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The Commandments and the Kingdom

We are called to be witnesses to the Kingdom of God. We are in the process of living more and more in the kingdom. This chapter encourages us to realize the wonder of the presence of God.

ACTIVITY

Bake a Cake On Three Kings Day, also known as Epiphany, some people bake a cake with a treasure (a nut, for example) in it to remember the gifts that the kings brought to Jesus. Bake one and share with your family. The person who gets the treasure wins!

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

At Mass, pray the Profession of Faith to know what Catholics believe, and the Prayer of the Faithful for the special requests of your community.

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Saint of The Week



Saint Teresa of Ávila
(1515–1582)

Saint Teresa of Ávila joined the Carmelite sisters and soon felt God's call to reform. She reformed her order by founding the "discalced" (without shoes) Carmelites. A great teacher and writer, she was the first woman to be named Doctor of the Church.

Patron Saint of: Spain, sick people

Feast Day: October 15



A Prayer for the Week

Lord, like Saint Teresa of Ávila, give us strength so that our thoughts may become courageous deeds. Help us to do your will. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Vineyards The long, hot summers of Palestine provided the perfect conditions for cultivating grapevines. They grew in abundance on the hillsides and were surrounded by stone walls for security. Family members helped to guard against thieves and animals by acting as lookouts from a watchtower. Harvesting took place in September. While some grapes were dried for raisins or used to make a honey relish, most were crushed for wine.

In Matthew 20:1–16, Jesus uses a vineyard as the setting of his parable.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Entertainment

A Music Legend For over 30 years, Frank Barsalona was known throughout the entertainment industry as the ethical music agent. Frank and the employees at his company, Premier Talent Agency, sought fairness and justice for the musicians they represented. Some of Premier's famous acts included U2, Bruce Springsteen, The Who, and Bon Jovi. Frank is also considered to be one of the people responsible for creating the modern day rock concert. Mr. Barsalona was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2005.