

The Ten Commandments

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Francis Xavier studied at the University of Paris and became a teacher. He met and befriended Ignatius of Loyola. He joined Ignatius's new religious community and became a missionary.

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The Book of Exodus describes the events of the Hebrews' departure from Egypt, where they were treated cruelly as slaves.

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Moses was filled with wonder when he saw fire flaming out of a bush. After he approached the bush, he heard God's voice coming from it. God told Moses that he had chosen him to lead the Hebrews out of Egypt.

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At first, Pharaoh refused to free the Hebrews. God then sent many plagues on the Egyptians, each one greater than the previous one. Pharaoh finally agreed to release the Hebrews.

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Pharaoh sent his soldiers to recapture the released slaves. God directed Moses to part the waters of the Red Sea. After the Hebrews safely crossed the sea, the waters flowed over the Egyptian soldiers, who had tried to follow the Hebrews.

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God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The Hebrews entered into a *covenant*, or solemn agreement, with God. They agreed to live by the Ten Commandments, which are instructions for how to live in relationship with God and with one another.

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Living as God wants us to live requires us to carefully examine our decisions because the choices we make affect our relationship with God and one another.

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We remain faithful to God by making good moral choices.

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Loving God Above All

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The first three commandments help us grow in our relationship with God.

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Jesus teaches us that we should love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.

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The First Commandment teaches us to worship only God. Making people or things more important than God is a form of idolatry.

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The Second Commandment calls us to respect God's name.

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The Third Commandment calls us to keep holy the Lord's Day. We gather as a community of faith to celebrate the Eucharist, which gives us the strength to serve others.

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We keep holy the Lord's Day by resting our minds and bodies.

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The Divine Praises honor the name of God, the members of the Holy Family, and all the angels and saints.

Loving Our Family

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Thomas More was a lawyer who became the Lord Chancellor of England. He was forced to choose between his loyalty to the Church and his loyalty to the government. Because of his strong faith, he chose the Church and was later beheaded. He is the patron saint of lawyers.

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The Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Commandments help us live in relationship with others.

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The Fourth Commandment calls families to support one another. God wants our parents to care for us, teach us right from wrong, provide for our education, and help us follow Jesus. In return, God wants us to respect our parents. Obedience is one form of respect.

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The Fifth Commandment teaches us that killing is wrong. Acting on our anger can lead to violence, which is a sin against the Fifth Commandment.

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The Sixth Commandment calls us to respect our bodies and the bodies of others. A husband and a wife are called to be faithful to each other and to respect their marriage promises.

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Jesus calls us to love and forgive our enemies.

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Jesus Calls Us to Love Others

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When Jesus calls us to love others, he is inviting us to be doers of God's Word.

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The Seventh through Tenth Commandments help us be good members of society.

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Neighbors are not just people who live in our neighborhood. They are all those who are affected by our actions. We make decisions that demonstrate to our neighbors that we are Jesus' followers.

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To covet is to want for ourselves what others have. The Ninth and Tenth Commandments warn us not to covet because it goes against God's plan for married couples and may harm our relationships with others.

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The Seventh Commandment teaches us that stealing is wrong. It also requires that we repair the damage we have done by returning stolen goods and that we honor the promises we make.

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The Eighth Commandment calls us to be truthful in what we say, what we do, and how we live.

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Temperance is a virtue that helps us when we feel envious. This virtue helps us manage our desire for things that give us pleasure.

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After 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, Moses and the Hebrews arrived near the land God had promised to them. Before they entered this new land, Moses reminded the Hebrews that the covenant was written on their hearts—God would be their God, and they would be God's people.

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Celebrating Easter

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During the Easter season, we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension. We feel joy and sing *Alleluia!*

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The Easter season begins with the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and ends 50 days later on Pentecost.

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After Jesus died and was buried, the disciples hid together in a locked room. They feared that the people who had killed Jesus would come looking for them.

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Jesus appeared to the disciples and greeted them by saying, "Peace be with you." Just like the early disciples, we have received Jesus' gift of peace.

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Jesus is called the Lamb, which symbolizes the great sacrifice he made for us by dying on the Cross.

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During the Easter season, we hear Scripture readings about Jesus' Resurrection. We also hear about Jesus' Ascension into heaven. On Pentecost, we hear about the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus' disciples.

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During Easter, we see a white cloth on the altar. The priest wears white or gold vestments. White symbolizes the joy of the Resurrection. On Pentecost, a red altar cloth reminds us of the Holy Spirit.

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The paschal candle, a tall, white candle that reminds of us of Christ's light among us, remains lit in the sanctuary during each Mass throughout Pentecost.

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Through the Resurrection, God revealed that the power of his love is stronger than the power of sin.

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