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CATECHUMENATE SESSION: THE GIFT OF PEACE

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Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace:
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

Amen.

From the Prayer of Saint Francis (Peace Prayer)



Sunday Word

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

To Help You Remember



1. Some who were not sent by the Apostles and elders had upset those in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia with their teaching. The Apostles and elders sent word to them not to take on any additional spiritual practices beyond those necessary.
2. John has a vision of the holy city, so glorious that no sun or moon was needed for light. Its lamp was the Lamb.
3. Jesus gives to his disciples the gift of peace and encourages them not to let their hearts be troubled or afraid.

The Gift of Peace



This week, keep a list of when you receive and when you give the gift of peace.

My Peace Acrostic



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With My Family



We Listen

This week we hear about two important gifts that the Church will receive. The Church will receive the Holy Spirit, who will teach us everything. And the Church will receive the gift of peace, which will keep our hearts free from trouble and fear.

We Believe

The Church teaches that all people must work for peace. "Peace is not merely the absence of war" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2304). Peace is one of the main themes of Catholic Social Teaching.

We Live As Disciples

Jesus' disciples are filled with Holy Spirit. In the First Reading, the Holy Spirit helps the disciples make a decision. In the Gospel, the Holy Spirit reminds the disciples of what Jesus told them. How does the Holy Spirit help you?

We Pray

Pray for peace in the world. Begin by thinking of the many places in the world where there is war and violence. Think of places near and far. Then think of the children who are victims of war and violence. Light a candle. Close your eyes and pray for peace.