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The Commandments and Forgiveness

Sin is a concern for the Church because it not only separates us from God's grace, it also affects all of our relationships. When we sin, we choose our wishes over what God asks of us. Reconciliation restores a sense of peace with God and with others, especially with those close to us.

ACTIVITY

How Was Your Day? During this week, spend a few minutes with your child each night to review his or her day. Ask your child to list all the things that he or she liked about the day and then ask if there were any disappointments. It is a good time for each of you to express sorrow for the things that went wrong. Together you can ask for God's forgiveness and help to make tomorrow better.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Listen to the Scripture readings and homily at Mass to discover guidance for leading a moral life.

On the Web

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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



Saint Matilda
(c. 895–968)

Saint Matilda was a German queen during the tenth century. Her sons fought among themselves and were jealous when Matilda was generous to the poor and the Church. She died with a great reputation for kindness and generosity among people.

Patron Saint of: large families, the falsely accused
Feast Day: March 14



**A Prayer
for the
Week**

Dear Lord, forgive us for the times we have failed to love you and for the times we have hurt others. Help us to be like Saint Matilda by being kind and generous towards those we meet.
Amen.

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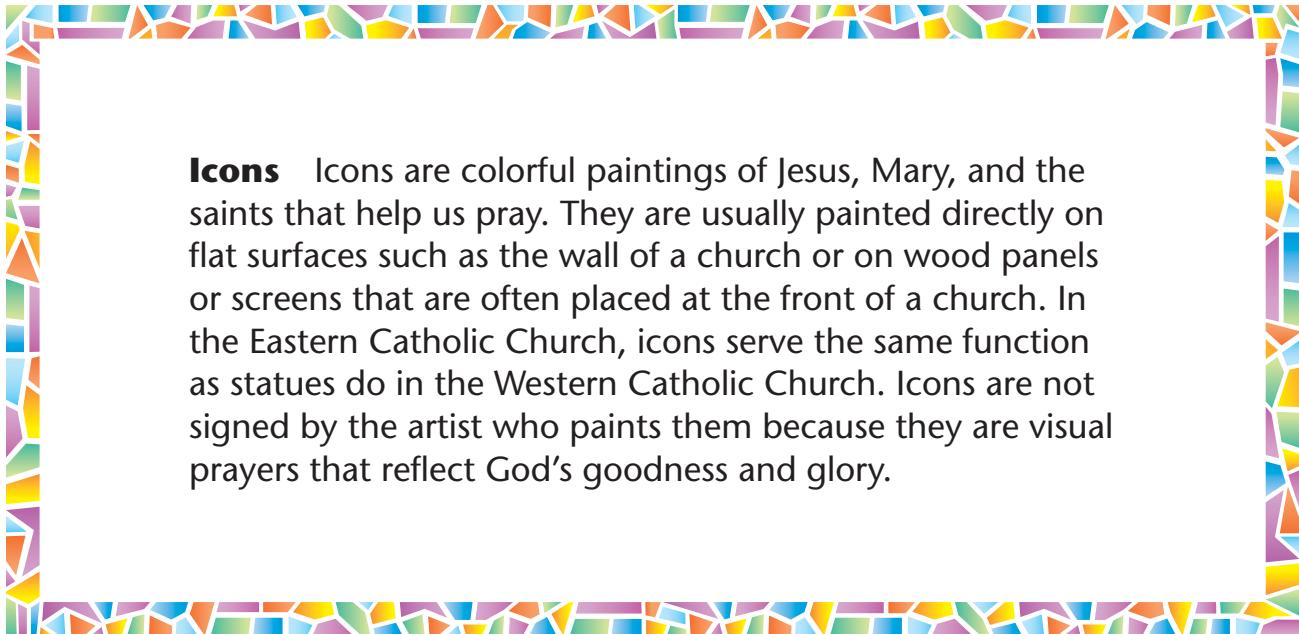
Scripture Background

Before the Time of Jesus

Inheritance In ancient times, the Israelites considered the land of Canaan as their inheritance from God. They valued the land and passed it on from generation to generation. Sons were first in line to inherit land as well as other property such as household goods and cattle. The oldest son usually received a greater share, since he was responsible for his mother and unmarried sisters.

In Luke 15:11–20, a son seeks forgiveness for wasting his inheritance.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Art



Icons Icons are colorful paintings of Jesus, Mary, and the saints that help us pray. They are usually painted directly on flat surfaces such as the wall of a church or on wood panels or screens that are often placed at the front of a church. In the Eastern Catholic Church, icons serve the same function as statues do in the Western Catholic Church. Icons are not signed by the artist who paints them because they are visual prayers that reflect God's goodness and glory.