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We Gather for Mass

The Sunday liturgy is a central and unifying event in our Christian lives. In the same way that weddings and funerals are events that bring family and friends together, the Mass brings our faith family together. Both individually and communally, it nourishes our spiritual journey. And it gives us the courage we need to walk by faith.

ACTIVITY

Special Days Honor special days in a family member's life by placing a "celebration" plate and goblet at his or her table setting. Use special tableware. Fill a glass with grape juice. Pass it around so that each family member takes a sip and then says why the honoree is special to him or her.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Be aware of the fact that people everywhere are celebrating Mass. Take a moment to think about your place in the worldwide Christian community.

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Visit our Web site for the saint of the day and the reflection question of the week.

Saint of the Week



Genoveva Torres Morales (1870–1956)

Genoveva was born in Spain. She believed that each of us is created to do God's will. She had a strong desire to reach out to poor women. She started a religious community to help them. Soon, more such communities were built. Many women came to them.

Feast Day: January 5



A Prayer for the Week

Dear Lord, help us use our talents to care for those in need as Saint Genoveva Torres Morales did. Help us to participate actively in the Eucharist so that we can grow stronger to serve others. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of the Early Church

Worship Early Christians worshipped in private homes. The Christians usually gathered early in the morning to read Scripture and the writings of the Apostles. Following the readings, the church leader delivered a Sermon. According to Justin Martyr, a second century writer, Christians greeted one another with a kiss after praying. Then, they shared a simple meal and celebrated the Eucharist. Many worshipped daily, but, all celebrated on Sunday, in remembrance of Christ's Resurrection.

Read more about early Christian worship in Acts 2:42–47.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Liturgy

Red Mass is a special liturgy to which lawyers and judges come at the beginning of the legal season in the fall. It is thought to have begun in France around 1245 in honor of St. Ives, the patron saint of lawyers. During that era, when whole countries were Catholic, all the lawyers and judges would attend. The priest and the judges would wear red robes to the liturgy.

The Red Mass is still celebrated today. Catholic lawyers and judges gather to ask for God's help in making decisions that seriously affect people's lives.