

#1 BEGIN

Leader: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: We gather as a family to celebrate the Lord's Day. While we cannot be present at Mass today due to the corona virus outbreak, we can still pray confidently as a family, knowing that we are uniting our prayer to that of our priests and of Christ himself.

CCC: "The Christian family (...) should be called a domestic church. It is a community of faith, hope, and charity (...) a communion of persons (...) called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ". (CCC 2204-2205)

Today we remember that Jesus is the Light of the World. The readings today will remind us that the Lord has the power to shine his light and heal all forms of blindness within us. As we watch a livestream video of our priests celebrating the Mass for our community of St Elizabeth and for the whole world, let us unite our intentions to theirs, beginning with an opening prayer.

O God, as we celebrate this day the victory of your Son, the Light of the World, scatter all darkness in our hearts, that we may be protected in body and soul by putting our hope in Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

#3 COMMUNION

When the priest receives the Eucharist, your family is invited to do a Spiritual Communion, that is, to ask Jesus to come into your heart spiritually since you cannot receive him sacramentally at this time.

Leader: Jesus, we believe that You are present in the Eucharist. We love you above all things, and we desire to receive You into our souls. Since we cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you as if you were already there and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never let us be separated from you. Amen.

CELEBRATING SUNDAY AT HOME

Use this guide each week to lead your family in the Sunday celebration of Mass at home. Prepare a sacred place in your home where your family can gather to watch the live stream of the Mass without distractions.

#2 WATCH

View on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/stelizabethpf>) or on our website homepage (www.stelizabethpf.org)

#4 END

At the end of Mass, once the live stream is over, take this opportunity to lead your family in a deeper reflection of today's Mass with these questions or activities.

Discussion questions:

- What happened when the blind man washed the mud from his eyes like Jesus told him?
- What is Jesus asking you to do during this coronavirus pandemic?
- What will happen if you listen to him and follow his words?

Activities for the whole family:

- Go to <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection> and click the tab that applies to your age (example: "Grades 1-3")