



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Amigos de Jesús y María

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**Florida Center for Peace**

November 2017  
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

We begin this month of November with the celebrations of the Feast of All Saints, and All Souls. Let's try to teach our children about them and their good examples. Our nation celebrates Thanksgiving day on November 23. Encourage the importance of praying for unity among all our Brothers & Sisters.

### IMPORTANT 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 **17** Saint Elizabeth of Hungary  
November 23 Thanksgiving Day  
November 30 Saint Andrew Apóstol

### Enclosed Materials:

- 1) Monthly Calendar
- 2) Sunday Góspel
- 3) Activity of Brings Jesus to Others
- 4) Activity of Liturgical Year.
- 5) Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal-Saint Catherine Laboure.

### Suggested Dvd's:

- 1) Saint Martin of Porres
- 2) Saints & Héroes
- 3) The Miraculous Medal

Dont forget to attend the montly workshop. It is the only way that we can learn from all of us.

God Bless you,  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 ALL DAY SAINTS Rev 7, 2-4.9-14 Psalm 23 1 John 3, 1-3 Mt. 5, 1-12a	2 ALL SOULS DAY Ws 3, 1-6.9 Psalm 61 Rev 21, 1-5a Luke 23, 44-46	3 FIRST FRIDAY ST. MARTIN DE PORRES Ro 9, 1-5 Psalm 147 Lk 14, 1-6	4 FIRST SATURDAY ST. CHARLES BORROMEO Ro 11, 1-2a. 11-12. 25- Psalm 93 Lk 14, 1.7-11
5 31 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  MI 1, 14b-2.2b Psalm 130 1Th 2, 7b-9.13 Mt 23, 1-12	6 ST. LEONARD  Ro 11, 29-36 Psalm 68 Lk 14, 12-14	7 ST. ERNEST  Ro 12, 5-16 Psalm 130 Lk 14, 15-24	8  Ro 13, 8-10 Psalm 111 Lk 14, 25-33	9  Ez 47, 1-2. 8-9 Psalm 45 Jn 2, 13-22	10 ST. LEO THE GREAT  Rm 15, 14-21 Psalm 97 Lk 16, 1-8	11 S. MARTIN OF TOURS  Rm 16, 3-9. 16.22-27 Psalm 144 Lk 16. 9-15
12 32 SUNDAY IN  Ws 6, 12-16 Psalm 62 1Th 4, 13-18 Mt 25, 1-13	13 S. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI Ws 1, 1-7 Psalm 138 Lk 17, 1-6	14  Ws 2, 23-3, 9 Psalm 33 Lk 17, 7-10	15 ST. ALBERT THE GREAT  Ws 6, 1-11 Psalm 81 Lk 17, 11-19	16  Ws 7, 22-8.1 Psalm 118 Lk 17, 20-25	17 ST. ELIZABETH OF  Ws 13, 1-9 Psalm 18 Lk 17, 26-37	18  Ws 18, 14-16;19,6-9 Psalm 104 Lk 18, 1-8
19 33 SUNDAY IN  Pr 31, 10-13.19-20 Psalm 127 1Th 5, 1-6 Mt 25, 14-30	20 1Macc1, 10-15.41-43.54 Psalm 118 Lk 18, 35-43	21 PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Ze 2, 14-17 Psalm/Lc 1, 46-55 Mt 12, 46-50	22 ST CECILIA  2 Macc 7,1.20-31 Psalm 16 Lk 19, 11-28	23  1 Macc 2, 15-29 Psalm 49 Lk 19, 41-44	24  1 Macc 4, 36-37 Int. 1 Ch 29,10-13 Lk 19, 45-48	25 ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA 1 Macc 6, 1-13 Psalm 9 Lk 20, 27-40
26 CHRIST THE KING  Ez 34, 11-12 Psalm 22 1Co 15, 20-26 Mt 25, 31-46	27  Dt 1, 1-6, 8-20 Psalm/Int: Dt 3, 52-56 Lk 21, 1-4	28 ST. CATHERINE LABOURE  Dt 2, 31-45 Psalm/Dt 3, 57-61 Lk 21, 5-11	29  Dt 5, 1-6.13-14 Psalm/ Dt 3, 62-67 Lk 21, 12-19	30  Ro 10, 9-18 Psalm 18 Mt 4, 18-22		

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***Friends of Jesus and Mary***  
***All Saints Day – 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2017***

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:  
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.  
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." (Matthew 5:1-12)

***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 about? 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 with 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.





## ***Friends of Jesus and Mary***

***All souls / November 2, 2017***

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

***With Jesus we live forever***

Jesus said to the crowds: "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day." (John 6, 37-40)

### ***Reflection***

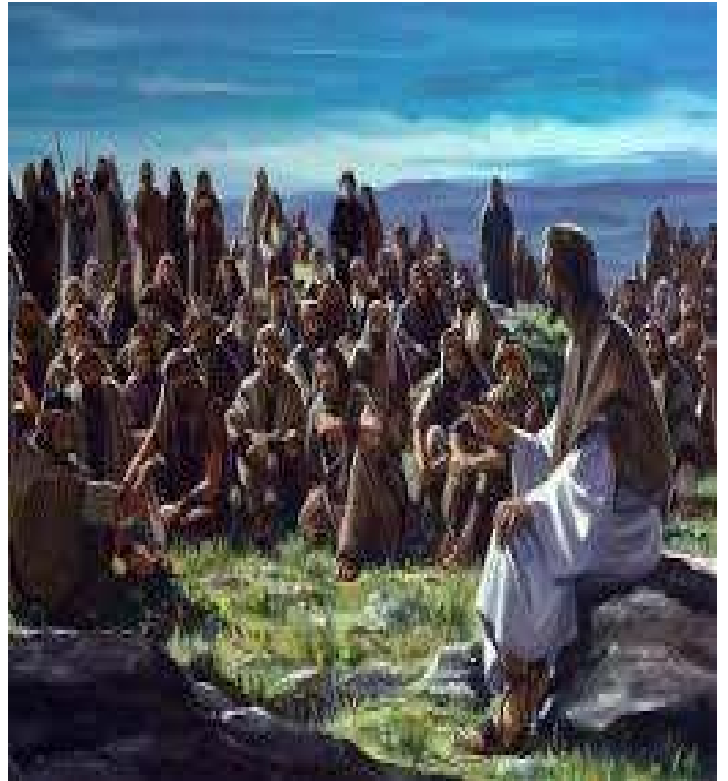
The death of someone close to us is a painful experience. Jesus gives us the hope of eternal life with God. Jesus says that those who believe in him will live forever. Do you know someone who has died but still seems to be present? What good examples did you learn from them? What did you learn that can 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 on the altar and pray for them all this month. The message must be show 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.





## ***Friends of Jesus and Mary***

***XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 5, 2017***

***Readings: Malachi 1, 14b-2, 2b.8-10; Psalm 130; 1Thessalonians 2, 7b-9.13; Matthew 23, 1-12***

### ***Jesus Warns against the Teachers of the Law and the Pharisees***

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master;' you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." (Matthew 23, 1-12)

### ***Reflection***

In the gospel, Jesus complains about four vices or capital sins of the religious leaders.

- 1-Their incoherence since their teachings said one thing and their life showed another.
- 2-Their moral double-standard, since they put heavy burdens on others, but not on themselves.
- 3-Their hypocrisy; only appearances mattered since their hearts were far from spiritual values.
- 4-Their vanity, they like being first and being recognized.

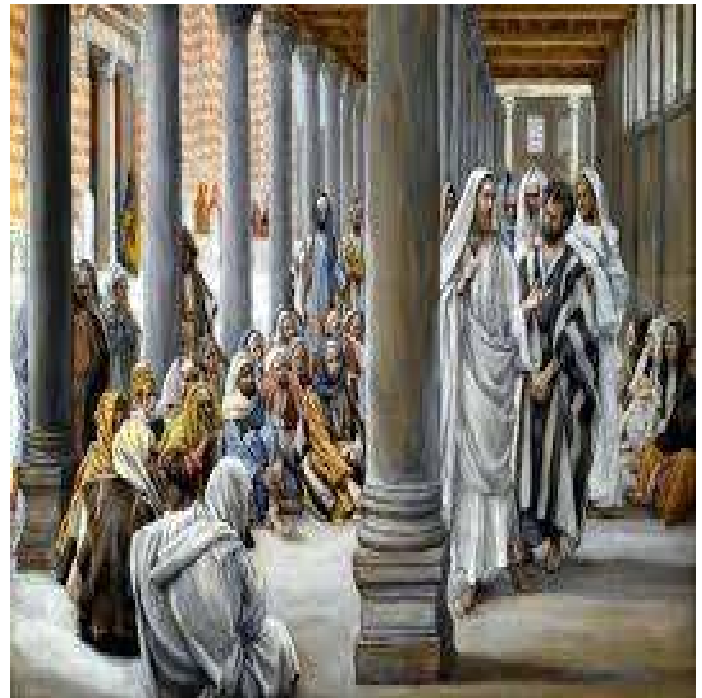
In the second part, Jesus presents how his followers and his communities should be. They should be Christ-centered, in humble service, and building a fraternal and simple community where everyone feels like family. What personal defects should I overcome to follow Jesus? Share your thoughts.

### ***Activity***

Tell the children the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola who is an example of someone who changed his life completely to live as Jesus did. He is also a model of Christian leadership, faithful to his church, and determined to lead people to God.

### ***Prayer***

Here Lord, receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my entire will; all I have and possess. You have given it to me, now I return it to you. All is yours; do with it according to your will. Give me only your love and your grace, that's enough for me. Amen. (St. Ignatius of Loyola)





## ***Friends of Jesus and Mary***

***XXXII Sunday in Ordinary time / November 12, 2017***

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

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

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Matthew 25: 1-13)

### ***Reflection***

Let's remember the prayer that is said in the beginning of the Eucharistic celebration:

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have **FAILED TO DO**.

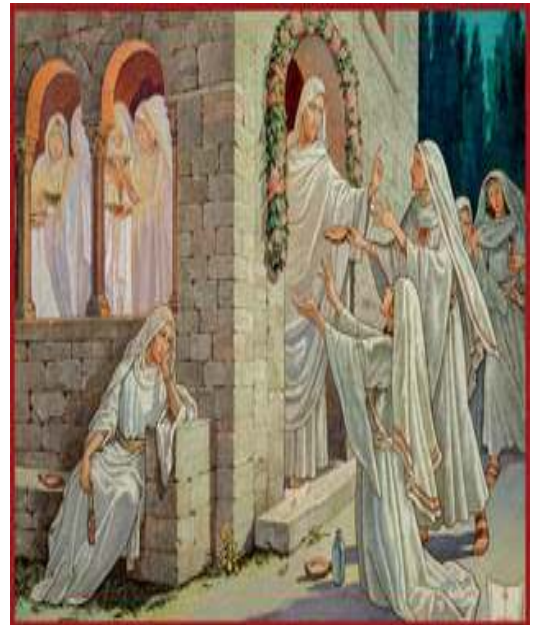
When we go to confession, we easily remember the sins of thoughts, of words, and of what we have done. But which are the sins of omission, what we fail to do? The parable of the foolish Virgins clearly tells us that they omitted to take the oil that was necessary for the lamps to burn all through the night. For this reason, they did not enter into the wedding feast.

### ***Activity***

The activity for this week is on the following page.

### ***Prayer***

Lord, we know that being attentive to you is being attentive to those around us. Give us the wisdom and light to recognize your presence in those that are closest to us and in all that happens in our life. Amen.





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***Activity for  
XXXII Sunday in Ordinary time/November 12, 2017***

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

**FIND EXAMPLES OF SINS OF OMISSION**

Below you will find several phrases. Indicate with an X the ones that are sins of OMISSION.

1\_\_Every month I go with my friends to sing and play with the children that are cancer patients.

2\_\_Just to ignore my Mom, I did not take out the garbage.

3\_\_I wanted to stay and play, so I did not take my toys to the poor kids.

4\_\_I had to leave some money at the old folks' home, but it started to rain torrentially, and I did not go.

5\_\_A friend needed help to do better on her test, but I didn't feel like helping her.

6\_\_I should have done my homework, but didn't because I was watching television.

**The sins of OMISION destroy, break, and hurt and do nothing to reconstruct, repair, and heal.**

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***Sunday XXXIII Ordinary time / November 19, 2017***

***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?***

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. After a long time, the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So, you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'" (Matthew 25,14-30)

### ***Reflection***

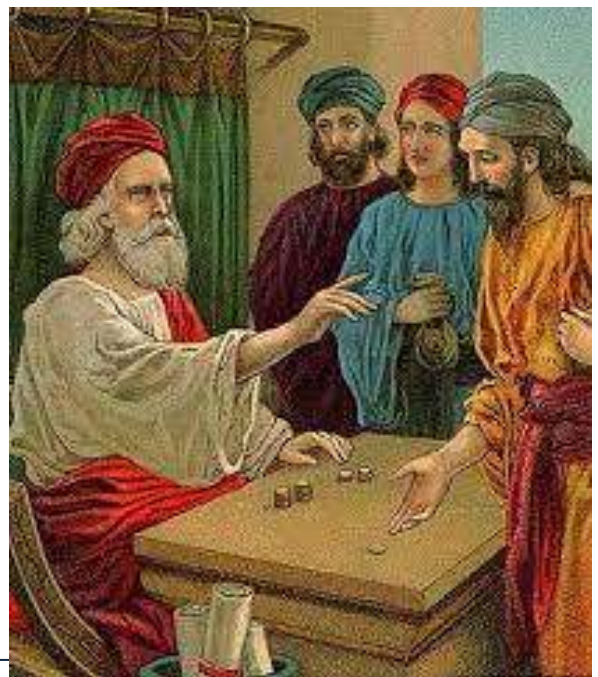
God gives us many things, qualities and talents, but we must use them for good and develop them to become everything God wants to be. Speak to God and ask Him which is your best talent. He wants us to use it to help others.

### ***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.



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***Friends of Jesus and Mary***  
***Thanksgiving Day / November 23, 2017***

*Readings: Sir. 50:22-24; Psalm 143; 1 Cor. 1,3-9; Luke 17:11-19*

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten persons with leprosy met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." (Luke 17:11-19)

***Reflection***

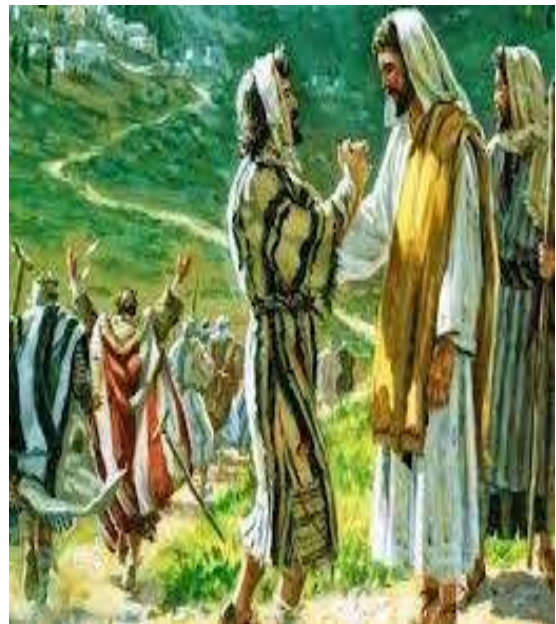
Why did the other nine lepers not show up to give thanks? Just like the lepers, do we forget to thank the favors that Jesus gives us? Share.

***Activity***

Share with the children some favor that Jesus has done for you. Then ask the children to share something that Jesus has done for them. Bring food and share and motivate the children to always give thanks.

***Prayer***

Lord loving God, we thank you for all the good things you have created, for the family, the friends, and also for myself; for helping us in all we do. Thanks for the world, thanks for the food you give us and for many other things. Amen.





## ***Friends of Jesus and Mary***

***The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 26, 2017***

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothed you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." (Matthew 25: 31-46)

### ***Reflection***

In this Sunday's 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.

### ***Activity***

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

### ***Prayer***

Lord, help us to understand your reign as a 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.





## Liturgical Year

To get to know the path that the Church presents, by which means we learn to understand what we celebrate during a year, in special times like: Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. This is called the Liturgical Year.

But, what is a year? For example, a calendar has 12 months from January through December and we call it the Civil Year.

- 1) The School Year is from August to May in the U.S.A. Other countries have different months.
- 2) The Liturgical Year is defined by the Church as seen in the following picture, (show picture) starting with the First Sunday in Advent until the Feast of Christ the King.
- 3) What does Liturgical mean? These are the teachings of the Church on how to celebrate, in detail, each season and feasts of the Lord throughout the year.
- 4) We count the years as **A, B, and C**. In year A, we read the Gospel of Mathew; in B, the Gospel of Mark; and in C, the Gospel of Luke.

### Activity

Distribute the pages that contain the pictured Liturgical Year. Design the poster in different colors to identify the different liturgical seasons with their respective colors. Dynamically speak about the different aspects of the picture. Where the poster says “exit” is where the Liturgical Year begins. In the space that reads “Christ the King” is the end of the Liturgical Year.

How many colors can you identify? Four

Briefly explain the meanings of the different colors:

**Green:** Hope and growth; **Purple:** Penance; **White:** Joy and purity;

**Red:** Martyrdom and Fire of the Holy Spirit; **Pink:** Happiness.

**Advent:** Time to prepare for the birth of Jesus.

**Christmas:** Time to celebrate joyfully the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Ordinary Time:** A long period made up of two stages: One starts when Christmas ends until Lent. The other starts on Holy Trinity Sunday until the feast of Christ The King

**Lent:** An intense time to prepare for Easter.

**Easter:** Starts on Easter Sunday and lasts for 50 days ending on Pentecost.

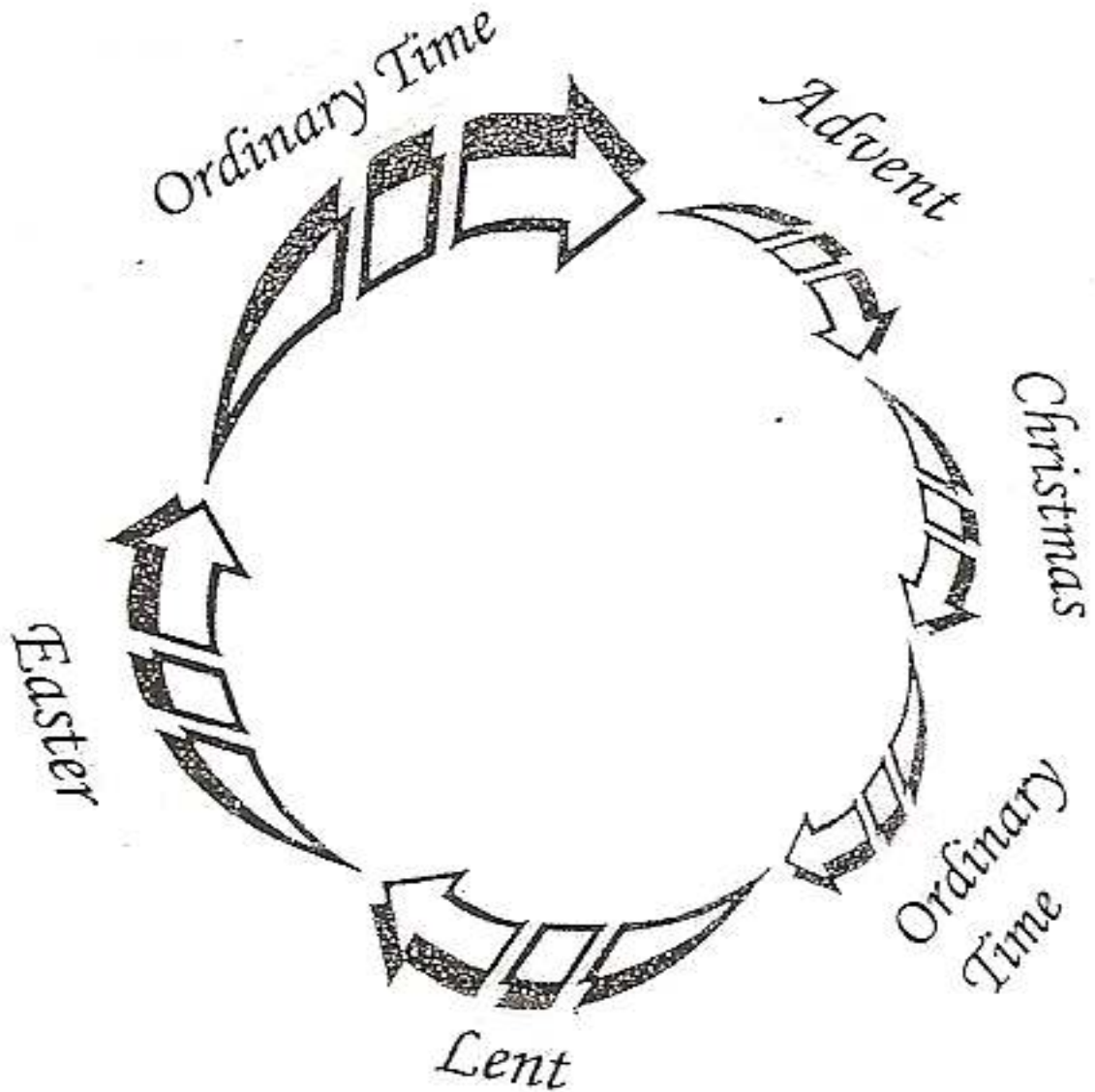
Color the Liturgical Year page using the designated colors.



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## OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL Saint Catherine Laboure

At the age of twenty-four, Saint Catherine Laboure became a Daughter of Charity of St Vincent of Paul. One night when Catherine was still a novice, the Blessed Mother appeared to her in the convent chapel. The Blessed Mother showed herself standing on a globe with streams of light coming from her hands. Under the globe were the words "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who turn to you."

Sister Catherine was told that a medal was to be made of this picture of our Lady and that people who wore the medal would receive many graces from Jesus through his Mother's prayers.

Soon because of all the wonderful graces obtained by those who wore the medal it was called "Miraculous."

I can wear the "Miraculous Medal" and repeat the prayer,  
"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who turn to you."



*The Miraculous medal*

*St. Catherine Laboure*

*Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal*