

Getting Ready for Chapter 2

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The Seven Sacraments

The seven sacraments are Jesus' gift to us. Through the sacraments, we receive grace, God's own life, into our souls! The grace of the sacraments strengthens us to live as Jesus did, to grow in faith and holiness, and to prepare for eternal life with our Father in heaven.

ACTIVITY

Reminders of Our Faith Are there any reminders in your home of your family's Catholic faith, such as the Bible, a crucifix, rosary beads, or statues? Try to find one object for each room in your home to display this week.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

At Mass, thank Jesus for giving us the great Sacrament of the Eucharist.

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 Miguel Pro
(1891–1927)

Father Pro is one of the great heroes of the Catholic Church in Mexico. In the early twentieth century, the Mexican government forbade Catholics from practicing their faith. Father Pro secretly brought the sacraments to the Catholic people. He was arrested and died a martyr.

Feast Day: November 23



A Prayer for the Week

Jesus, thank you for giving us the seven sacraments. Through these gifts of grace, may we become more like you and grow closer to you each day. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Early Church

Eucharistic Prayers Among Early Christians All four Gospels tell us that Jesus ate a final meal with his Apostles on the night before he died. Each Gospel account contains words from that meal that form part of our Eucharistic Prayers. (Read Mark 14:22–26.) Among the early Christians, the prayers said at the celebration of the Eucharist were based on the early believers' Jewish traditions and worship. These prayers were spontaneous, because that was the traditional way to worship. It was not until the third century that formal Eucharistic Prayers were developed.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Film

Jesus of Nazareth In the 1970s, Pope Paul VI asked the acclaimed Italian director Franco Zeffirelli to make a film about the life of Christ. The result was the monumental six-hour miniseries *Jesus of Nazareth*. The film premiered world wide in 1977 on Palm Sunday and then again on Easter Sunday, achieving international success. To date, the film remains one of the most critically acclaimed and beloved films on the life of Jesus. It is especially noted for its beauty, religious fervor, and realism.