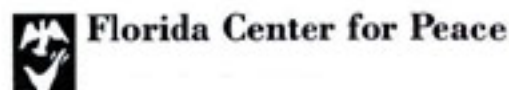




Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



November 2004
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We begin this 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 25**. 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.

Important feasts and Saints:

November 1 All Saints Day
November 2 Day of All Souls
November 3 Saint Martin de Porres
November 11 Saint Martin of Tours

November 17 Leader's Workshop
November 20 Consecration Mass
November 22 Saint Cecilia
November 25 Thanksgiving Day

Enclosed materials:

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| 1) Monthly calendar | 5) Story of St. Martin of Tours |
| 2) Sunday Gospels | 6) All souls day activities |
| 3) Liturgical calendar activity | 7) All Saints day activity |
| 4) Activity on the Old and New covenant | 8) Thanksgiving activity |

Suggested videos (All available in the "Video Club")

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| 1. Saint Martin de Porres | 4. The Miraculous Medal |
| 2. Death | 5. Gratitude Attitude |
| 3. Saints and Heroes | 6. Anointing of the Sick |

On October of this year our Holy Father – John Paul II open the Holy Year dedicated to the Holy Eucharist. Every month you will be receiving some material on the Eucharist.

Our next workshop will be November 17, at 7:30 P.M. in St. Timothy's Church ;We're looking forward to be with you!

The Consecration Mass for the children will be November 20 at 8:30 A.M. in St. Kieran's Catholic Church. 3650 South Miami Ave. Miami, FL 33133.

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

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	All Saints 1	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Election Day 2	St. Martin de Porres 31st Week in Ordinary Time 3	St. Charles Borromeo 4	First Friday 5	BVM First Saturday 6
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 7	8	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome 9	St. Leo the Great 10	St. Martin of Tours Veterans Day Remembrance Day (Canada) 11	St. Josephat 12	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini 13
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 14	St. Albert the Great 15	St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude 16	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Lider's Workshop 17	Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and Paul in Rome St. Rose Philippine Duschesne 18	19	20 Children's Consecration
Our Lord Jesus Christ The King 21	St. Cecilia 34th or Last Week in Ordinary Time 22	St. Clement St. Columban Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro 23	St. Andrew Dung-Lac And his companions 24	St. Catherine of Alexandria Thanksgiving <i>Holiday</i> 25	26	BVM 27
1st Sunday of Advent 28	St. Andrew 29	30				

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A PAL FROM HEAVEN

Our community (of the Beatitudes) has a beautiful tradition which actively strengthens its ties with the Church in heaven. On the eve of each new year, we ask a particular "protector" saint to choose each one of us for the coming year. Actually, it is the saint who chooses us, and not the other way around! He has the responsibility of taking good care of us throughout the year, he will protect us, guide us on the right path, and reveal to us his particular charism.

Beforehand, someone wise has chosen a number of saints. The name of each saint is written on a piece of paper along with a quotation from or about him. Each person also receives a prayer intention inspired by this saint. To find out which saint has chosen us, we gather to pray, we call upon the Holy Spirit, and then we pass around a basket filled with those little papers carefully folded. The name of a saint is written on each of them. And then we share and rejoice together about the saint that has been given to us.

Seeing how much these saints take their commitment to heart is amazing, each one according to his own personality! When someone isn't acquainted with the saint he has drawn, what a great opportunity to discover him and let this saint teach him! If he already knows a little about him, then it's an opportunity to discover new aspects of this life and take him as a companion on the road of life.

Obviously, it is the saints who choose us and not the other way around. Like everything that comes from above, how reassuring!

Why not in your family? To make it easy for you, I have presented a few names of saints in the next few pages. This way, you can copy them and cut them out. It's only a model to start with; each of you may add the saints he knows, and thus enrich the heavenly assembly he will offer his nearest and dearest!

Sister Emmanuel

- MESSAGE OF OCTOBER 25, 1994 -

"Dear children! I am with you and I rejoice today because the Most High has granted me to be with you, to teach you and to guide you on the path of perfection."

"Little children, I wish you to be a beautiful bouquet of flowers which I wish to present to God for the day of All Saints."

"I invite you to open yourselves and to live, taking the saints as an example. Mother Church has chosen them, that they may be an impulse for your daily life. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Saint Theresa of the Infant Jesus

"In order to be at peace in suffering all you need is to want what Jesus wants."

Pray for those who are about to die

Saint Michael the Archangel.

"Satan is powerful, and that is the reason why I seek your prayers for those in his power, that they might be saved" (message from Mary at Medjugorje)

Pray for those who do evil.

The Holy Family of Nazareth

"Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 1:20)

Pray for the unity of couples.

Saint Theresa of the Infant Jesus

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Pray that abortion ceases

Saint Maximilian Kolbe (Poland)

"What is essential is not to accomplish a great deal according to our own lights, but to be in the hands of the Immaculate Virgin."

Pray that Mary Immaculate may reign in

Saint Joseph

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" (Deuteronomy 6:5)

Pray for the Jewish people

Saint Bernadette

"My weapons are prayer and sacrifice, to my dying breath. At death the weapon of sacrifice will fall away, but that of prayer will follow me to heaven."

Offer sacrifices to Mary for her intentions

Saint John the Evangelist

"O open heart of Jesus, devoured with such a pure love, into your wound I place my wounds and my lack of love" (Ephraim)

Pray for those in despair

Saint L.-M. Grignon de Montfort

"The more the Holy Spirit finds Mary in a soul, the more he becomes active and empowered to produce Jesus Christ in that soul, and that soul in Jesus Christ."

Pray for Our Lady's intentions

Saint Dominic Savio (Italy)

"Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40)

Pray for consecrated souls



Saint Francis of Assisi

"I know Jesus poor and crucified, and that is enough for me."

Pray that Jesus be loved

Saint Theresa of the Infant Jesus

"One cannot trust too much in the power and mercy of God, and one obtains from him all that one hopes for from Him."

Pray for the holiness of families

Saint John Bosco

"The young are my very greatest hope. But many youths seek happiness in just those things where one loses it" (Mary in Medjugorje)

Pray for the young

Saint Anthony of Padua

"We spread the love of God by loving as he loves."

Pray for non-believers.

Child Jesus

"Whoever receives one such child in my Name, receives me." (Matthew 18:6)

Pray for an end to abortion.

Saint Benedict

"This message of mine is for you, then, if you are ready to give up your own will, once and for all, and armed with the strong and noble weapons of obedience, to do battle for the true King, Christ the Lord."

Pray for vocations to the monastic religious life.



Saint Peter the Apostle

"Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you."

Pray for the Holy Father and the Vatican

Saint Mary of Magdala

"And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment" (Luke 7:37ff.)

Pray for the conversion of sinners



Saint Catherine Labouré

"My child, the Cross will be despised, thrown on the ground, and the Lord's side will be opened again"

(Mary to St. Catherine)

Pray for the enemies of the Church

Francisco of Fatima

"I think of God who is so sad because of so much sin! It makes me very sad. I offer him all the sacrifices I can. If only I could comfort him!"

Pray for children

Saint Veronica

"It is your Face, Lord, that I seek!"

Comfort Jesus through adoration



Saint Dominic

"My God, what will become of the sinners?"

"My God, have pity on sinners!"

Intercede for those of hardened heart.

Jacinta of Fatima

"Tell everyone that God grants us graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We should ask her for them."

Pray for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart



Saint Margaret Mary
(of Paray-le-Monial)

Pray for a new Pentecost of love

Saint Seraphim of Sarov (Russia)

"The true goal of Christian life is the acquisition of the Holy Spirit."

Blessed Sister Faustina (Poland)

"Your wretchedness sinks in the ocean of my Mercy."

Pray that confessionals be full

Saint Helen

"O innocent Jesus, your Cross is my cross."

Pray for children who are tortured

The Blessed Sister Faustina
(Poland)

"You will do great things if you abandon yourself entirely to my will: ...not what I want, but what you want. If these words are spoken from deep within the heart they bring the soul instantly to the heights of holiness" (Jesus to Faustina).

Pray for souls tempted by Satan.

Marthe Robin (France)

"I give you thanks, Jesus, for you take us as we are and you offer us to the Father as you are."

Pray for vocations to the priesthood

Pray for the dying

Saint Simon of Cyrene

"It is the Cross that bears you, not you who bear the Cross" (the Caré of Ars)



Death

Heaven Is Home

You just signed a contract to make a one minute commercial, advertising heaven. Write and dramatize your commercial. Use these Scripture references to help you.*

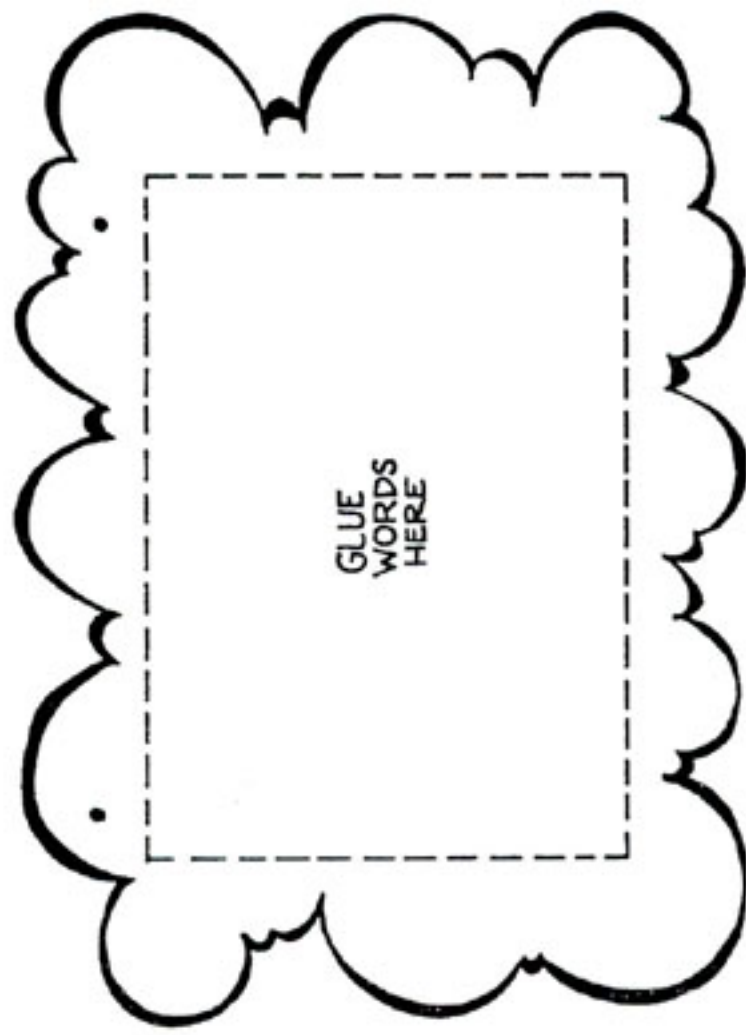
Heavenly Treasure
Seed and Sower
Prepare a place
Treasure and Pearl
Mustard Seed
Dragnet
Lost Sheep
No sadness, no tears
Narrow Gate
Wedding Banquet

Matthew 6:19-21
Matthew 13:4-9, 18-23
John 14:2-4
Matthew 13:44-46
Matthew 13:31-32
Matthew 13:47-50
Matthew 18:10-14
Revelation 21:1-4
Matthew 7:13-14
Matthew 22:1-10



*HINT: You may want to use props and dialogue to better illustrate your message!

Color, cut out and glue words to the cloud. Thread yarn through the dots and wear it around your neck. Tell someone about this message today.



GLUE
WORDS
HERE

MY HOME
is in
HEAVEN!

THEY TRAY TO PLAY GUESSING GAMES WITH JESUS

2 Macc. 7:1-2, 9-14;
2 Thess. 2:15-3:5;
LUKE 20:27-38

TALK ABOUT THE STORY. Talk with the children about how they imagine heaven. Is it boring? What do they do there? What would make them happy? Talk about stories of martyrs. Explain how they were calm in the face of death because they trusted that God would raise them in the last day if they were faithful and strong. Why would anyone be ready to even give up his or her life? What is so important to the children that they would be ready to make any sacrifice?

ACTIVITIES AND PRAYER. Make a big drawing representing heaven, with all the children picturing themselves there. What is each one doing? Are they happy? What is God doing? As each child explains his or her part, all answer: "Jesus, give us strength to be faithful to what you want of us."

YOU ARE THERE.

Do you want to tell those who come to ask not to be ridiculous, or are you wondering what would happen if the case of the woman with the seven husbands were true?

JESUS, YOUR FRIEND, INVITES YOU:

Jesus says that God is faithful and is always with us.

He is the one who guides our heart better.

Jesus says he is always in favor of life, because God is a God of the living.

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him how you imagine heaven and being always with God. Tell him what you want to do.

• For example: I will do my homework very carefully this week.

• For example: I will spend time with a person who is lonely or sick. I will try to give joy to that person.



Q Some people try to trick Jesus by asking him to solve the problem of a wife with seven husbands. But Jesus tells us not to worry about such things; it is more important to live a good life here on earth. How do you live a good life?

WORD SEARCH:

Find the following hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them:

BROTHERS, SEVEN,
WIFE, MARRY, HEAVEN
LIVING, GOD,
CUSTOM, ETERNAL,
LIFE

A C O M P A N I S T I R
H E R M A N O S I D A
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S N B M E S E H E
J A U L S O A R B R
D I O S A D T S O C A
E R B M U T S O C A
N O P O R C E U V R

November 14:
33rd Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

Jesus tells us to walk without fear

Mal. 3:19-20;
2 Thess. 3:7-12;
Luke 21:5-19

Talk about the story. Speak with the children. What do they know about what is happening in the world? Are they scared? What do the adults at home say about these things? If the children speak in fatalistic terms tell them how God does not want suffering or death, but some things are inevitable, and other things are the result of the actions of people. What God wants for us is to live and work for justice. Speak about what being prepared for something important means: to do things before they happen. In order to be prepared to live with God, we must live each day as best we can: doing well what we do and taking care of others.

Activities and prayer. Let the children draw and cut out big clocks. In each hour, they can write what they normally do and how they would like to do it. As they present their clocks, they say: "With you, Jesus, I am not afraid."

WORD SEARCH:

Find the following
hidden words in
Spanish and write a
sentence using them:
DISASTERS, WARS,
EARTHQUAKES,
HOPE, TRUST, TIMES,
HAPPEN, SIGNS,
JESUS, GOD.

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J A R S O M E I T R
J E A C O N F I A R E
N E S I G N O S B E E
P E R U O N A R L S
N D I O S C T U V R

YOU ARE THERE

What do you tell Jesus about wars and catastrophes already happening? Which ones scare you the most?

JESUS, YOUR FRIENDS, INVITES YOU:

Jesus says that, no matter what happens, He will always be near. How do you approach Jesus when you have a problem? Do you trust him?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?!

Speak to Jesus and tell him about some problems at home, at school or in the neighborhood. Ask him for faith and hope so that you won't think that things are hopeless. Tell him what you want to do.

- ◆ For example: *I will do my tasks well each day.*
- ◆ For example: *I will be attentive to people around me, and to their needs.*
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Q: When Jesus told his friends to be alert for things that will test their faith, he assured them that he would always help them out. Do you trust in Jesus to help you when you face difficulties or problems? Do you pray to him for help?

November 21:
Christ the
King

Jesus is an unusual king

2 Sam. 5:1-3;
Col. 1:12-20;
Luke 25:35-43

Talk about the story. Speak with the children about kings and queens. Which ones do they know? Burger King? The kings of cards? Those of Great Britain? The ones in fairy tales? What do they think is the work of kings? Do some of the adults at home call each other "my king" or "my queen"? What do they think the adults mean by that? Does any of these kings resemble Jesus? How? Why do we speak of Christ the King?

Speak to them also about the Mexican and other martyrs who, going to their deaths, said: "Long live Christ the King!"

Activities. Have the children draw and cut out crowns for the people who really serve others (grandmothers, mothers or fathers, or someone else they know). Those are the true kings and queens.

Final Prayer. Have each child name the person whom they have crowned and thank God for them.

You are there.

Do you think Jesus should really show his power and give everyone a lesson by coming down from the cross? What do you think about this Jesus who is king but is about to die on the cross as a horrible punishment, without even having committed any crime?

Jesus, Your friends, invites You:

Jesus says that the true kingdom is service.

Do you think that reigning really means bossing others around?

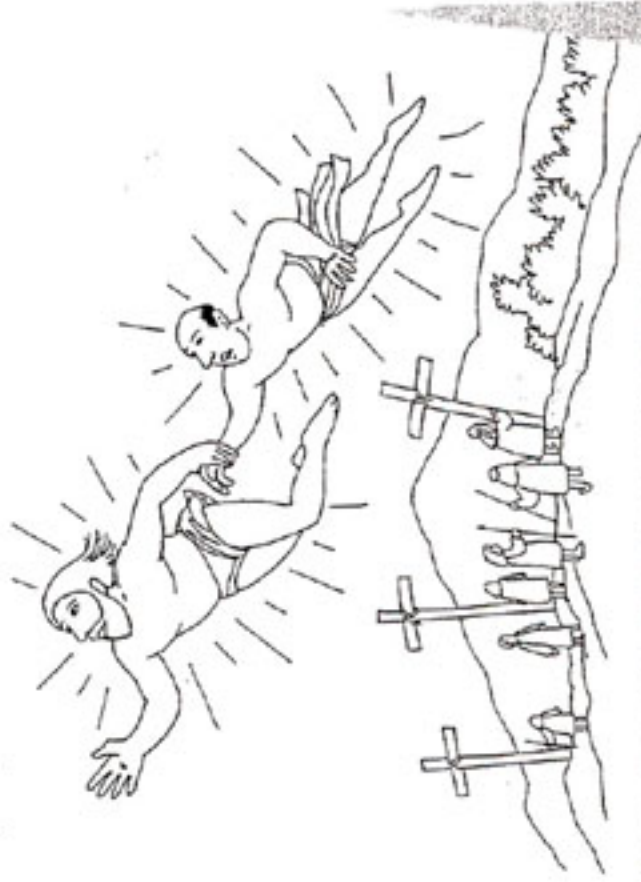
Jesus forgives the thief as soon as he asks. Do you feel that Jesus always forgives you if you truly repent for having done something wrong? Do you forgive those who have hurt you and apologize?

What am I going to do?

Speak with Jesus and tell him how sometimes you would like to be a boss and have everyone do whatever you tell them. Tell him to help you be a king in his style, through serving others. Tell him what you want to do.

• For example: *I will help at home without being asked.*

• For example: *I will forgive a sibling or a friend who has hurt me.*



Q: When Jesus is on the cross, the man next to him asks for forgiveness, and Jesus promises him that he will join Jesus in paradise. Jesus is also able to forgive those who teased and killed him. How easy is it for you to forgive those who have hurt and teased you?

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WORD SEARCH:

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Find the following hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them:

- KING, KINGDOM,
- CROSS, SERVE,
- PARADISE, THIEVES,
- INSULTS, CROWD
- SAVE, POWER.

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T E A D A I M S B S
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S O P O R C T U V R

No one knows the time of God's coming

Isa. 2:1-5;
Rom. 13:11-14;
Matt. 24:37-44

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You are there.

Have you ever been surprised by robbers
or some other thing you did not expect?
How could you have been ready?
What do you think Jesus means by being
prepared as if a robber were coming?

Jesus, your friends, invites you:

Jesus says that God comes each day in many
ways; we must be ready.

How do you prepare? How does God come to
your life each day?

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What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him how you know he comes into
your life through people and things that happen. Tell him
what you want to do.

- For example: I will be attentive to what
other people need at home to see how I can help.
- For example: I will be very carefully with my
homework.

SEARCH:

E S P E R T A R S T
I N E O P I A R S T
G O E S J H T A S S O B R
Q C H S J C T A S S O B R
L H A E S S A M R L A
E R P J E S U S



Q During Advent we start to prepare for Christmas. How are you preparing
for Christmas this year? How do you think Jesus would like you to act as you
wait for his coming?