

## Getting Ready for Chapter 20

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## The Commandments and Bringing God's Message to the World

No matter how closely a parent watches a child, he or she cannot be present all the time to protect or guide in difficult situations. Catholic parents know that God's assistance is available through prayer.

### ACTIVITY

**Prayer Table** Locate a place in your home where your family can pray this week. If you have a favorite prayer card or statue, consider displaying it there. In addition to religious articles, you can place a family picture at your prayer table. Each person in the family can put a prayer request on the table as well.

### WEEKLY PLANNER

#### On Sunday

Before the Sign of Peace at Mass, listen to the words of Jesus regarding peace and unity.

#### On the Web

[www.blestarewe.com](http://www.blestarewe.com)



Visit our Web site for the saint of the day and the reflection question of the week.

#### Saint of The Week



**Blessed Junípero Serra (1713–1784)**

Blessed Junípero Serra was a Spanish Franciscan priest who built nine of the 21 missions in California and traveled extensively throughout the state. The international Catholic organization, the Serra Club, is named after Blessed Junípero. This organization is dedicated to the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**Feast Day:** July 1



**A Prayer for the Week**

Lord, Junípero Serra brought the Gospel and education to the Native Americans of California. Help us to follow you in our own lives and to always know your peace. Amen.

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### Scripture Background

#### In the Time of Jesus

**Galilee** Most of Jesus' ministry was centered in Galilee, the northern section of Palestine. It was fertile land with olives, grapes, and wheat growing throughout the countryside. A main feature of the region was the Sea of Galilee where fisherman could be seen casting their nets. Just west of the lake is the village of Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle. While attending a wedding there, Jesus changed water into wine. After his Resurrection, Jesus returned to Galilee with a special message for his disciples.

Read about the commissioning of the disciples in Matthew 28:16–20.

### OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Art

**The Angelus** The Angelus is a prayer that people have prayed since the Middle Ages. The prayer consists of the dialogue between Mary and the angel Gabriel, interspersed with a series of Hail Marys, followed by a closing prayer. By the fourteenth century, church bells were tolled at six in the morning, noontime, and six in the evening, reminding people to pray the prayer. This devotion is still popular today in many churches.