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David's Sin and the Story of the Fall

The happiness of many people can be lost by just one person's choosing personal satisfaction over virtue. The Bible story about David and what he did to marry Bathsheba is a prime example. Even though David was forgiven, he could not undo the consequences of his actions. The story of the Fall of Man in Genesis also explains the disobedience of humans and its consequences. But Jesus Christ brought salvation from sin, and God is always there to help us resist temptation.

ACTIVITY

Valuable Tears A tradition holds that Jewish women's tears were collected in jars and later used for special rituals. Have each family member write a one-line prayer for forgiveness on a teardrop-shaped piece of paper, fold it, and drop it into a glass jar. Imagine these prayers are tears poured out to Jesus.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

During Mass, pay attention to teachings about forgiveness or mercy.

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Saint of the Week



Blessed Laura Vicuña
(1891–1904)

From a young age, Laura Vicuña was troubled by the life her mother led. She continually prayed for her mother. When Laura was twelve years old, she was ill and dying. She comforted her mother, saying she was happy to give up her life for her mother's salvation. Upon Laura's death, her mother repented and returned to the Church.

Feast Day: January 22



**A Prayer
for the
Week**

Merciful Father, help us recognize all our sins and failings, lead us to your mercy, and guide us to your eternal kingdom. Amen.

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Scripture Background

Before the Time of Jesus

King David The Bible contains more stories about David than about any other person apart from Jesus. David is honored in Scripture for his accomplishments. As a warrior, David defeated Goliath. After Saul's death, David was crowned king of the tribe of Judah. Seven years later he became leader of the unified tribes and established Jerusalem as his capital. But David's human weaknesses are also presented in Scripture. A chief example is his adultery with Bathsheba. Read about David's sin in 2 Samuel 11, and about his repentance in 2 Samuel 12.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Legend

King Arthur and King David The flaw in Camelot in the story of King Arthur was the same as the flaw that brought down David's kingship. The musical *Camelot* tells this story in great detail. Arthur's father had Lady Igraine's husband killed in battle so he could marry the widow. Then Lancelot and Guinevere betrayed Arthur and destroyed the virtue of Camelot. Similarly, David's pursuit of another man's wife damaged his capacity for leading Israel.