

Creating Holy Week Devotions at Home

This holy week, Catholics all over the world are faced with an historic dilemma: How to celebrate these holiest of days when no public Masses or liturgies are available? Fortunately, there is a wealth of ideas online to help us enter into this season with devotion from our homes. This is a curated list of some of the best resources we could find!

Holy Week Resources from the *Archdiocese of Boston*, providing daily readings and family activities for Holy Week, with a particular emphasis on the Triduum (an excellent, detailed, day-by-day list of suggestions and links)

- <https://tinyurl.com/tqgghou>

Holy Week at Home by Liturgical Press, a PDF providing “Adaptations of the Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday Rituals for Family and Household Prayer”

- [https://cdn2.hubspot.net/hubfs/3788244/Holy Week at Home.pdf](https://cdn2.hubspot.net/hubfs/3788244/Holy_Week_at_Home.pdf)

Look to Him and Be Radiant blog: Provides a **Holy Week Retreat**, with resources for activities for each day of Holy Week, Scripture readings for each day, and videos/crafts/coloring pages/food suggestions/music playlists (Great for kids, too!)

- <https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2020/03/holy-week-at-home-editable-schedule-and.html>

A Guide to Night Prayer in Lent: "The Liturgy of the Hours is called the prayer of the Church, because it draws all who pray it into communion with one another as members of the Body of Christ. In this time of social isolation, this form of prayer can be a source of great solace, helping us to remember that, in Christ, we are never alone." -- Carolyn Pirtle, McGrath Institute for Church Life

- <https://mcgrathblog.nd.edu/free-resource-for-the-family-a-guide-to-night-prayer-for-lent>
- ALSO: [YouTube playlist instructions](#) on how to sing the parts of Night Prayer

Live Streamed Masses, Prayers, and Devotions

St. Joseph Masses throughout Holy Week: <https://www.facebook.com/SaintJoeMish/>

Sunday and weekday Masses from local churches in South Bend-Fort Wayne diocese

- List provided by Redeemer Radio here: <https://www.redeemerradio.com/c19outreach/>

Stations of the Cross with Bishop Rhodes

- Good Friday, April 3rd at 7pm

- Information available here: <https://todayscatholic.org/bishop-announces-diocesewide-stations-of-the-cross/>

Other online Masses and liturgies:

- EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com/resources>
- Vatican Media: <http://www.vatican.va/content/liturgy/en/events/month.dir.html/2020/4.html>
- Catholic TV: <http://www.catholictv.org/masses>

Live streamed prayers and devotions, including rosary, Divine Office, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Family Prayer Service, Lectio Divina, and various podcasts

- List of resources here: <http://archphila.org/resources/>

Resources for Families with Young Children

Ideas for crafts, activities, and special foods to celebrate the Triduum

An unexpected benefit of the lack of Holy Week liturgies is the opportunity to get our children more involved in liturgical activities at home. Here are several good ideas to get you started!

Catholic Icing: Provides detailed suggestions for Holy Week-themed crafts and activities, particularly targeting families with young children

- <https://www.catholicicing.com/ultimate-guide-for-celebrating-holy/>

Holy Week at Home Success Kit: a free resource sent to your e-mail inbox!

- <https://catholicfamilycrate.com/>

Catholic All Year: The “You Can Still Do This” Guide to All Things Holy Week

- <https://catholicallyear.com/blog/the-you-can-still-do-this-guide-to-a>
- Her blog also has tons of other great resources for families, including ways to celebrate the Mass at home with kids and a great post on beautiful Easter basket gifts from online Catholic vendors!

Making “Resurrection Rolls” with kids:

- <http://ohamanda.com/2009/04/10/good-fridayeaster-food-craft/>
- Wrap a marshmallow in bread dough and bake: the marshmallow melts as it cooks and leaves a surprise empty space in the roll “tomb” when the kids bite into it!

DIY Paschal Candle kit from Holy Heroes:

- <https://www.holyheroes.com/Paschal-Candle-Kit-p/gft-candle-kit-paschal.htm>

- A beautiful craft to do with kids (with Mom's help!) Discuss the symbolism of the Paschal candle as you make it, then set it on your family's altar to light during the viewing of the Easter Vigil Mass. (Supplies are limited; order soon!)