

Getting Ready for Chapter 20

Take Home



We Pray for Guidance

We should always pray for God's help in making important decisions in our lives. But how do we know what God is guiding us to do? Sometimes God answers us through other people. This chapter tells the story of King Malcolm and Queen Margaret of Scotland. Malcolm learned of God and grew in faith by observing the example of his saintly wife, Margaret.

ACTIVITY

Keeping a Record Have family members record on paper, audiotape, or videotape valuable guidance they have received from other people. Have family members share how the advice helped them to make wise choices.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

During the Scripture readings and the homily, listen for a whisper of God's guidance for your life.

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Saint of the Week



Saint Margaret of Scotland (c. 1045–1093)

Margaret married King Malcolm III of Scotland and together they had eight children. Margaret used her high position as queen to help the sick and improve the living conditions of the poor. She also invited the English Benedictine monks to come to Scotland and establish monasteries.

Patron Saint of:
Scotland, large families
Feast Day: June 10



A Prayer for the Week

Your love makes our family strong, Lord. Please provide us with guidance so that we will make wise choices in our lives. Amen.



Scripture Background

Before the Time of Jesus

The Prophet Elijah Elijah was the most prominent prophet of his time. He confronted the evil King Ahab and Queen Jezebel when they tried to establish Baal as the god of Israel. Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18). In spite of his victory at Carmel, Elijah became filled with fear and went to live in a cave at Mount Horeb. God responded to Elijah's distress with compassion, providing him food, and speaking to him in a gentle voice, reassuring him that there were others who were still faithful to the covenant.

Read how God responded to Elijah's fears in 1 Kings 19:1–18.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Religious Life

Maryknoll Sisters Mary Josephine Rogers was interested in foreign missions. Mollie, as Mary was also known, graduated from Smith College in 1905. At Smith her interest in mission work was spurred by Protestant students involved in volunteer work. Mollie later founded the Maryknoll Sisters and was then known as Mother Mary Joseph. Her missionary sisters traveled to remote areas of China to work with the poor and share their faith. When Mother Mary Joseph founded her community, it had only 35 members. By her death in 1955, more than 1,000 Maryknoll sisters were working in 19 countries.