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Our Church Shows Us How to Live

Jesus shows us how to live in a way that pleases God. The saints have also shown us different ways to live a life that is godlike. The saints were men and women of various social and economic circumstances who lived extraordinary lives. They had this in common: They tried to live by the commandments, to love God, and to love their neighbors.

ACTIVITY

Name the Saints Together, pick out an admirable quality or virtue possessed by each family member. Make a badge for each family "saint" with the person's name and saintly quality. Then wear your badges during a family meal.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Are there statues of saints in your church? Are any saints pictured in the stained-glass windows? Whose images do you see?

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 Peter Claver
(1581–1654)

Peter Claver was a Jesuit missionary. He devoted his life and ministry to serving African slaves. He often lived in conditions almost as squalid as those of the people in his care.

Patron Saint of: interracial justice
Feast Day: September 9



**A Prayer
for the
Week**

We thank you God, for giving us Saint Peter Claver who showed us how to live. Please give us the strength to live as he did. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Samaritans Samaritans lived in Israel around Mount Gerizin. Jews disliked Samaritans. Although sharing a common heritage with Jews, Samaritans had different religious customs. Jesus taught a parable involving a Samaritan who stopped to help a wounded Jew when other fellow Jews did not. He also spoke of a Samaritan leper as the only grateful one of ten lepers cured. Jesus' message is that the Kingdom of God is for all people.

You can read about Samaritans in Luke 17:11–19, 10:29–35.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Law

Good Samaritan Law The story of the Good Samaritan is famous. Many people know about the kind man who stopped to help the hurt stranger. The story is so famous that a good samaritan law has been enacted. This law requires people who have medical training to stop and help when they see an accident.

There was a time when those who had medical training wouldn't stop because they were afraid of being sued. This law protects the "Good Samaritans" from being sued, while requiring them to use their training to help the injured.