

How to View a Streaming Video from the Internet on a TV

Using a Streaming App

I tried this and would not advise you to use this method as it appears that YouTube does not index the videos for at least a day after they are live streamed. Neither the St. Brendan's mass nor Father Harry's Sunday mass is easy to find on the day they are released. A few days later, maybe, but not on the day. Read on for other possibilities.

Using Screen Mirroring

Another method of doing this is to mirror your smartphone screen on your TV. You also need the streaming device or your TV must be a smart TV designed to do this such as a "Roku TV." This works for any video, even those not hosted on YouTube.

First Step:

Enable Mirroring on your TV. On Roku devices, select Settings, System, Screen Mirroring, and finally Screen Mirroring Mode. Select that and choose either Prompt or Always Show. I have mine set on Always Show as it saves me having to switch from my phone to the Roku remote to confirm that I want to connect.

Second Step:

Go to Settings on your phone and choose Screen Mirroring. On my Android device (Samsung Galaxy S5) that is under "Connect and Sharing." That should connect your phone to the TV. Be sure to turn your phone sideways so you will get a screen filling image.

Final (if all else fails) Method – Laptop or computer to TV cable

Since most modern TV's use HDMI inputs and most modern computers provide HDMI outputs, this method is a natural. All you need is an HDMI cable. You most likely will have one or two already plugged into your TV, probably from your Cable or Satellite Box or DVD or Blu-ray player. You can temporarily borrow one of them and simply move the end of the Cable that is not plugged into your TV from the Cable or Satellite box or DVD-Blu-ray player to the computer output. On most computers, the F8 key controls whether the image is on just the built in screen, just the remote screen or on both. You should select "Duplicate." Avoid the options of "Remote Screen Only" and "Extend" as they might complicate your normal use of the computer. Remember to reconnect the computer end of the cable to the device it was originally connected to.

If you have any problems, you can call me and maybe I can help you. Try to call ahead of time and not at the live streaming times. My number is listed in the Parish Directories since 1978.

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