



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

November 2008
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We begin the month of November with the great celebration of the Feast of All Saints. Why do we celebrate this feast? Because, we the faithful, are called by the church to holiness. With this feast we celebrate, and remember, all the saints that are not in the calendar. Let's try to teach our children about them and their good examples. Also remember to pray for all our deceased relatives and friends.

Our nation celebrates **Thanksgiving** on November 27. Encourage the importance of praying for unity among all our brothers and sisters and to give thanks for all the good things they gave this great nation.

Some Feast and Saints:

November 01	All Saints Day
November 02	Day of All Souls
November 03	Saint Martin de Porres
November 08	Saint Ángela of the Cross
November 11	Saint Martin of Tours
November 15	Leader's workshop
November 22	Consecration Day
November 27	Thanksgiving Day
November 28	Saint Catalina Laboure
November 30	Saint Andres Apostle

Enclosed materials:

- 1) Monthly Calendar
- 2) Sunday Gospels
- 3) Examples for Life
- 4) Bookmark-Scripture Search

Suggested videos (all available in the Video Club)

1. Saint Martin de Porres
2. Death
3. Saints and Heroes
4. The Miraculous Medal
6. Gratitude Attitude
7. Anointing of the sick

Our next workshop will be November 15; will be an intensive workshop for new leaders and active leaders. Please try to attend to share each others new experiences in our prayer groups

Date: November 15 (Saturday)

Time: 9:00 am a 5:00 pm

Place: Our Lady of the Rosary School

Address: 10701 SW 95 St Miami, FL 33173 (Next to Saint Catherine of Sienna)

The Consecration for the Children of Friends of Jesus and Mary will be November 22 at 9:00 am in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 11291 SW 142 Avenue Miami. Please prepare your children for this special day.

May God Bless you always,
Comité de Amigos de Jesús y María



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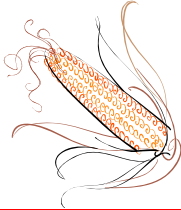

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NOVEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1 All Saints Day</p> <p>Ap 7,2-4,9-14 Sal 23 1 Jn 3,1-3 Mt 5,1-12</p>
<p>2 Day of all Souls</p> <p>Sab 3,1-9 Sal 26 1 Jn 3,14-16 Mt 25,31-46</p>	<p>3 St. Martin de Porres</p> <p>Flp 2,1-4/ Sal 130 Lc 14, 12-14</p>	<p>4 Election Day</p> <p>Flp 2,5-11/ Sal 21 Lc 14,15-24</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Flp 2,12-18/ Sal 26 Lc 14,25-33</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Flp 3,3-8/ Sal 104 Lc 15,1-10</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Flp 3,1-4,1/ Sal 121 Lc 16,1-8</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Flp 4,10-19/ Sal 111 Lc 16,9-15</p>
<p>9 32 Sunday to Ordinary Time</p> <p>Sab 6,12-16 Sal 62 1 Tes 4,13-18 Mt 25,1-13</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Tit 1,1-9/ Sal 23 Lc 17,1-6</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day (USA)</p> <p>Tit 2,1-8,11-14/ Sal 36 Lc 17,7-10</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Tit 3,1-7/ Sal 22 Lc 17,11-19</p>	<p>13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</p> <p>Flp 7-20/ Sal 145 Lc 17,20-25</p>	<p>14</p> <p>2 Jn 4-9/ Sal 118 Lc 17,26-37</p>	<p>15 St. Albert the Great Leader's workshop</p> <p>3 Jn 5-8/ Sal 111 Lc 18,1-8</p>
<p>16 33 Sunday to Ordinary Time</p> <p>Prov 31,10-13, 19-20,30-31 / Sal 127 1 Tes 5,1-6 Mt 5,14-30</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Ap. 1,1-4; 2,1-5/ Sal 1 Lc 18,35-43</p>	<p>18 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome</p> <p>Hcb 28,11-16,30-31 Sal 97 Mt 14,22-23</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Ap. 4,1-11/ Sal 150 Lc 19,11-28</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Ap. 5,1-10/ Sal 149 Lc 19,45-48</p>	<p>21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>Ap. 10,8-11/ Sal 118 Lc 19,45-48</p>	<p>22 Cecilia Consecration</p> <p>Ap. 11,4-12/ Sal 143 Lc 20,27-40</p>
<p>23 Our Lord Jesus Christ the King</p> <p>Ez 34, 11-12,15-17 Sal 22 1 Cor 15,20-26,28</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Ap. 14,1-3,4-5/ Sal 23 Lc 21,1-4</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Ap. 14,14-19/ Sal 95 Lc 21,5-11</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Ap. 15,1-4/ Sal 97 Lc 21,12-19</p>	<p>27 Thanksgiving</p> <p>Ap. 18,1-2,21-23; 19,1-3,9 Sal 99 Lc 21,20-28</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Ap. 20,1-4,11-21,2 Sal 83 Lc 21,29-33</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Ap. 22,1-7 Sal 94 Lc 21,34-36</p>
<p>30 First Sunday Advent</p> <p>Is 63,16-17,19;64,2-7 Sal 79 1 Cor 1,3-9 Mc 13,33-37</p>						



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All Saints Day November 1, 2008

Readings Rev 7, 2-4.9-14; Psalm 23, 1-2.5-6; I John 3, 1-3 Matthew 5, 1-12

True Happiness /the Sermon of the Mount

Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down.

His disciples gathered around Him, and he began to teach them: Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them!

Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised!

Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires;

God will satisfy them fully!

Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!

Happy are the pure in Heart;

They will see God!

Happy are those who work for peace;

God will call them his children!

Happy are those who are persecuted

Because they do what God requires;

The kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

Happy are you when people insult you and

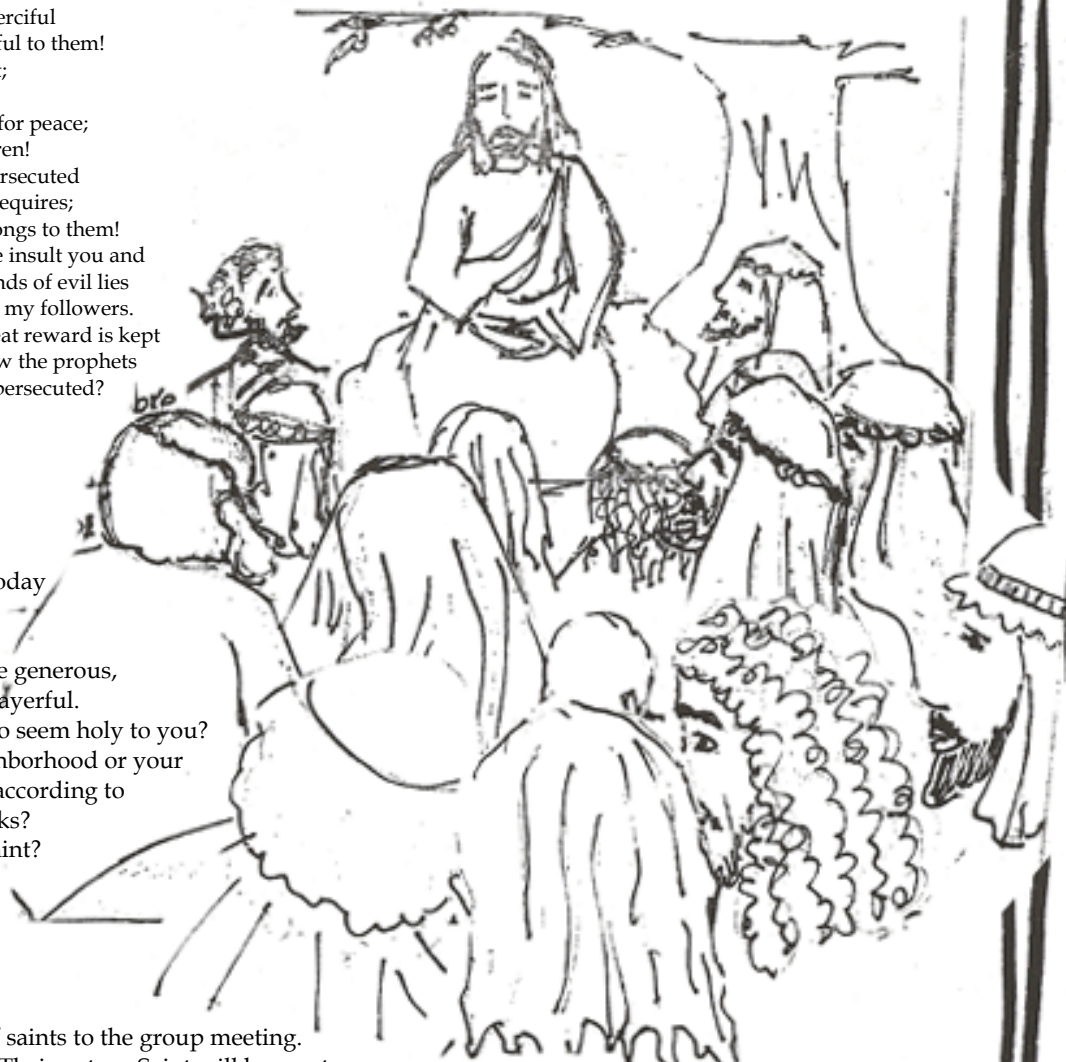
persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies

against you because you are my followers.

Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept

for you in heaven, this is how the prophets

who lived before you were persecuted?



Reflection

The saints we celebrate today are not just those on our

altars, but those people,

past and present, who are generous, peacemakers, just and prayerful.

Do you know people who seem holy to you?

Do you find in your neighborhood or your

community role models according to

the sanctity that Jesus talks?

Which is your favorite Saint?

Do they possess any of

the qualities that Jesus

lists?

Activity

Bring books on the life of saints to the group meeting.

Ask them to choose one. Their patron Saint will be great.

They can each read the story. Then share them in the group

telling why these saints were happy.

Prayer

Lord, you know we seek happiness. We know that your plan for us is happiness.

Help us to live in your happiness, as your beloved children. Amen



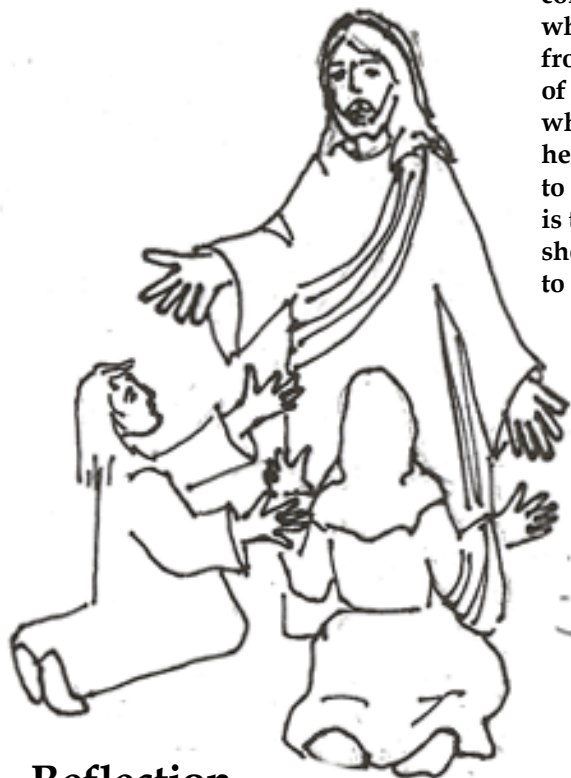
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All souls / November 2, 2008

Readings: Isaiah 25, 6:7-9; Psalm 22; Romans 6, 3-9; John 6, 37-40

With Jesus we live forever

Everyone whom my Father gives me will come to me. I will never turn away anyone who comes to me, because I have come down from heaven to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me. And it is the will of him who sent me that I should not lose any of those he has given me, but that I should raise them all to life on the last day. For what my father wants is that all who see the Son and believe in him should have eternal life. And I will raise them to life on the last day. (John 6, 37-40)

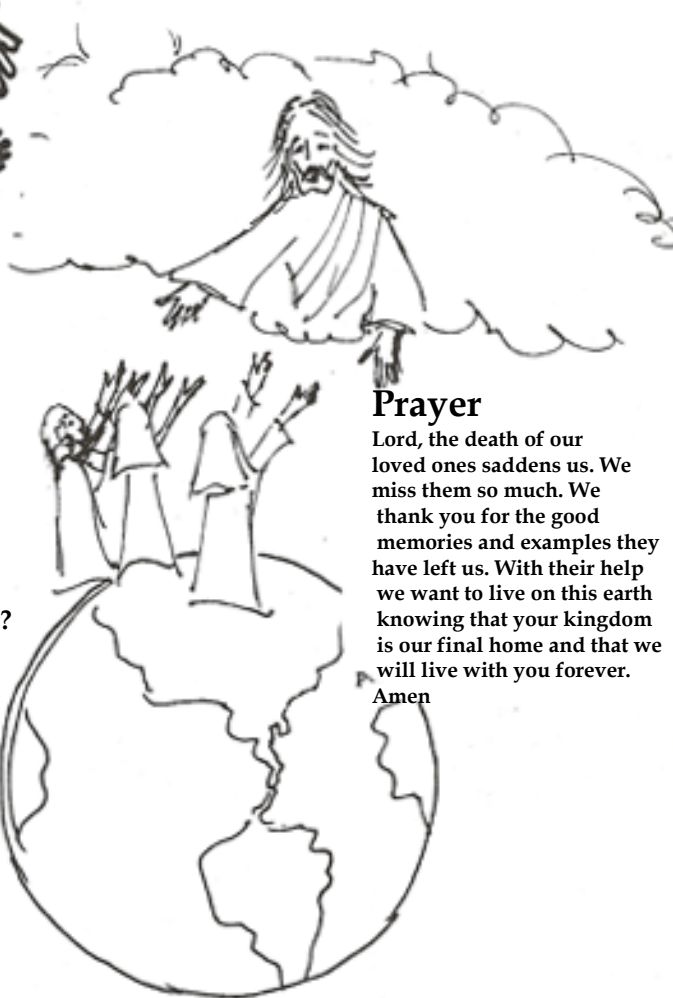


Reflection

The death of someone close to us is a painful experience. Jesus gives us the hope of eternal life with God. Jesus says that those who believe in him will live forever. Do you know someone who has died but still seems to be present? What good examples did you learn from them? What did you learn that can help you live better?

Activity

Ask the children to bring pictures of those they love who have died. Share who they are and why they admire them. Place the picture in the altar and pray for them all this month. The message must be pass of the importance to pray for them.



Prayer

Lord, the death of our loved ones saddens us. We miss them so much. We thank you for the good memories and examples they have left us. With their help we want to live on this earth knowing that your kingdom is our final home and that we will live with you forever. Amen



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XXXII Sunday in Ordinary time / November 9, 2008

Readings: Wisdom 6: 13-17; Psalm 62; 1 Thessalonians 4: 12-17; Mathew 25:1-13

The Parable of the Ten Young Women / We must be prepared



At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there were ten young women who took their oil lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and the other five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any extra oil with them, while the wise ones took containers full of oil for their lamps. The bridegroom was late in coming, so they began to nod and fall asleep.

It was already midnight when the cry rang out, "Here is the bridegroom!" Come and meet him! The ten young women woke up and trimmed their lamps. Then the foolish ones said to the wise ones, "Let us have some of your oil, because our lamps are going out." No, indeed, the wise ones answered, there is not enough for you and for us. Go to the store and buy some for yourselves.





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So the foolish ones went off to buy some oil; and while they were gone, the bridegroom arrived. The five who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was closed.

Later the others arrived. Sir, sir! Let us in! they cried out. Certainly not! I don't know you, the bridegroom answered. And Jesus concluded, "Watch out, then, because you do not know the day or the hour. (Mathew 25 : 1-13)

Reflection

Talk with the children about what being prepared and attentive means. What do we pay attention to? How do they know what pleases God? Do they recognize that in the things that adult, parents, and teachers tell them? Do they usually go prepared for class?

Jesus says we don't know when or how God will visit us and therefore, we must be prepared to meet him at any time and to show God we are doing what He likes.

Prayer

Lord, we know that to be attentive to you is to be attentive to those around us. Grant us wisdom and light to recognize your presence in those who are near us and in all of the events of our lives.

Amen



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Sunday XXXIII Ordinary time / November 16, 2008

Readings: Proverbs 31, 10-13,19-20,30-31; Psalm 127; 1 Thessalonians 5, 1-6; Matthew 25,14-30

The Parable of the Three Servants / What do you do with your talents?

At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there was a man who was about to leave home on a trip; he called his servants and put them in charge of his property. He gave to each one according to his ability: to one he gave five thousand gold coins, to another he gave two thousand, and to another he gave one thousand. Then he left on his trip.



The servant who had received five thousand coins went at once and invested his money and earned another five thousand.



In the same way the servant who had received two thousand coins earned another two thousand.



But the servant who had received one thousand coins went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money.



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The Parable of the Three Servants / What do you do with your talents?



After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The servant who had received five thousand coins came in and handed over the other five thousand. You gave me five thousand coins sir, He said. Look! Here another five thousand that I have earned. Well done, you good and faithful servant! Said his master. "You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!



Then the servant who had been given two thousand coins came in and said, " You gave me two thousand coins, sir. Look! Here are another two thousand that I earned. Well done, you good and faithful servant! said his master. You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!



Then the servant who had received one thousand coins came in and said, Sir, I know you are a hard man; you reap harvests where you did not plant, and you gather crops where you did not scatter seed. I was afraid, so I went off and hid your money in the ground, Look! Here is what belongs to you.



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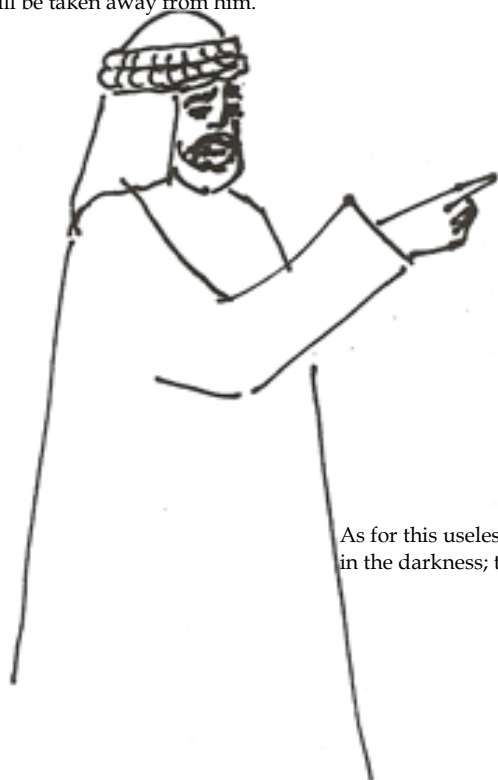
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You bad and lazy servant ; his master said.

You knew, did you, that I reap harvests where I did not plant, and gather crops where I did not scatter seed?

Well, then, you should have deposited my money in the bank, and I would have received it all back with interest when I returned. Now, take the money away from him and give it to the one who has ten thousand coins. For to every person who has something, even more will be given, and he will have more that enough; but the person who has nothing, even the little that he has will be taken away from him.



As for this useless servant throw him outside in the darkness; there he will cry and gnash his teeth.

Reflection

God gives us many things, qualities and talents, but we must use them for good and develop them to become everything God wants to be. Speak to God and ask Him which is your best talent. He want us to use it to help others .

Activity

Let the children make and cut out five coins, out of construction paper. Ask them to write in each one a talent they have.

They can make a commitment to study, do some service, or train for something were they can use their talent.

Prayer

Lord, help us show our gratitude for all our talents and good qualities you have given us, making them be fruitful and developing them. May we encourage one another to place their qualities and talents at the service of others. Amen

Examples for Life

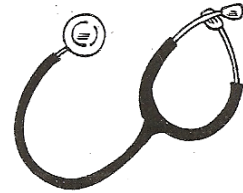
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The spiritual union of all the members of the Church, living and deceased is called the communion of saints.

The people listed below are part of the communion of saints. Write the letter of the mini-biography in the space before each person's name.

___ 1. Dorothy Day

- A) A dedicated doctor, he founded MED-ICO, an organization that secured medical supplies for Third World countries. He also served Vietnamese refugees in Laos



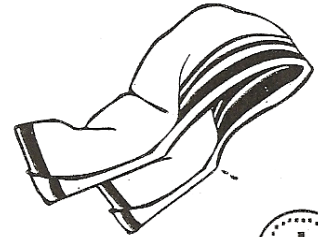
___ 2. Tom Dooley

- B) Founder of the Catholic Worker movement, she helped the poor, published a newspaper, and spoke out in support of peace and justice



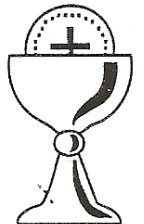
___ 3. Mother Teresa

- C) She served the poor in the world, especially in Calcutta, India. She founded an order of Sisters who continue her work.



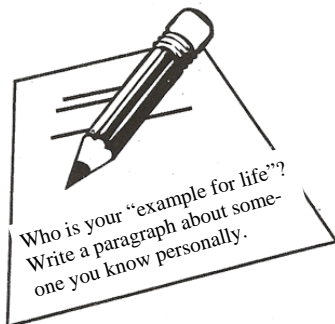
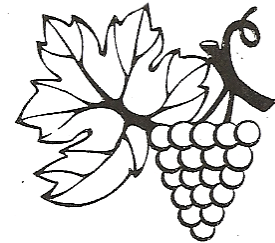
___ 4. Cesar Chavez

- D) A priest and later an archbishop, he worked for justice and against military dictatorship in El Salvador. He was assassinated while celebrating the Eucharist.



___ 5. Oscar Romero

- E) He helped migrant workers in U.S. by founding the United Farm Workers of America and by working for justice for immigrants.

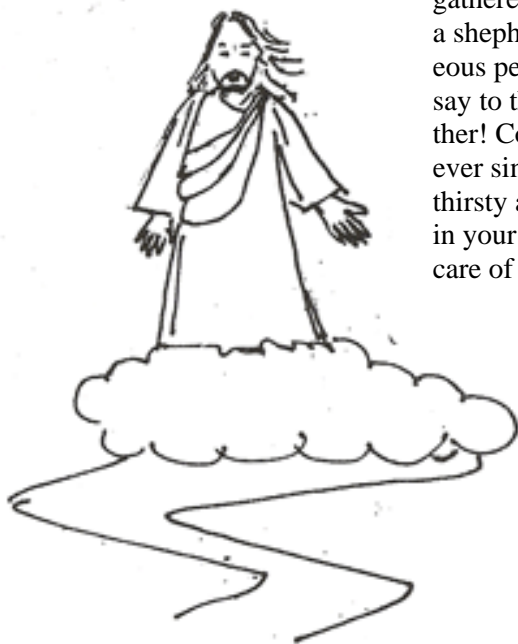




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Christ our King / A king who is really a shepherd / November 23, 2008

Readings: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17; Psalm 22; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Mathew 25: 31-46



When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with, him, he will sit on his royal throne, and the people of all the nations will be gathered before him. Then he will divide them into two groups, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the righteous people at his right and the others at his left. Then the King will say to the people on his right, Come you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the World. I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your home, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.

The righteous will then answer him, When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes, or naked and clothe you? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you? The King will reply, I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!





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“Then he will say to those on his left, away from me, you that are under God’s curse! Away to the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels! I was hungry but you would not feed me, thirsty but you would not give me a drink; I was a stranger but you would not welcome me in your homes, naked but you would not clothe me; I was sick and in prison but you would not take care of me, then they will answer him, when Lord did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and we would not help you? The King will reply, I tell you, whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me. These, then, will be sent off to eternal punishment, but the righteous will go to eternal life.”



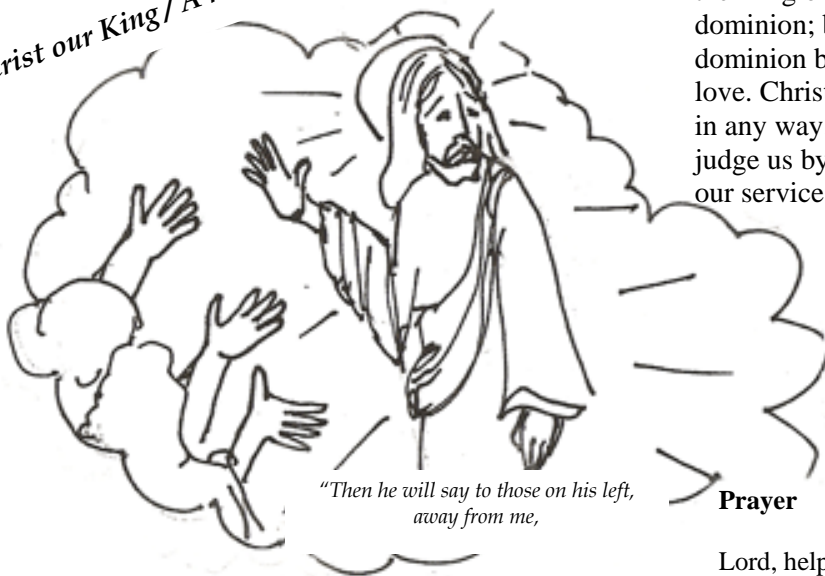


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Christ our King / A king who is really a shepherd



*"Then he will say to those on his left,
away from me,*

Reflection

In this Sunday gospel we see how Christ is the King of all, because God has given him dominion; but he is not a king of power and dominion by force, but of compassion and love. Christ is present in all those who suffer in any way. At the end of time, he will not judge us by our money, fame or power, but our service to others.

Prayer

Lord, help us to understand your reign as reign of compassion, toward those who suffer of care and service to the smallest. May we learn to see your face in everyone, and reach out to them with the respect and reverence with which we would treat you, Amen

Activity

Ask the children this week to share with a child in need something they have. Example clothe, food, toys, school supplies etc. Also they can go as a group to visit someone that is sick, sad or lonely.

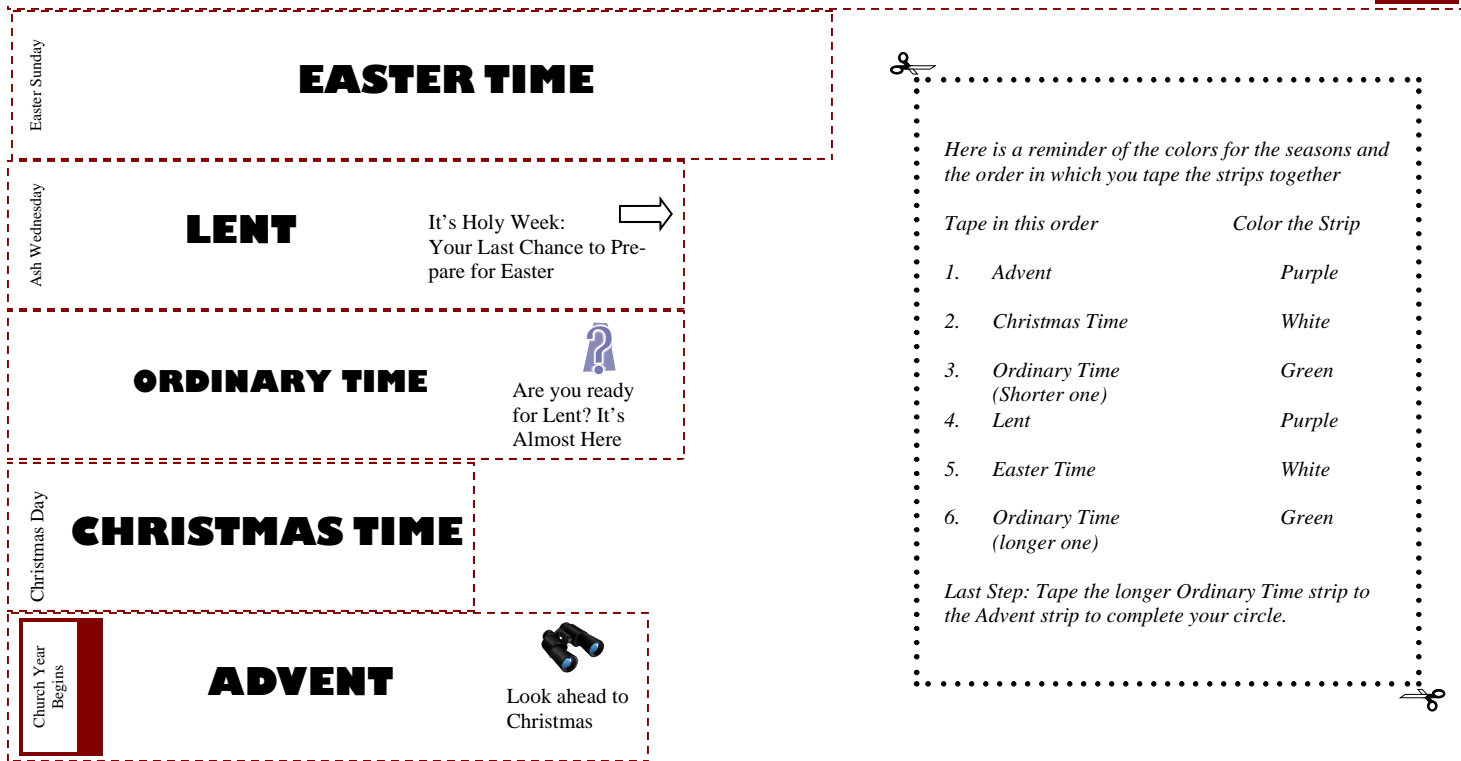


Come, you that are blessed by my Father!

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ORDINARY TIME



Here is a reminder of the colors for the seasons and the order in which you tape the strips together

Tape in this order	Color the Strip
1. Advent	Purple
2. Christmas Time	White
3. Ordinary Time (Shorter one)	Green
4. Lent	Purple
5. Easter Time	White
6. Ordinary Time (longer one)	Green

Last Step: Tape the longer Ordinary Time strip to the Advent strip to complete your circle.

The Church year is divided into seasons. Do you know the names of the Church seasons? They are Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter, and then more Ordinary Time. Every year these seasons repeat themselves too, just like the seasons of nature. We call this the Church Cycle.

The Church uses special color for each season to remind us what that season is about. Learning the Church seasons, their colors, and what the colors mean can be fun. Just follow these directions and soon you will have a Church cycle circle that will help you remember all the seasons of the Church

1. Color the Lent and Advent strips purple. Purple is the color that reminds us to get ready for something—to prepare ourselves. In Advent we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. In Lent, we get ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection. The priest wears purple during these season.
2. Easter Time and Christmas Time are the happiest times of the year. Color them white or leave them white. White shows joy. The priest wears white during these season.
3. Green is the color of growth and hope. During Ordinary Time we grow in faith, and the priest wears green during de mass. Color Ordinary Time green.
4. Now cut out each of the paper strips on the dotted lines
5. Look first for Advent. The 1st Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the Church Year. Now find Christmas Time. Tape Advent and Christmas Time together to make one strip. Remember that Advent comes before Christmas.
6. Now find the short Ordinary Time and tape it next to Christmas.
7. Find Lent and tape it next the line. Do you remember what we're getting ready for in Lent? That's right. The answer is Jesus' death and resurrection. Tape Easter Time right after Lent.
8. The longest and last season of the Church year is the Ordinary Time again "Then, to complete the year". Tape it right after Easter Time. Then, to complete the year, tape the end of the Ordinary Time to the beginning of Advent. Now your Church Cycle Circle is done! Take it home and put it where you can see it often. It will help you remember the seasons of the Church year and what they mean.



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Readings: Isaiah 63: 16-17, 19; 64: 2-7; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 33-37
First Sunday of Advent— November 30 2008

No one knows the day or hour / Be alert, be on watch



“Be on watch; be alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It will be like a man who goes away from home on a trip and leaves his servants in charge, after giving to each one his own work to do and after telling the doorkeeper to keep watch. Watch, then, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming it might be in the evening or at midnight or before dawn or at sunrise. If he comes suddenly, he must not find you asleep. What I say to you, then, I say to all: Watch!”





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Reflection

We are all similar and yet very different. Each of us is a unique being. God doesn't use molds; each of us is an original. While we are all different, we all have gifts and talents that we must develop, God gives us all:

Intelligence: the capacity to think, reason, and remember.

Freedom: the capacity to choose, make decisions, and exercise our responsibilities.

Love: the capacity to give ourselves to others.

Conscience: the capacity to distinguish right and wrong.

We are made in God's image and likeness. In Baptism we accept our responsibility to Develop all these gifts, so that we can reflect God's image to the world.



Activity

Build luminarias out of brown bags and votive candles to symbolize our wait for Jesus at Advent.

Each child share what he or she has pledged for the week and light a votive candle.

Prayer

Thank you God, for creating us in your own image and likeness. Thank you for allowing thinking, love, and making decisions. Help us to be better men and women, to develop our gifts, and to place them at the service of each other. Amen

Scripture Search Bookmarks (Page 1)

Name: _____

Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas. Reading Scripture is a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Write the key words or ideas or each scripture verse on the bookmarks below. Cut them apart and use one for each week of Advent

SUNDAY	Read de Sunday Gospel	SUNDAY	Read de Sunday Gospel
MONDAY	Isaiah 11:1	MONDAY	Matthew 11:2-3
TUESDAY	Isaiah 11:2	TUESDAY	Matthew 11:4-5
WEDNESDAY	Isaiah 11:3	WEDNESDAY	Matthew 11:6
THURSDAY	Isaiah 11:4	THURSDAY	Matthew 11:7-8
FRIDAY	Isaiah 11:5	FRIDAY	Matthew 11:9-10
SATURDAY	Isaiah 11:6	SATURDAY	Matthew 11:11
WEEK ONE		WEEK TWO	

Scripture Search Bookmarks (Page 1)

Name: _____

SUNDAY	Read de Sunday Gospel
MONDAY	Philippians 4:4
TUESDAY	Philippians 4:5
WEDNESDAY	Philippians 4:6
THURSDAY	Philippians 4:7
FRIDAY	Philippians 4:8
SATURDAY	Philippians 4:9
WEEK THREE	

SUNDAY	Read de Sunday Gospel
MONDAY	Luke 1:26-27
TUESDAY	Luke 1:28-29
WEDNESDAY	Luke 1:30-32
THURSDAY	Luke 1:33-34
FRIDAY	Luke 1:35-36
SATURDAY	Luke 1:37-38
WEEK FOUR	