

## Getting Ready for Chapter 4

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## Piety and Prayer

Joseph was one of Jacob's sons and a patriarch, or founding father, of the People Israel. As a boy, Joseph's jealous brothers sold him into slavery in Egypt. Through a series of miraculous events Joseph rose from being a servant to being Pharaoh's chief assistant. Throughout all the ups and downs of his life Joseph was directed by his faith in God. Joseph's trust in God was richly rewarded.

### ACTIVITY

**Family Callings** Have family members draw outlines of themselves and fill them in with clothing, tools, or other objects that illustrate what they would like their lives to be like five or ten years from now. Talk about the work, cooperation, and trust involved in realizing your goals.

## WEEKLY PLANNER

### On Sunday

When the priest says, "Let us pray," speak to God quietly and listen for God speaking to you.

### 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



**Blessed André Bessette**  
(1845–1937)

Blessed Brother André Bessette worked as a doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal for forty years. He had a special ministry to the sick, and many who came to him were healed. Brother André encouraged all who sought intercession to pray to Saint Joseph, to whom he had a special devotion.

**Feast Day:** January 6



**A Prayer  
for the  
Week**

God, teach us to hear your voice in our hearts and in the presence of those around us. Like Blessed André Bessette, may we live a life of prayer and service. Amen.

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### Scripture Background

#### Before the Time of Jesus

**Interpreting Dreams** For many ancient cultures, dreams were accepted as supernatural messages. The dreams of royalty were considered especially significant, and rulers sought advisers who were able to interpret dreams. Those who succeeded were revered, as is evident in Joseph's story. When Pharaoh dreamed of cattle and crops, all the wise men of Egypt were called upon to interpret his dream. None succeeded. When Joseph, a Hebrew, was able to interpret the dream as a warning of seven years of prosperity followed by seven years of famine, Pharaoh made him his chief assistant. Read Genesis 41 to learn about Pharaoh's dream.

## OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Art

***The Madonna of the Magnificat*** During the Renaissance, European artists created countless paintings of the Blessed Virgin Mary. One of the most famous is Botticelli's *Madonna of the Magnificat*.

Botticelli created the *Madonna of the Magnificat* in the early 1480s. The painting features nearly life-size figures, and is lavishly covered with gold paint. It depicts Mary being crowned as the Queen of Heaven as she holds the Christ Child and writes the words of the Magnificat.

Today this painting can be seen in the Uffizi Gallery, in Florence, Italy.