

Getting Ready for Chapter 18

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We Celebrate Peace and Service

The children will learn that we greet each other at Mass by offering those around us a Sign of Peace. This sign reminds us that Jesus wants us to get along with everyone and to serve one another.

ACTIVITY

Greetings Play a game with your child in which you take turns making different gestures to say Hello, such as waving. See how many turns you can take without repeating the same gesture.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Remind each other to think about making peace in the family as you share the Sign of Peace at Mass.

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 Anthony of Padua (1195–1231)

Anthony of Padua preached and taught men who were training to be priests. He also taught people who felt lost and confused. He was a Franciscan friar. Saint Anthony died when he was only thirty-six.

Patron Saint of: seekers of lost articles, animals

Feast Day: June 13



A Prayer for the Week

O God, may we always be willing to serve you and your people. Help us to see your presence in everyone we meet. May we follow the example of Saint Anthony of Padua. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of the Early Church

Agape The Greek word *agape* means love. In the New Testament, it designates the unmerited love God shows to humankind by sending Jesus as suffering redeemer. It is connected to a fellowship meal following the celebration of Eucharist. When applied to human love, *agape* means selfless and self-giving love.

You can read about this form of true Christian love that Paul speaks of in 1 Corinthians 13.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Religious Life

Bl. Jeanne Jugan Blessed Jeanne Jugan, Marie of the Cross (1792– 1879), grew up as a poor French girl. From her youth she felt that she was called to do something special. In 1837, with another woman and a teenage orphan girl, she formed a community for prayer and good works. From that small beginning, she established an order called the Little Sisters of the Poor, whose mission is to care for the needy elderly. In addition to the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, this group takes a vow of hospitality. On October 3, 1982, Jeanne Jugan was beatified by Pope John Paul II. Today, there are Little Sisters of the Poor in thirty countries, on five continents.