

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.



Second Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass Readings:

Acts 2: 42-47

Psalm 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Peter 1: 3-9

John 20-19-31

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

Discuss

Read the Gospel and then discuss as a family:

1. What happened in this reading?
2. Is there anything we believe without seeing?
3. Is Thomas's doubt reasonable—does it make sense?
4. How does Jesus respond to Thomas?
5. Where do you see Jesus working in our world without seeing him physically?

Share:

In April 2000, St. Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina Kowalska and designated the first Sunday after Easter to be the Divine Mercy Sunday. "Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: 'Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy.' Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity."

Watch

For families with young children, [watch a cartoon about the Second Sunday of Easter](#)

For families with older children, [Jeff Cavins explains Divine Mercy Sunday.](#)

Pray

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

You can download a [copy of the chaplet here](#) or pray it in song with [Steve Angrisano here.](#)

Do

The image of the [Divine Mercy](#) shows two rays of light, red and white, streaming from the pierced side of Jesus. Often it has the words, "Jesus, I trust in you." This week, make your own image of the Divine Mercy. Be creative: draw, color, do a mosaic, make it realistic or abstract. Then, each night in your prayer, ask God to increase your ability to trust in Him.



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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

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Office of Youth Ministry

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