



IDEAS FOR REMOTE MASS AT HOME

While the suspension of all public masses during the Covid 19 pandemic is a painful reality for Catholics, we are blessed to be able to participate through television and online. Many of us can remotely participate in our own parish mass with our pastor and fellow parishioners through social media. CatholicTV and EWTN are other platforms available to find Mass and other liturgies and devotions.

Participating in Mass remotely does present its own challenges for both the presider and the faithful. Here are some ideas that we hope will help make participation in Holy Mass remotely during these days a meaningful encounter with Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord.

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- Intentionally create a sacred space in your home for Mass.
 - ◆ Light a candle and place a Crucifix in a prominent place during Mass
 - ◆ Arrange furniture for all to sit reverently and clear any distracting items
 - ◆ Display your family bible
 - Take a few moments to prepare for mass before it begins (consider dressing up!).
 - Stand, Sit, and Kneel at the appropriate times (consider pillow for kneelers).
 - Follow along with the reading and responses using the [Magnificat app](#) which can be accessed free of charge.
 - If following on social media, let others know you are there – greet them before or after Mass as you would at church. It's OK to comment on the homily, offer a greeting of peace, or simply offer an appropriate emoji. 🙏
 - Take seriously the [prayer of Spiritual Communion](#) and invite the Lord Jesus into your heart at this time.
 - Remember to be as generous as you can with your offertory, your parish still has bills but no longer has a collection!
 - Plan a nice meal together as a family after mass and discuss the homily and your experience celebrating remotely.