

Getting Ready for Chapter 14

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Exile and Remembrance

As time went by, the chosen people lost sight of their covenant and turned away from God. Then they were forced into exile, and they thought that God had abandoned them. They found that God was still there for them, however, when he sent prophets to guide them back to him. God is always there for us, even though we sometimes turn away from him.

ACTIVITY

Exile Your family or ancestors may have left their homeland to come to America. With your family, explore the feelings of sadness, loss, and hope that such a change would bring.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

For the Sign of Peace, make an effort to grasp people's hands warmly, look them in the eyes, and smile.

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Saint of the Week



Saint Maximilian Kolbe
(1894–1941)

Father Maximilian Kolbe was arrested and sent to Auschwitz when Poland was taken over by the Nazis. When ten prisoners at the camp were to be executed, Father Maximilian offered his life in exchange for that of a man in the group who had a family. The man whose life was spared lived to tell the story.

Feast Day: August 14



A Prayer for the Week

Lord, whatever difficulties our lives bring, help us always be near to you and to follow your guidance. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Early Church

The Call to Repentance When the Pharisees complained that Jesus sat with sinners, he said, “Those who are not sick do not need a physician, but the sick do” (based on Luke 5:31–32). Jesus is the physician who cures souls and who has come to call sinners to repentance. In the early Church, the sacrament of penance was viewed as a second baptism. In his first letter to the early Christians, John tells them that if they acknowledge their sins to God, he will forgive them and cleanse them of every wrongdoing. Read all of John’s message about confession in 1 John 1:5—2:2.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Liturgy

The Language of Prayer Synagogues are Jewish places of worship. Synagogue prayer and study may have begun while the Israelites were in exile in Babylon. Prayers and traditions in the synagogue and the home came to replace rituals and sacrifices that had been held in the Temple.

Many elements of Christian prayer and worship have their origins in Judaism. Although Latin was the language of the Catholic liturgy for much of the Church’s history, a few Hebrew words are part of the Christian liturgy (*amen*, *hosanna*, and *alleluia*). Christian and Jewish services also share many of the same prayers and acclamations.