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## Where to eat family recipes on Mother's Day



The Ranch at Live Oak Malibu's executive chef Nina Curtis serves a vegan version of her mother's lasagne. *Nina Curtis*



"She already cooked her lasagna with the freshest ingredients, and always from scratch but I've replaced a few things," says chef Curtis. "The ground turkey that she would use with cremini mushrooms, the cow milk ricotta with macadamia nut 'ricotta', the mozzarella with cashew mozzarella, and the lasagna noodles with zucchini and yellow squash. Her homemade marinara is the bomb, so I've left that as is and she would always put spinach in it as I do today. A lot of love and seasonings (rosemary, thyme, oregano, garlic and cumin) to perfection, complete the dish and it comes out of the oven with bubbling goodness every time!" *The Ranch at Live Oak Malibu*

We asked chefs across the country if they still make any recipes they learned from their moms, and it's more common than you might think. Treat mom to a meal with a sentimental family story at the restaurants in the gallery above. From a Southern take on chess pie at Villains in Chicago to arancini balls from an Italian *nonna*, there's a lot of love and tradition in these recipes. Flip through the photos for the heart-warming stories, and tell us what you're still cooking from your mom's recipe repertoire on twitter, [@USATODAYEats](https://twitter.com/USATODAYEats). Happy Mother's Day, foodies.