

# CHURCH OF THE Ascension FAMILY Parent Resources

## Expand Your Faith

- ❖ Do the Five Finger Prayer as a family
- ❖ Reflect on where you “saw God” today as a family
- ❖ Do some spiritual reading (Bible story, Saints)
- ❖ Make Mass a priority in your family
- ❖ Pray the Rosary as a Family; Attend Adoration; Celebrate Reconciliation
- ❖ Practice the Corporal Works of Mercy (i.e. Food Pantry, Giving Tree, etc)



## Faith Formation Resources for Parents & Students:

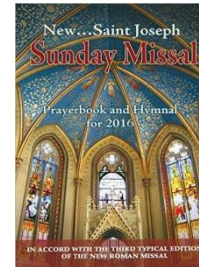
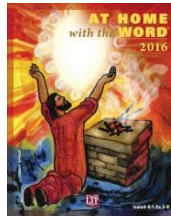
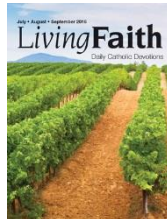
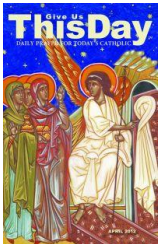
- ❖ RCL Benziger: Stories of God’s Love Parent Page (Kindergarten Students): <http://www.rclbstoriesofgodsllove.com/kindergarten.html#Parents>
- ❖ Alive in Christ Parent Page (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students): <http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family>
- ❖ Pflaum Gospel Weeklies Parent Page (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students): <http://www.pflaumweeklies.com/parents/>
- ❖ Ascension Website: [www.ascensionvb.org](http://www.ascensionvb.org)
- ❖ Children’s Worship Bulletin: (Children’s Liturgy of the Word): <http://www.kidsword.com/>
- ❖ Rosary Activities: <http://www.thereligionteacher.com/rosary-activities/>

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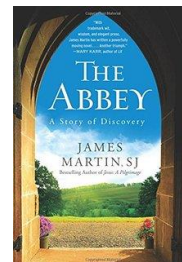
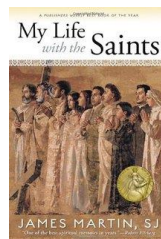
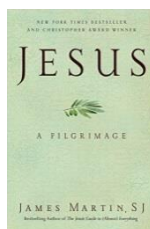
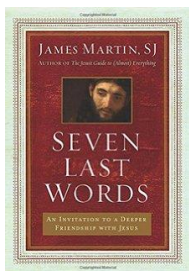
- ❖ Dynamic Catholic: [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com)
- ❖ Bulldog Catholic: [www.bulldogcatholic.com](http://www.bulldogcatholic.com)
- ❖ Church of the Nativity: [www.churchnativity.tv](http://www.churchnativity.tv)
- ❖ Word on Fire: [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)
- ❖ Franciscan Media-Saint of the Day (also an app)
- ❖ 3 Minute Retreat-Loyola Press <http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer>
- ❖ United States Catholic Conference of Bishops [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- ❖ Daily Jesuit Meditations [www.lgnatianSpirituality.com](http://www.lgnatianSpirituality.com)

## Books:

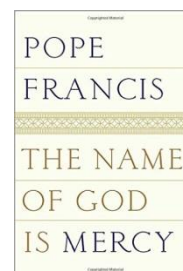
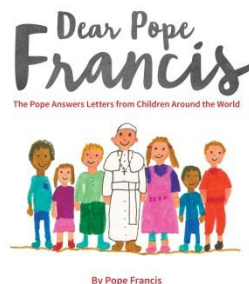
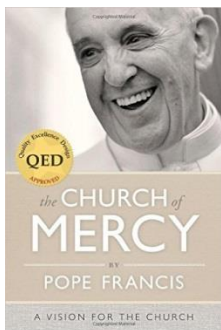
- ❖ **Daily Meditations** – *Living Faith, Give us this Day, Word Among Us* (both hard & electronic versions available)



- ❖ **Sunday Missals**
- ❖ *At Home with the Word*-Sunday readings
- ❖ **Fr. James Martin**-*My Life with the Saints, Jesus: A Pilgrimage, The Abbey* (a novel), *The Jesuit Guide to Almost Anything, Between Heaven and Mirth*



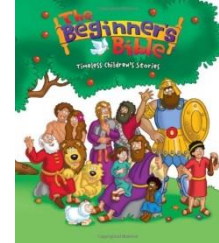
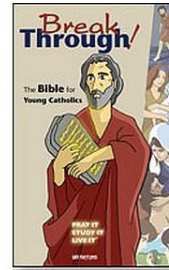
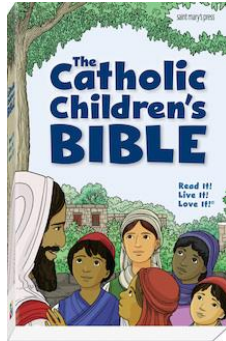
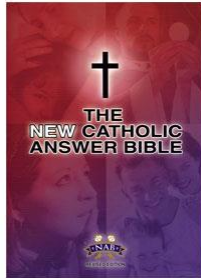
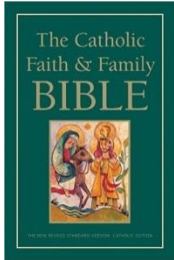
- ❖ **Pope Francis**: *A Church of Mercy, Beautiful Mercy, Laudato Si, The Name of God is Mercy, Dear Pope Francis: The Pope Answers Letters from Children Around the World*



- ❖ **General** – *Rediscover Catholicism, The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic, Rediscover Jesus, Rome Sweet Home, My Life on the Rock, 7 Secrets of the Eucharist, 7 Secrets of Confession*
- ❖ **For Kids** – Great Adventure Kids, Friendly Defenders Flash Cards, Loyola Press-Meal Box Cards, MagnfiKid and Mass Box
- ❖ **Catholic Church Doctrine** – Catechism of the Catholic Church, US Catholic Catechism for Adults, YouCat (youth Catechism) DoCAT (social teaching catechism for youth)

## Bibles:

- **For Adults:** *New American Bible*, *The Catholic Faith & Family Bible (NRSV)*, *The New Catholic Answer Bible*
- **For Children (elementary age):** *The Beginner's Bible*, *The Breakthrough Bible*, *The Catholic Children's Bible by St. Mary's Press* (has corresponding Apps available for smartphones and tablets that help make the stories "come alive")
- **For Youth:** *The Lifeteen Bible*, *The Catholic Youth Bible*



## Local Area Events:

- ❖ The Bishop Keane Institute (Newport News): [www.keaneinstitute.org/formation](http://www.keaneinstitute.org/formation) – Upcoming speakers in 2017!
- ❖ Check out Diocesan website [www.richmonddiocese.org](http://www.richmonddiocese.org) for upcoming retreats and events in the area.

# Daily Reflections On Mass Readings



[www.churchnativity.tv/#/messages-online-campus/worship-fully-daily-email](http://www.churchnativity.tv/#/messages-online-campus/worship-fully-daily-email)



<http://www.catholiccompany.com/> Select Morning Offering



<https://www.livingfaith.com/>

Other Reflection on Daily Mass readings:

<http://presentationministries.com/home/home.asp>

<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/>

Bishop Robert Barron via email: <http://dailycatholicgospel.com/get-reflections>



# Catholic Apps



Laudate –The most popular and most comprehensive free Catholic App . Daily Mass Readings (with Saint of the Day and Reflections). Liturgy of Hours, New American Bible, interactive Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Latin Rosary, Stations of the Cross, searchable prayers and Latin prayers with English translation



Lighthouse Catholic Media Bible App is free with the electronic copy of the RSV–CE Bible. Packed with incredible content from various Catholic apostolates intended to bring Sacred Scripture to life. Over 50 purchasable Lighthouse talks on various biblical topics, and FEE audio presentations from Dr. Scott Hahn and the "St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology," you'll go deep into the Scripture than ever before.



The mobile application features:

- \*Free electronic FOCUS Bible studies
- \*How-to series on evangelization, discipleship, and leading a Bible study
- \*Videos and full-length audio talks from FOCUS conferences



iBreviary is the Catholic application that brings you the traditional prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours and all the texts of the Eucharistic Liturgy on your iPhone, iPad and iPod touch.



The Pope App gives you the latest news and information on the Pope as produced by the Vatican's own media services and featured on News.va, the official network hub of Vatican communication.

The app allows you to follow live streaming of papal events, receive notifications of important events, view papal photos, videos, @Pontifex tweets, full texts of homilies and speeches, a calendar of events and links to all the Vatican media.

The app also allows you to visit the Vatican live through the various webcams located in St. Peter's Square and other areas nearby. All media contents are easily shareable and can be saved for later viewing. The language of content can be changed easily within the app to English, Spanish, French, Italian or Portuguese.

The Pope App and News.va are services provided by the Pontifical Council for Social Communications ([www.pccs.va](http://www.pccs.va)), in cooperation with the media offices of the Holy See, including, Fides News Agency, L'Osservatore Romano, the Holy See Press Office, the Vatican Television Center (CTV), Vatican Radio, and the Internet Office of the Holy See.

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