

# St. Lawrence Faith Formation

## Sharing Faith... Home to Home

September 2020



### HERALD OF HOPE: PANDEMIC DOESN'T CHANGE CHURCH'S MAIN PRIORITIES



HERALD of HOPE

The Catholic Herald | May 13, 2020

**ARCHBISHOP JEROME E. LISTECKI** One of the aspects of this pandemic is that we share a common experience. Our lives have been disrupted, routine activities have ceased, and our health has been threatened. We feel alone, isolated from one another and separated from our parishes. We long to know when we will return to normal. We have all had to make adjustments and the Church is no exception. Even though constricted, the work of the Church continues. I have a new appreciation for the efforts of St. Paul and the early Church. The disciples were charged to spread the gospel in the face of persecution, lack of resources and extremely limited transportation. They used whatever means available to proclaim Jesus and further the work of the Church. Catholic Identity has been enhanced during this time through the increase in prayer. Our reliance upon God and the importance of our daily communication helps us to know that we are connected. We can take prayer for granted but, during a crisis, prayer becomes a central activity. We will emerge from this pandemic, but we will be changed. We will have new technology to use in the growth of the Church. We will have a new appreciation for the worship and the sacraments we enjoy, and we will be richer in our relationship with the Lord if we trust him in all things and in all ways.



**Very Inspiring  
9-Minute  
YouTube Video  
from Ascension  
Press!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TOoy1vEArBU>



**Priest Debunks Common  
Catholic Myths – 10-  
Minute YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4B0Bu28EeJY>

### Nurturing Family Faith at Home



#### Catechist

JOHN ROBERTO

We know how important

parents and the whole family are in forming the faith of young people. The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops states that the family is "our first community and the most basic way in which the Lord gathers us, forms us, and acts in the world". We know that the primary way by which Catholic identity becomes rooted in children's lives is the day-to-day religious practices of the family and the ways parents model their faith and share it in conversation, collaboration, and exposure to outside religious opportunities. Parents are simply the most significant influence on the religious and spiritual outcomes of young people. The family is the community where Christian faith practices are nurtured and developed. We have discovered through research that certain faith practices make a significant difference in nurturing the faith of children and adolescents at home.

Among the most important practices are:

- 1) Reading the Bible as a family
- 2) Praying together as a family
- 3) Being involved in a faith community and participating regularly in Sunday worship
- 4) Eating together as a family
- 5) Having family conversations
- 6) Talking about faith, religious issues, and questions and doubts
- 7) Ritualizing important family moments and milestone experiences
- 8) Celebrating holidays and Church-year seasons at home
- 9) Providing moral instruction
- 10) Serving people in need as a family



**A FAMILY  
CRAFT  
ACTIVITY—  
How to  
Make  
Prayer  
Jars!**

<https://www.sswm.com/blog/how-to-make-prayer-jars-religious-craft-activity-lesson/>

**The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15.**

### What Our Lady of Sorrows Can Teach Suffering Parents

*Jeannie Ewing*

*Our Lady of Sorrows teaches us that, like her, we can abandon our children to God's loving Providence every day instead of trying to control the outcome of their choices or worrying. The root of such parental hovering is fear. Mary was not afraid of what Jesus, or she, would have to suffer. Mary teaches us to carry on with courage, to persevere in the face of seasons that seem interminable, to keep reaching back to God for help when we are desperate. (full article at link below)*

<https://www.coraeans.com/blog/article/what-our-lady-of-sorrows-can-teach-suffering-parents>

### Inspiring and Interactive



**Resources to Live the Sunday Mass Readings**

**for EACH WEEK of the ENTIRE MONTH!!** *Enrich the Faith within Your Family With Some Lectionary-Based Fun!*

(Each link below includes the readings and activities surrounding the Sunday Scripture Readings.)

SEPTEMBER 6: [The Family Zone Playlist](#)

SEPTEMBER 13: [The Family Zone Playlist](#)

SEPTEMBER 20: [The Family Zone Playlist](#)

SEPTEMBER 27: [The Family Zone Playlist](#)

