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God Saves Us

Our first parents, Adam and Eve, brought sin and death into the world through their disobedience to God. But God did not forsake humanity. He continued to love Adam and Eve, and out of his immense love for all humanity, he created a way for us to be restored to him. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to save and redeem us.

ACTIVITY

Searching for Forgiveness As a family, design a word search that describes ways to forgive, such as *make peace*, *pardon*, and *excuse*. Hang the completed word search on the refrigerator as a reminder to be forgiving.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

During the Confiteor, ask God for forgiveness.

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 Virgin Mary
(d. 1st century)

In 1854, Pope Pius IX declared the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which states that the Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived without original sin. Mary was given this special grace because she was to be the mother of God's Son.

Patron Saint of: the United States of America

Fest Day: December 8



**A Prayer
for the
Week**

God our Father, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to save us. Thank you for always loving us and forgiving us when we sin against you. Help us to love you more with each day. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Mary, the New Eve In the story of creation, we encounter Adam and Eve and learn of how their weakness led to banishment from God's Kingdom and sin and death for all humanity (Genesis 3:1–19). In the story of the Annunciation (Luke 1:26–38), we encounter Mary, a woman of strong faith and courage, who, in spite of her own fears about what it will mean for her life, submitted to God's call to be the mother of the Savior. Through Eve's disobedience to God, sin and suffering became humanity's lot; through Mary's obedience, salvation and the promise of eternal life in God's Kingdom were restored for all humankind.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Architecture

The Basilica of the Annunciation The Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth is maintained by the Franciscan Order and is the largest basilica in the Middle East. The design of the basilica incorporates the venerable Grotto of the Annunciation and preserves the full remains of the ancient Christian churches found at Nazareth. On this holy site, it is believed that the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and asked her to be the mother of God's Son. Christians from around the world visit the basilica each year.