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The Ark and the Temple

To the Israelites, worship before the ark of the covenant in the tent was a treasured way to present oneself before God. Washing one's hands and feet before entering and continually burning lamps outside were rituals that showed respect for God's holy presence. Many of the Israelites' rituals found new meaning in Christ and became the basis for Catholic ways of coming to the Holy Spirit through Jesus, such as Baptism.

ACTIVITY

Baptism Anniversaries Mark the dates of your baptisms on a household calendar. Celebrate your baptism anniversaries by reflecting on your mission in spreading God's love. Also have a small celebration on each person's special day.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Meditate upon the tabernacle, in which the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Thank God for his presence among us.

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Saint of the Week



Saint John Vianney
(1786–1859)

John Vianney was parish priest at Ars, a remote French hamlet. His life was one of extreme simplicity and self-deprivation. He was loved by everyone who knew him. He heard confessions for sixteen hours each day, and dedicated his life to bringing people to God.

Patron Saint of: priests
Feast Day: August 4



A Prayer for the Week

Lord, through the intercession of John Vianney, strengthen our faith and enrich your Church through those you have called to the priesthood. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Early Church

Baptism Among the Early Christians In the Easter Vigil reading we hear Jesus instruct his disciples to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). Jesus’ followers accepted this call. The Acts of the Apostles contains numerous accounts of baptisms carried out by the apostles, often of large crowds of people. Peter baptized a crowd of 3,000 (Acts 2:38–41). Paul preached in Corinth and led many to believe in Jesus and be baptized (Acts 18:1–8). Philip preached the good news, and many came to him to be baptized (Acts 8:12–16).

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Film

Raiders of the Lost Ark In *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, several people are looking for the ark that held the original stone tablets of the Ten Commandments given to Moses on Mount Sinai. Harrison Ford plays Indiana Jones, leader of the “good guys” seeking the ark. Archaeologists and fortune seekers are interested in the ark for its historical significance on one hand and its enormous worth on the other. One “bad guy” is particularly interested in the prospect of possessing an object known to have great power. Although this action-adventure flick presents an unlikely story, it does highlight the importance of the ark to present-day and ancient people.