



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

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Miami, Florida

Dear brothers and sisters:

The month of the October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Let us tell our children the story of the Rosary and motivate, them to pray with their hearts; Our Lady of Fatima has requested it so, and continues to do so till this day. The Rosary is the ideal prayer to pray with our families and to share the life and passion of Christ.

Feasts and saints for this month

October	01	St. Therese of the Child Jesus
October	02	Guardian Angels
October	04	St. Francis of Assisi
October	07	Our Lady of the Rosary
October	15	St. Theresa of Avila
October	16	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
October	19	St. Peter of Alcantara
October	22	St. Paul of the Cross
October	27	Leaders Workshop
October	31	All Hallows Eve

Enclosed Materials:

- 1) Monthly Calendar
- 2) Monthly Gospel Meditation
- 3) Activity of the Guardian Angels
- 4) Third trip of St. Paul
- 5) Activities of the Holy Rosary
- 6) Life of St. Therese of the child Jesus
- 7) Life of the Peter of Alcantara

Recommended Videos

1. St. Francis of Assisi
2. Saint and Heroes (SHKC)
3. Think Good Thoughts
4. Story of the Holy Rosary
5. Halloween (Only for Leaders)
6. My secret friend
7. The day the Sun Danced

The next workshop will be held on October 27 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Agatha Church. 1111 SW 107 Ave. Room Chiquinquirá. ¡Don't miss it!

May God Bless You Always

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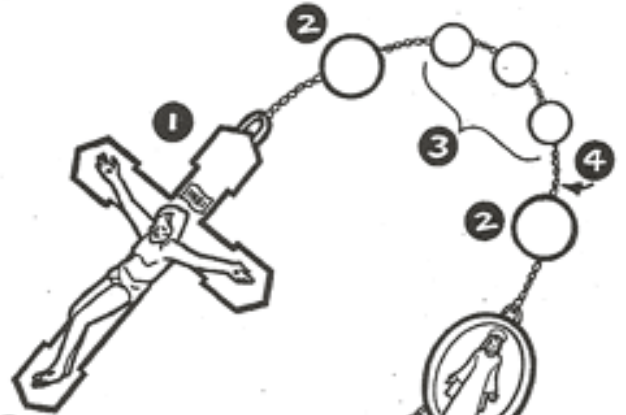
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5 XXVII Sunday Ordinary Time Is. 5,1-7 Psalm 79 Flp 4,6-9 Mt 21,33-43	6 Ga 1,6-12 Psalm 110 Lk 10,25-37	7 Our Lady of the Rosary	8 Ga 2,1-2.7-14 Psalm 116 Lk 11,1-4	9 St. Dennis & Companions Martyrs	10 Ga 3,7-14 Psalm 110 Lk 11,15-26	11 Ga 3,21-29 Psalm 104 Lk 11,27-28
12 XXVIII Sunday Ordinary Time Is. 25,6-10 Psalm 22 Phil 4,12-14.19-20 Mt 22,1-14	13 Ga 4,22-24.26-27.31-5,1 Psalm 112 Lk 11,29-32	14 Ga 5,1-6 Psalm 118 Lk 11,42-46	15 St. Therese of Avila Ga 5,18-25 Psalm 1 Lk 11,42-46	16 Eph 1,1-10 Psalm 97 Lk 11,47-54	17 St. Ignatius of Antioch Eph 1,11-14 Psalm 32 Lk 12,1-7	18 St. Luke (Evangelist) 2 Ti 4,9-17 Psalm 144 Lk 10,1-9
19 Is. 45,1.4-6 Psalm 95 1 Th 1,1-5 Mt 22,15-21	20 Eph 2,1-10 Psalm 99 Lk 12,13-21	21 Eph 2,12-22 Psalm 84 Lk 12,35-38	22 Eph 3,2-12 Psalm 12 Lk 12,39-48	23 St. John of Capistrano Eph 3,14-21 Psalm 32 Lk 12,49-53	24 St. Anthony Mary Claret Eph 4,1-6 Psalm 23 Lk 12,54-59	25 Eph 1,1-10 Psalm 97 Lk 12,47-54
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OCTOBER

Month of the

THE ROSARY

Our blessed Mother
wants all her children to
pray the rosary



The Rosary calls to mind the most important events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. These events are called Mysteries and are divided into four groups.

The five **Joyful** Mysteries

The five **Sorrowful** Mysteries

The five **Glorious** Mysteries

The five **Luminous** Mysteries

The prayers that we use are: Sign of the Cross, the Creed Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory to the Father.

How to say the rosary

1. Begin on the crucifix and say the Apostles' Creed
2. On the 1st bead, say 1 Our Father
3. On the next 3 beads, say Hail Mary
4. Next say 1 Glory Be. Then announce and think of the first Mystery and say 1 Our Father
5. Say 10 Hail Marys and 1 Glory Be to the Father.
6. Announce the second Mystery and continue in the same way until each of the five mysteries of the selected group or decade is said.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Joyful Mysteries



Luminous Mysteries



Sorrowful Mysteries



Glorious Mysteries



St. Paul

and His Last Journeys



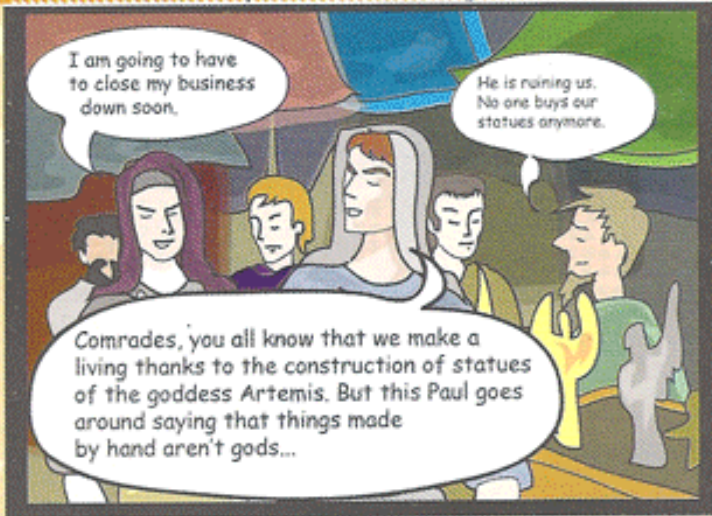
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St. Paul continues his journeys preaching about Jesus Christ. Many embrace the faith.

Third Journey

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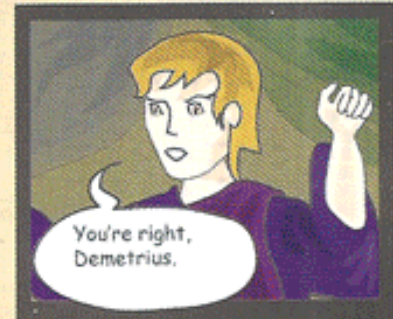
I am going to have to close my business down soon.

He is ruining us. No one buys our statues anymore.

Comrades, you all know that we make a living thanks to the construction of statues of the goddess Artemis. But this Paul goes around saying that things made by hand aren't gods...



We have to get rid of this Paul.



You're right, Demetrius.

In the theater of Ephesus...

Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!

Away with the foreigners!

Calm down, Ephesians. We all know that the great Artemis is the guardian of our Temple.

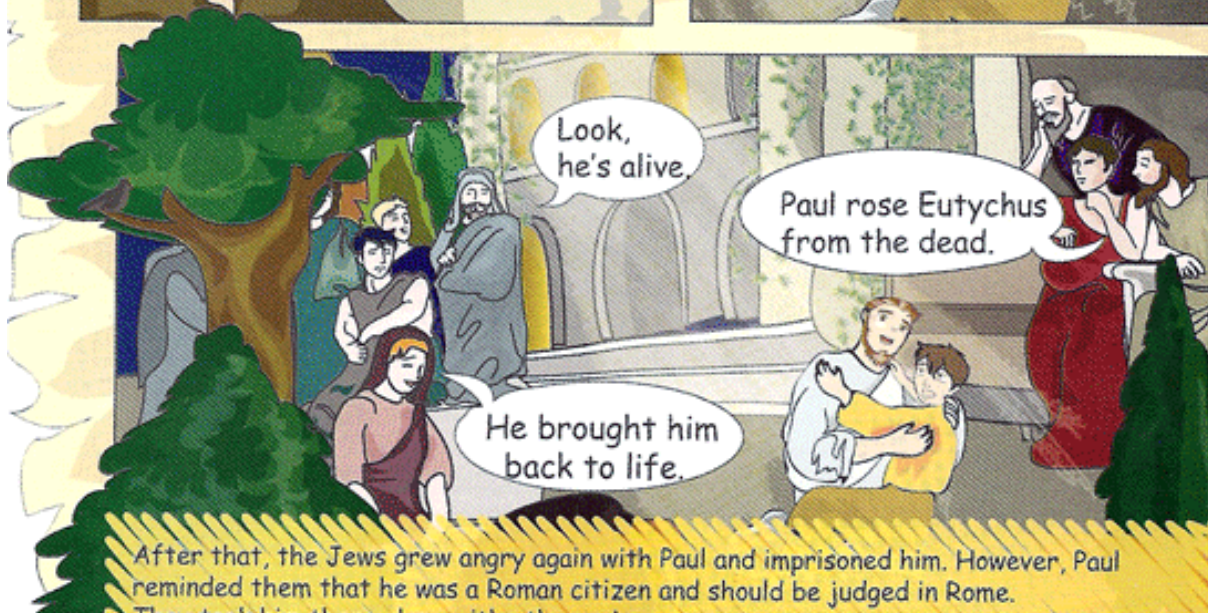
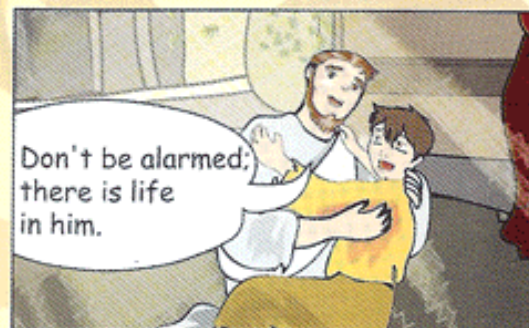
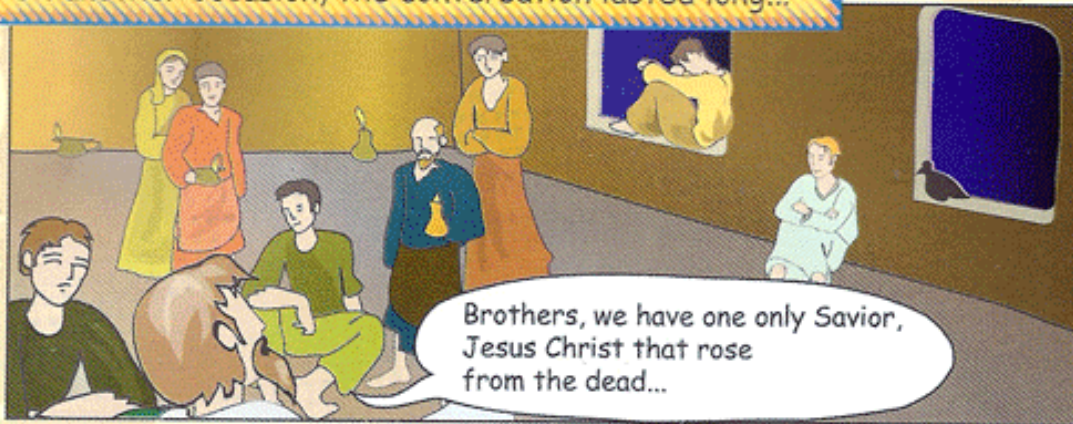
But this has to be solved the legal way.

Otherwise, they will accuse us because there is no reason for this altercation.

This is how the Lord saved Paul once more from danger.

On another occasion, the conversation lasted long...

Acts 20: 7-12



After that, the Jews grew angry again with Paul and imprisoned him. However, Paul reminded them that he was a Roman citizen and should be judged in Rome. They took him there along with other prisoners.

**Pray to your Guardian Angel to
protect you every single day**



PRAYER

¡My dear Guardian angel ,
Teach me to know God,
to love and serve Him and save my soul!
Keep me for all danger,
and lead me to heaven, Amen.

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St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

BY Sr. Beatriz, S.H.M.

THERÈSE MARTIN WAS BORN IN ALENÇON, FRANCE, ON THE 2ND OF JANUARY 1873. SHE IS AN AFFECTIONATE CHILD, JOYFUL AND PLAYFUL. HER MOTHER SPEAKS A LOT TO HER ABOUT HEAVEN AND SHE IS ALWAYS DREAMING ABOUT IT...



Mamá, am I going to go to Heaven?

If you are good, yes...

My daughter! How can you say that to me?

But I mean so that you can go to Heaven and be with Jesus.



My little princess, come and give me a kiss.

I don't want to Papá you come here!

Hey young lady! What do you mean by answering your father like that?

Ay, Mamá! How happy I'd be if you were to die!

SHE LOVES JESUS VERY MUCH BUT SHE IS NOT ALWAYS GOOD AND SOMETIMES SHE HAS TO BE SCOLDED.

WHEN SHE IS ONLY FOUR YEARS OLD HER MOTHER DIES.



Come child, let us give the last kiss to your mother.

TIME PASSES. THE DAY OF HER FIRST COMMUNION ARRIVES.

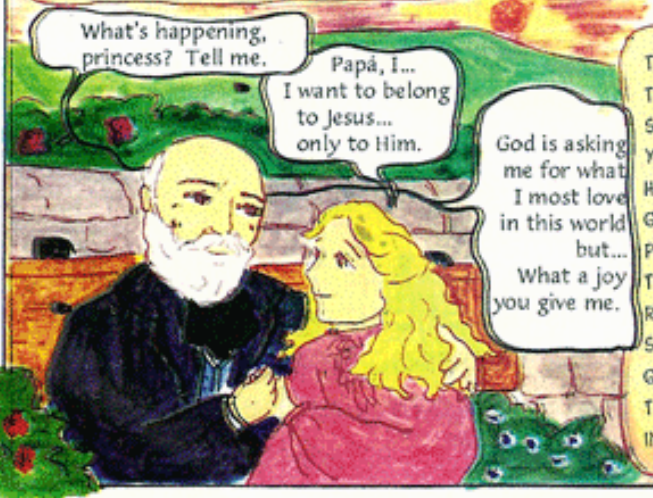


The Body and Blood of Christ.

Jesus, your first kiss in my soul.

...I love You, I am yours forever.

EVEN THOUGH SHE TRIES VERY HARD TO CHANGE, SHE CAN'T HELP BEING VERY TEARFUL. UNTIL ONE CHRISTMAS IN WHICH JESUS GIVES HER A VERY SPECIAL GRACE. ONE DAY THERÈSE IS SPEAKING WITH HER FATHER.



What's happening, princess? Tell me.

Papá, I... I want to belong to Jesus... only to Him.

God is asking me for what I most love in this world but... What a joy you give me.



Fourteen years old? Well, well. You will enter... if God wishes it.

THE BISHOP THINKS THAT SHE IS TOO YOUNG AND HE DOESN'T GIVE HER HIS PERMISSION TO BE A RELIGIOUS. SO THERÈSE GOES TO ASK THE POPE INSTEAD.

But if you were to say yes then nobody would say no any more.

AT LAST EVERYTHING IS SORTED OUT AND ON THE 9TH OF APRIL 1888 SHE ENTERS THE CARMELITE CONVENT OF LISIEUX



Yes, I'm in here now forever!

BUT THÉRÈSE'S LIFE IN THE CONVENT IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY.



There! A cobweb!

What else can you expect from a fifteen-year-old?

What bugs me most is that she's always smiling.

I'm sorry, Mother I shall get rid of it immediately.

IN SPITE OF THE DIFFICULTIES SHE IS VERY HAPPY. ON THE DAY OF HER ENTRY TO THE NOVIATE THERE WAS NOTHING MISSING FROM THE PARTY... NOT EVEN THE SNOW.



I just don't understand it. How come it's not cold?

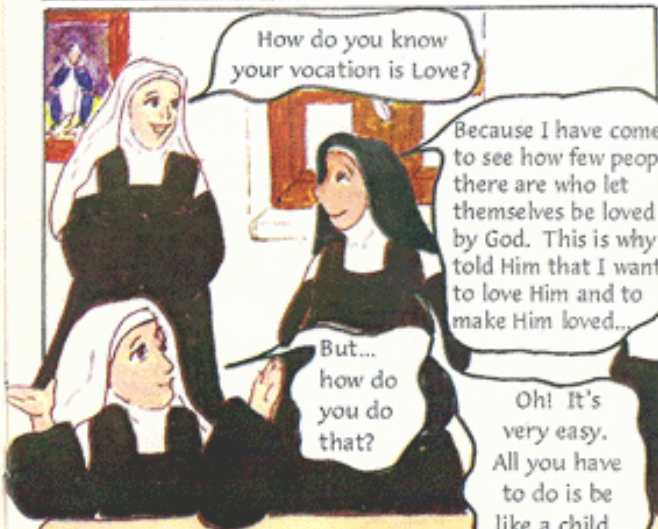
Yippe! Everything is white!... Like me!



ONE DAY SHE MAKES AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY

I have found it! At last! My vocation is LOVE.

Love is all that matters.



How do you know your vocation is Love?

Because I have come to see how few people there are who let themselves be loved by God. This is why I told Him that I want to love Him and to make Him loved...

But... how do you do that?

Oh! It's very easy. All you have to do is be like a child...

I LOVE HIM... MY GOD! I LOVE YOU!

Oh! But... what is this?... An ecstasy?

I don't know... But I have never seen her so beautiful.

SUDDENLY THÉRÈSE BEGINS TO FEEL ILL. SHE IS VERY SICK WITH TUBERCULOSIS. SHE HAS MANY PAINS BUT SHE IS HAPPY TO SUFFER FOR JESUS. SHE LONGS TO GO TO HEAVEN TO BE WITH HIM. AND AT LAST JESUS COMES TO TAKE HER AWAY WITH HIM ON THE EVENING OF THE 30TH OF SEPTEMBER 1897. SHE WAS 24 YEARS OLD.





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XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 5, 2008

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 79; Philippians: 4,6-9; Mathew 21:33-43

The Parable of the Tenants in the Vineyard / Some test God's Patience

"Listen to another parable," Jesus said. "There was once a landowner, who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a hole for the wine press, and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to tenants and left home on a trip. When the time came to gather the grapes, he sent his slaves to the tenants to receive his share of the harvest.

The tenants grabbed his slaves, beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again the man sent other slaves, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all he sent his son to them. Surely they will respect my son, he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the owner's son. Come on, let's kill him, and we will get his property."

So they grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

"Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" Jesus asked.

"He will certainly kill those evil men," they answered, "and rent the vineyard out to other tenants, who will give him his share of the harvest at the right time." Jesus said to them, "Haven't you ever read what the Scriptures say?

The stone which the builders rejected as worthless turned out to be the most important of all. This was done by the Lord; what a wonderful sight it is! And so I tell you, "added Jesus, "the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce the proper fruits."

(Mathew 21: 33-43)

Reflection

What do you think the owner felt when he knew his son has been killed?

What do you think Jesus means by this story?

God lovingly takes care of us, but he expects us to respond by giving fruits of good works.

Jesus says God is patient, but we must be responsible and listen.

Who are the most patient people they know?

With whom do they need to be patient?

Do they sometimes abuse the patience of adults, at home or school? Share.

Activity

Draw in a poster board a big tree.

Prepare fruits to different kinds in cardboard.

Write on them the thing you want to do to please Jesus.

Example: doing homework well, being patient with your younger brothers and sisters, being responsible with the things the adults ask us to do, and more.

Place the fruits on the tree and said:

"We want to give fruits, Jesus"

Prayer

Lord, sometimes we lose patient with one another a with ourselves. Teach us to have your patient and, with love, motivate one another to give fruits of goodness. Teach us responsibility and honesty in our work and studies. Amen,





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XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time; October 12 2008

Readings: Isaiah: 25,6-10; Psalm 22; Philipians 4, 12-14; Mathew: 22,1-14

The parable of the Wedding

Jesus again in used parables in talking to the people. The Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son. He sent his servants to tell the invited guests to come to the feast, but they did not want to come. So he sent other servants with this message for guests: My feast is ready now; my steers and prize calves have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast! But the invited guests paid no attention and when about their business: one went to farm, another to his store, while others grabbed servants who beat them and killed them. The king was very angry; so he sent his soldiers , who killed those the murderers and burned down their city. Then he called his servants and said to them, “My wedding feast is ready, but the people I invited did not deserve it. Now go to the main streets and invite to the feast as many people as you find.” So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, good and bad alike; and the wedding hall was filled with people.

The king went in to look at the guest and say a man who was not wearing wedding clothes. “Friend, how did you get in here with our wedding clothes?” The king asked him. But the man said nothing. Then the king told the servants, “Tie him up hand and foot and, throw him outside in the dark. There he will cry ad gnash his teeth.” and Jesus concluded, “Many are invited, but few are chosen” (Mathew 22: 1-14)

Reflection

Do you think that it is weird that the guests did not want to go to a king's party?

What do you do when you are invited?

How do you prepare?

Jesus says he invites everyone to his banquet; no one must be left out, but all must be prepared for such a great event. We all are invited to the table of the Eucharist, to the banquet of God. Having money or being important is not necessary, but we do need to realize who is calling us and to go prepared and respectful because this is a great invitation.

Activity

Prepare an invitation for someone that does not goes to Mass. Encourage him or her to prepare properly for the celebration.

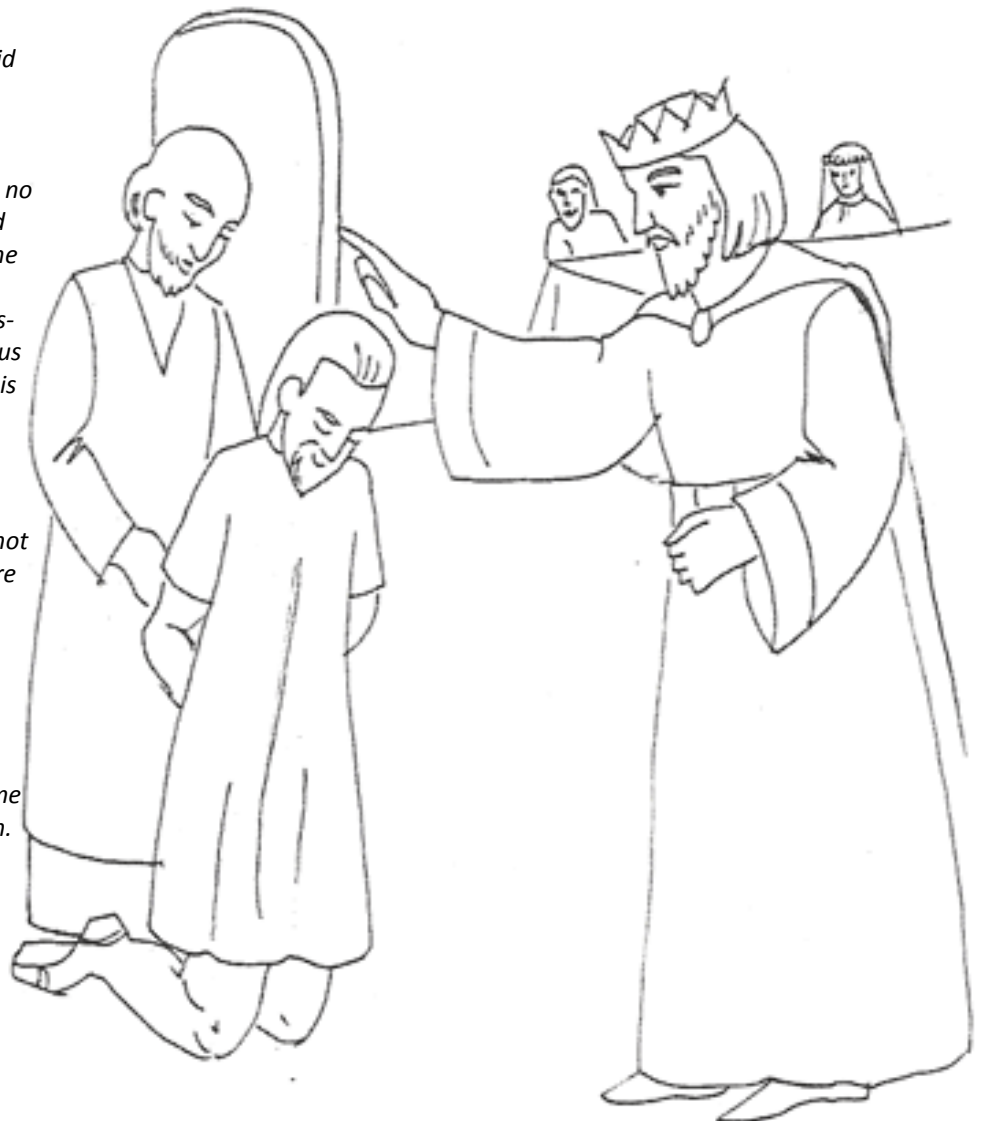
In the next page you will find ideas.

Prayer

Lord, you call everyone to your table.

Teach us not make distinctions, but to welcome and receive everyone as your beloved children.

Help us to prepare ourselves properly for the great feast of the Eucharist. Amen





Eucharist

We are a family!

Sister Jane asked us to look around during the Liturgy and see who is there.

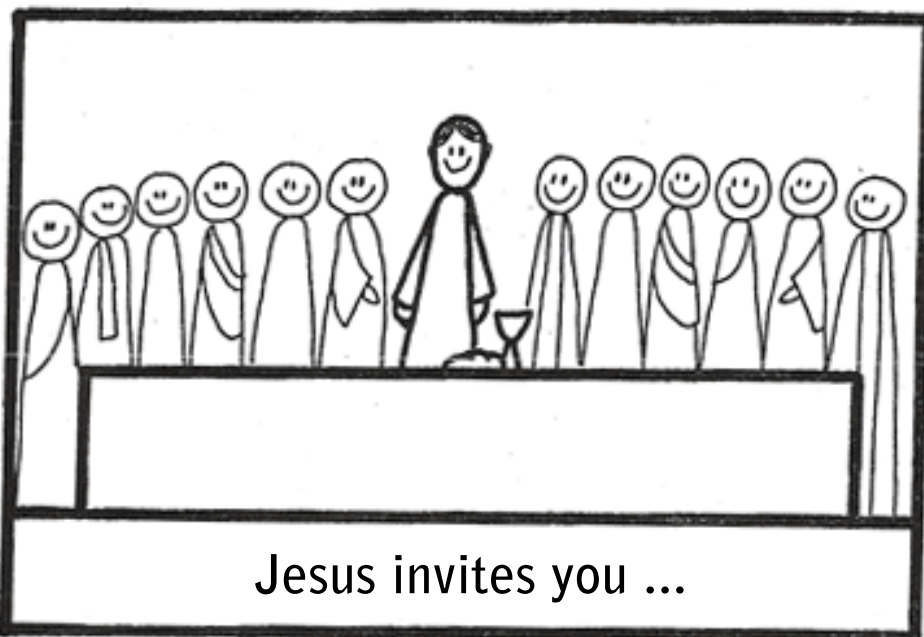
Now think who is not there: a friend or a relative who does not go to Mass every Sunday...?

Why not invite that person back?

Color this invitation. Give it or mail it to one of those persons.

Nota, educators: copy this page on heavier paper.

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Inside of card

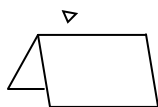
To celebrate the Eucharist with him again.

Dear _____,

Jesus misses you when you are not at Mass, so do I. Please come to Church this Sunday. I love you.

Love.

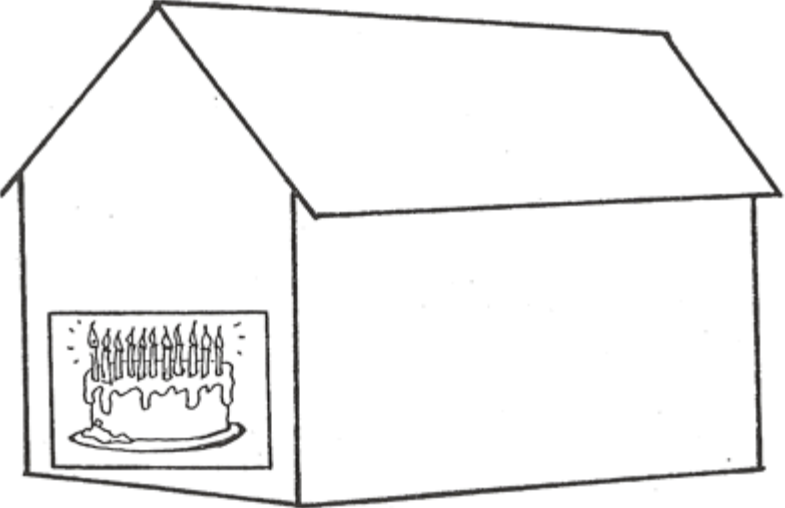
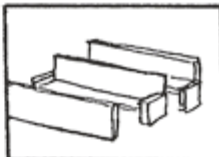
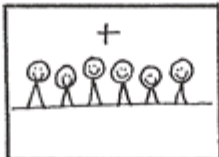
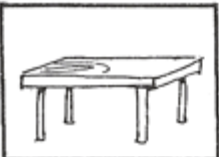
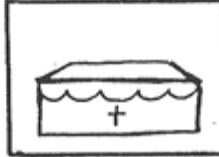
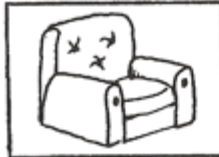
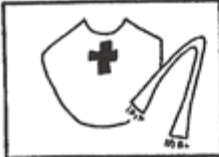
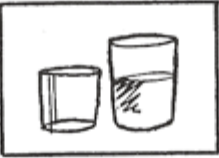
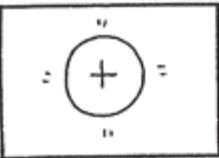
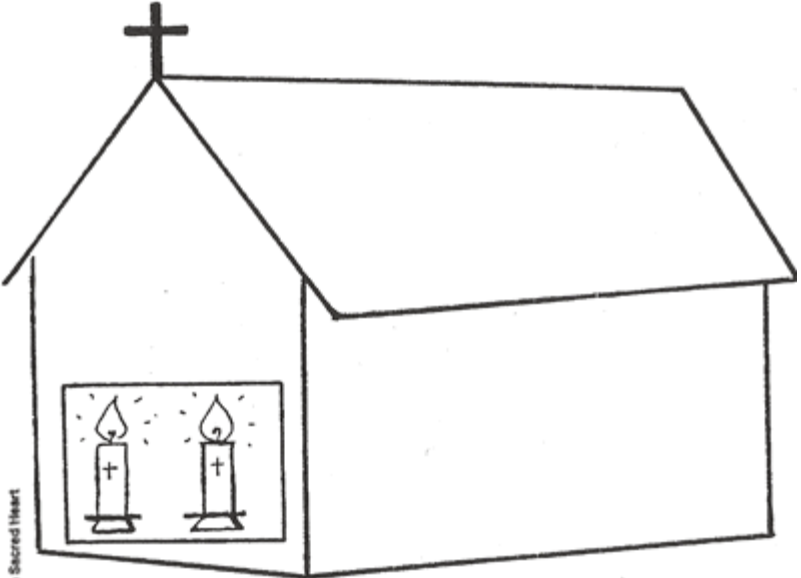
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Las CELEBRACIONES SON PARA SER COMPARTIDAS

Some things we use for our celebrations at home we also use for our celebrations at church. Find the pictures that belong in the home and the ones that belong in the church. Glue them in place. We have already done one for you.

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Saint Peter of Alcántara

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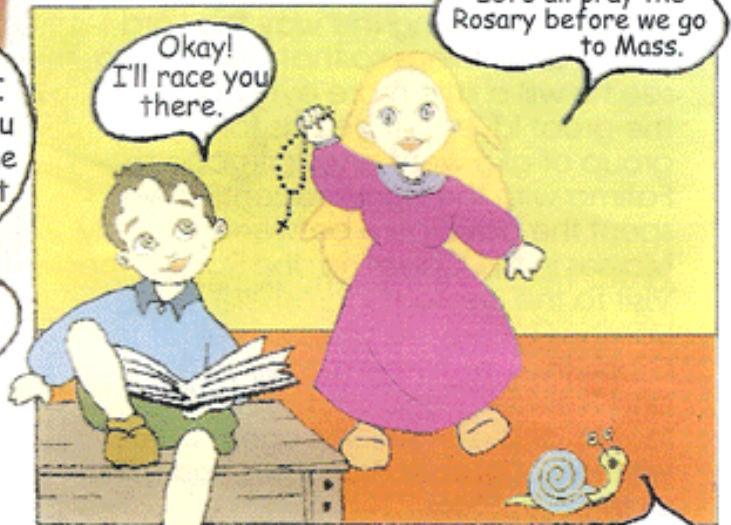
Protectors of the H.M.

He was born in Alcántara in 1499. When he was little he saw Our Lady, whom he loved so much.



My son, one day I will see you wearing the habit of St Francis.

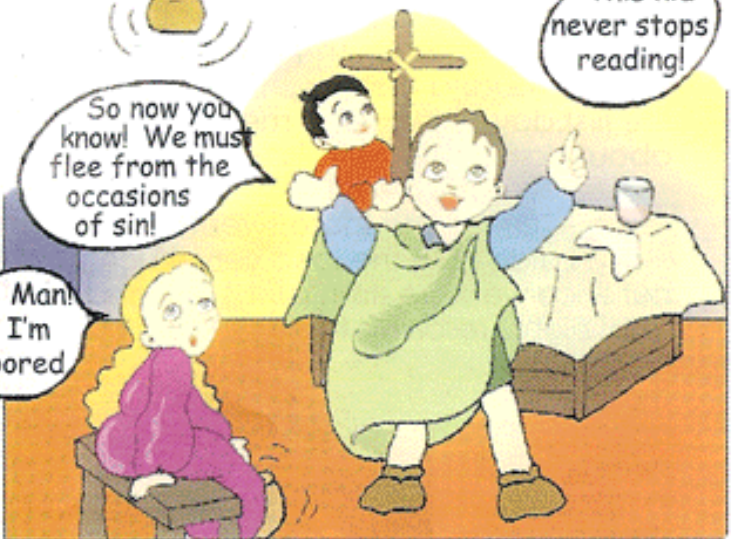
Okay Mum!



Okay! I'll race you there.

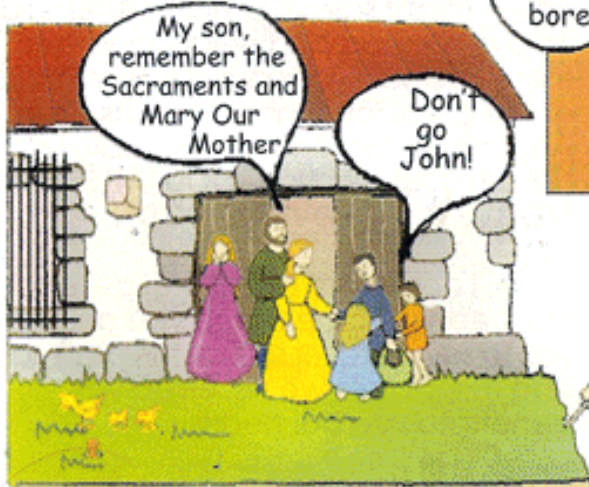
John! Let's all pray the Rosary before we go to Mass.

This kid never stops reading!



So now you know! We must flee from the occasions of sin!

Man! I'm bored



My son, remember the Sacraments and Mary Our Mother

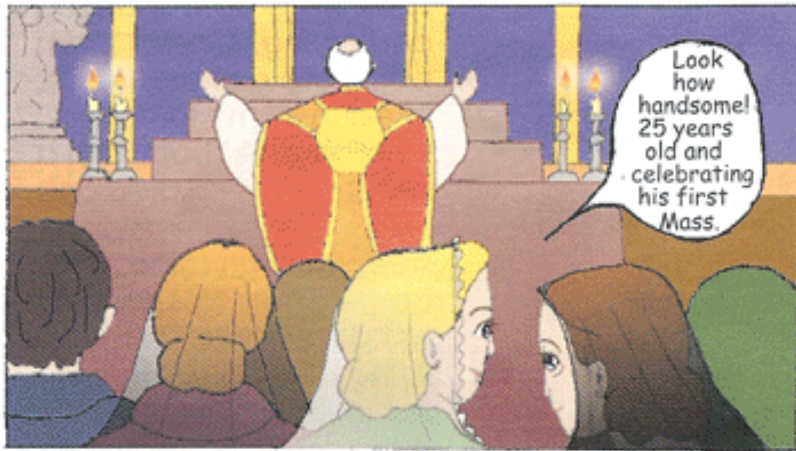
Don't go John!

When he was 12 years old John went to Salamanca to study Sciences



How much I've dreamed of this!

When he was only 16 years old he put on the habit and changed his name to Peter.



Look how handsome! 25 years old and celebrating his first Mass.

Through his contemplation and constant prayer many converted.



In the Lord's name, be healed!

Thank you!



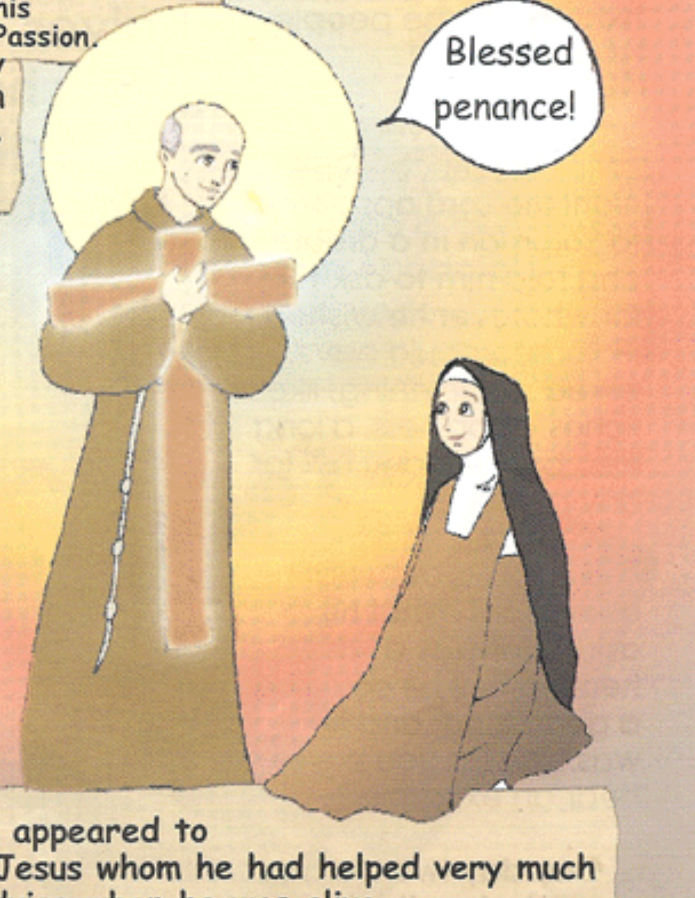
He only ate three days a week and sprinkled ashes on his food first.

And he slept just one and a half hours a day.

What a saint!

He founded monasteries all over Spain. The one in Palancar is especially well known because of its tiny dimensions. His great penances really united him to the Lord in his Passion.

The Eucharist and the Virgin Mary were his two favourite devotions. On the 18th of October 1562, in Arenas, at 63 years of age, he ascended to Heaven.



Blessed penance!

After dying he appeared to St. Teresa of Jesus whom he had helped very much with his good advice when he was alive.



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XXIX Sunday in Ordinary Time; October 19, 2008

Readings: Isaiah 45: 1,4-6; Psalm 95; Thessalonians 1:1-5; Mathew 22:15-21

The questions about paying taxes / We are the image of God

The Pharisees went off and made a plan to trap Jesus with questions. Then they sent to him some of their disciples and some members of Herod's party. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you tell the truth. You teach the truth about God's will for people, without worrying about what other think, because you pay no attention to anyone's status. Tell us, ten, what do you think? Is it against our Law to pay taxes to Roman Emperor, or not?"

Jesus, however, was aware of their evil plan, and so he said, "You hypocrites! Why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin for paying the tax!" They brought him the coin, and he asked them, "Well then, pay to the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor and pay God what belongs to God." When they heard this, they were amazed and they left him and went away. (Mathew 22:15-21)

Reflection

What did Jesus mean by "give to Caesar what is Caesar's and God what is God's"?

What things belong to God?

What things belong to the government?

In whose image are people made?

Jesus says that the images on coins represent political leaders. But he also tells us that we are made in the image of God and therefore, we belong to God.

What good things has God given you? In which ways are you like God?

Activity

Ask the children to draw themselves on a piece of construction paper. On their arms, legs. Head and heart, ask them to write what good things they can do with those parts of the body.

Think about how those things resemble the acts of love God for us. Example: drawing, studying, laughing, thinking and more.

Prayer

Lord, we want to do good. We want to follow and respect your image in each one of us.

We want to take care of our own and other's lives, because you are our only Lord. Amen.





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XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time; October 26, 2008

Readings: Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 17; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Mathew 22:34-40

The great Commandment

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they came together and one of them, a teacher of the Law, tried to trap him with a question. "Teacher, He asked which the greatest commandment is in the Law." Jesus answered. "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with your entire mind. This is the greatest and the most important commandment, . The second most important commandment is like it: Love your neighbor as you love yourself" The whole Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments."

(Mathew 22: 34-40)



Reflection

To love God with one's whole heart means to be totally attached to God. To love others means to love generously, just as God love us. Talk with the children about the people who really love them. How do they show them that love? What do they tell them? What do they tell them? What do these people do for the children? How do they show love for others? Is it always easy? What do they like others to do for them? Are they willing to do the same for others? What other things can they do to show love?

Activity

Cut hearts in two different colors. Prepare a big poster board and divide it in two. In the top place a sign "The greatest Commandment". In one side write Jesus and in the other side write NEIGHBOR. Give each child a heart of each color. Ask them to write their name in one side. On the other side, have them write what they will do to show love for Jesus and others. Paste the hearts in the poster board. Pray together to show our love to Jesus.

Prayer

Lord, your love us and call us to you. Keep us united to you, so we may learn how to love one another more, seek the good of others, support one another in our struggles and dreams, and generously give of ourselves. Amen