

On behalf of Abp. Charles Thompson... **Holy Week at Home: A Resource List for Catholic Families**

Holy Week is always an opportunity to deepen our faith as families. This year, although Holy Week will be different due to virus-related restrictions, Catholic families can still engage in several activities and experiences together so that Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday will be powerful moments of grace, mercy and renewal.

One of the best activities you can engage in as a family is livestreaming the liturgies of Thursday evening, Friday afternoon and either Saturday night (Easter Vigil) or Sunday morning—or both! Check with your parish about any local livestreaming opportunities. You can also join Archbishop Charles Thompson virtually for one or more streamed Holy Week liturgies from Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral:

All liturgies can be viewed at www.archindy.org.

April 9 at 6 p.m. — Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper; celebrant: Abp. Charles C. Thompson

April 10 at 3 p.m. — Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion; celebrant: Archbishop Thompson

April 11 at 8:45 p.m. — Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; celebrant: Abp. Thompson

April 12 at 11 a.m. — Easter Sunday; celebrant: Abp. Thompson; Homilist: Fr. Patrick Beidelman

Here are a few additional ideas to use with your family during Holy Week—and beyond! Check with your parish catechetical leader, youth minister or Catholic school principal for local ideas and resources.

- Use the Holy Week Home Prayers made available by our archdiocesan Office of Worship; they can be found at archindy.org and are also available in Spanish.
- Access daily Mass readings, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops page: www.usccb.org
- Download and use a solid Catholic app such as iBreviary, Truth & Life, Laudate or Hallow.
- At 3pm on Good Friday pray the Divine Mercy chaplet: www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/how-to-pray-the-chaplet-of-divine-mercy.cfm Also, remember the Rosary! The Luminous Mysteries include the Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist (Holy Thursday); The Sorrowful Mysteries help us ponder the events of Good Friday; and, on Easter Sunday, the Glorious Mysteries! www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/how-to-pray-the-rosary.cfm
- Depending on your children's ages, you might listen to this excellent session helping us understand the relationship between The Last Supper on Holy Thursday and the Crucifixion on Good Friday: <https://youtu.be/v1yAvrVoYzo>
- Consider printing or coloring one of these images, posting it in your front door or window as a sign of faith, hope and love:
https://www.catholicartworks.com/Product_Pages/images/Downloads/Sacred_Heart_c.pdf
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To learn more about devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity on June 19th) see this link: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/litany-to-the-sacred-heart-of-jesus-270>
- Wear your Sunday best when you livestream Easter Mass. It'll remind you how special Easter and Mass are—and solidify your commitment to get back to Mass as soon as we can! 😊