

Getting Ready for Chapter 13

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Jesus Saves Us from Sin

We know that Jesus gave up his life to save all of us from sin. We all share the benefit of his great sacrifice. This chapter presents the story of Jesus' death and Resurrection. Children will consider the concept of sacrifice as it applies to everyday life, and they will learn about the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made when he gave up his life so that we could be saved from sin.

ACTIVITY

The Rugged Cross Together, make a cross of twigs held together with a piece of twine or a pipe cleaner. Display your work in a prominent place. Let it serve as a reminder that Jesus sacrificed his life to save us from sin.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

After the consecration, say (or sing) the words "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again" with a new sense of appreciation.

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 Elizabeth of Hungary (1207–1231)

Elizabeth was born a princess in Hungary. She and her husband loved their four children. After her husband died, she raised the children alone. She later joined the Third Order of Saint Francis.

Patron Saint of: homeless people and exiles

Feast Day: November 17



A Prayer for the Week

Jesus, help us to be like Saint Elizabeth making sacrifices to care for others. Our efforts will be a way to thank you for your great sacrifice. You gave up your life to save us. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Crucifixion The “most wretched of deaths,” crucifixion, was reserved for criminals involved in serious crimes. It was an act of treason for Jesus to be considered a king, thus meriting crucifixion in the eyes of first-century Romans. The letters of Paul, however, identify the cross as a symbol of victory. By it, we have been set free and redeemed from the power of sin.

You can read of Jesus’ crucifixion in Mark 15:22–29, and Paul’s interpretation of it in 1 Corinthians 1:19–27

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in World Ministries

Congregation of Holy Cross Father Basil Anthony Moreau sought to be a true disciple of Jesus. A priest, he was born in 1799, near the end of the French Revolution. There was a need for ministry in France. Father Moreau gathered a group of priests and brothers to establish the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1837. Today four congregations follow his spirit and ministry: the Congregation of Holy Cross, the Marianites of Holy Cross, the Sisters of the Holy Cross, and Sisters of Holy Cross. They minister worldwide. In 2003, Pope John Paul II named Fr. Basil Moreau “Venerable,” a first step toward sainthood.