

7 THE GOOD NEWS: GOD HAS SENT HIS SON

SON OF GOD, SON OF MARY,
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— READ • REFLECT • RESPOND —

A GOOD MAN IN OLD NEW YORK

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Venerable Pierre Toussaint was an incredibly generous and loving man. His motivation was his profound love of Jesus Christ. While you may not be able to alleviate others' sufferings exactly as he did, how can you imitate him, especially through the social outreach programs of your parish?

GOSPEL PORTRAITS OF JESUS

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If we want to know Jesus, we should know the Scripture. How, when, and where can you begin reading the New Testament daily, in order to know Jesus better?

TRUE GOD AND TRUE MAN

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Jesus is fully God and fully man. As a man, he was like you in all things except sin. For our sake, he suffered, died, and rose from the dead. How does all this help you relate to him?

JESUS IS THE SAVIOR OF ALL

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How can knowing of Jesus' love for all challenge your attitude and actions toward others, regardless of differences?

FOR DISCUSSION

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Read the Discussion Questions in this chapter and use the space below to respond to those for which you have an immediate answer. Later, return to the questions you found more challenging, and invite the Holy Spirit to guide you in responding.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENTS

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Read the doctrinal statements for Chapter 7. They will help you to focus on the particular content of the chapter. Record in this journal any insights from reading this summary of the chapter's teaching.

MEDITATE • PRAY • ACT

MEDITATION

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Slowly and reflectively read the Meditation for Chapter 7. Select a word or phrase that is especially meaningful, and spend time thinking of its significance for your life. Record the word or phrase below, and reflect on it often, even daily.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PRAYER

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Develop the good habit of a nightly examination of conscience, in which you review and reflect on the day. At this time, say the prayer at the end of this chapter, asking God for his mercy.

PUTTING FAITH INTO PRACTICE

This week, as a result of reading, reflecting, and responding to Chapter 7, I am inspired to . . .