adore  
And confess you, evermore  
In your sevenfold gift descend;  
Give them virtue's sure reward;  
Give them your salvation, Lord;  
Give them joys that never end. Amen.  
Alleluia.

## Sunday Mass

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

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### Office of Youth Ministry

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