

Getting Ready for Chapter 11

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The Commandments and the Law of Love

We all live with rules in our lives, from the formal laws that rule our country and community to the informal rules of our homes. The basis for many of our laws and rules can be found in the Ten Commandments. If we make ourselves familiar with them, it will be easier to live peacefully with those around us.

ACTIVITY

Neighbors Our neighbors are not just the people who live close to us. They can be from countries far away, on the other side of the city or in the next state. Get the name of a family that lives far away and become pen pals (your parish or a mission organization should be able to help). Getting to know people from another culture is a way of loving our neighbor.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

The homily takes the readings from Mass and applies them to our daily lives. Listen to the homily. Are any of the commandments mentioned?

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Saint of The Week



Saint Margaret of Castello (1287–1320)

Born with several disabilities, Saint Margaret of Castello spent much of her childhood in seclusion. She later became a lay Dominican, and spent her life in prayer. When she died, many attended her funeral and a girl who was disabled was miraculously cured.

Patron Saint of: the physically challenged

Feast Day: April 13



A Prayer for the Week

Lord, we thank you for the gift of life. As we remember Saint Margaret of Castello, help us to love others as you love us. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Feasts in Jerusalem Jews from many countries traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate major festivals. Speaking different languages, they came from places like Syria, Asia Minor, Cyprus, Greece, and Egypt. Peasants as well as rich merchants crowded into the holy city, causing the population to more than double. Many visitors stayed in private homes or in tents they set up in open areas of the town. Passover, celebrated in the spring, was an especially busy holiday. It was during Passover that Jesus taught his disciples a new commandment.

Read John 13:33–35.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Religious Life

The Little Sisters of the Poor The Little Sisters of the Poor are an international congregation of religious sisters who have devoted their lives to serving the elderly. The Little Sisters were founded by Blessed Jeanne Jugan in 1842 in Saint-Servan, France. Blessed Jeanne began caring for the elderly when one day she came across an old, blind widow who had no one to care for her. Blessed Jeanne took the woman into her home and eventually took in more elderly poor. Soon other women accompanied Blessed Jeanne in caring for the elderly who were often forgotten by society. Blessed Jeanne believed that in serving the elderly poor, she was serving Christ himself. Today, the Little Sisters care for the elderly in 30 countries around the world.