



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On March we have four Sundays of Lent. Lent is a time to grow in the love for Jesus. The devotions used the most during Lent are the Stations of the Cross, Bible reading, and daily Mass.

The Fridays of Lent are very special, they reminds us of Jesus death for us. For this reason we fast and abstinence. Try to pray and explain the children two stations of the cross each week. At the end of Lent we will have finish all the Stations of the Cross. Also you can pray the Sorrowful Mysteries.

Enclosed you will find some feasts and saints of this Month

- March 14 Saint Matilde*
- March 17 Saint Patrick*
- March 19 Saint Joseph*
- March 24 Consecration Mass for children*
- March 26 The Annunciation*
- March 31 Leader's Workshop*

Enclosed Materials:

- a) Monthly Calendar*
- b) Meditation on the Sunday Gospel*
- c) Comic of Saint Matilde*
- d) Sorrowful Mysteries*
- e) St Joseph*
- f) Activities for Lent*
- g) The Church*
- h) Happy Helper Certificate*

Suggested Videos: (All available in the video club of the F.C.P.)

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| <i>1. - Easter Story</i> | <i>4.- The Life of Christ II(father Peyton)</i> | |
| <i>2. - Saint Patrick</i> | <i>5.- Resisting Temptation</i> | <i>7.- Penance(SHC)</i> |
| <i>3. - Ten Commandments</i> | <i>6.- Jesus dies on the cross</i> | <i>8.- Lent</i> |

*Let's encourage the children to learn more about the Life of the Saints. **Our next meeting** will be on March 31 . Please come and share with us.*

May God Bless You Always,

Friends of Jesus and Mary

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March 07

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 	3 St Katharine Drexel
4 2nd Sunday of Lent Lk 9:28-36	5	6	7 St. Perpetua St. Felicity	8 St John of God	9 St Frances of Rome (Patron of Lay People) 	10
11 3rd Sunday of Lent Lk 13:9	12	13	14	15	16 	17 St Patrick
18 4th Sunday of Lent Lk 15:3,11-32	19 St Joseph, Husband of Mary	20	21	22	23 	24
25 5th Sunday of Lent Jn 8:11	26 Annunciation of the Lord	27	28	29	30 	31 Leader's Workshop

SAINT CECILIA



NOVEMBER 22ND

Consecration of all your being
to the Trinity through the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Virtue:
OBEDIENCE

- ✎ She belonged to nobility.
- ✎ Since a child, she imitated Christ.
- ✎ She lived during a time when Christians had to hide in the Catacombs to celebrate mass.
- ✎ She mingled with the slaves and would help them with their most difficult tasks. She even washed the feet of their masters and of the slaves themselves as Christ did.
- ✎ During that time, Christians that were discovered were put to death. She knew this but the thought of dying for Christ made her happy.
- ✎ She would go to the secret meetings with the Christians in the Catacombs. She prayed much.
- ✎ Since she was young, she offered her virginity to Christ. She wanted to be his wife only. Now, all her life belonged to him. Since that day, she had a special angel that cared for her and she felt his presence.
- ✎ Her parents do not know of this offering and promise her hand in marriage to Valerio.
- ✎ She accepts marrying him with the assurance that thanks to her prayers and sacrifices, he also would convert and no longer worship false gods.
- ✎ The night of her wedding, she tells her husband her secret: "An angel of God watches over me because I belong to Jesus. If my angel sees that you do not love me with a holy love, he will defend me and you will die. But if you respect my virginity, he will love you with the same love as me and will protect you". He responded that he also wanted to see the angel but if it was a lie, he would kill her.
- ✎ "To see him, you must believe in Jesus, be baptized, and become Christian." He did.
- ✎ He returned to where Cecilia was kneeling in prayer surrounded by a bright light. There appeared a beautiful angel that floated close to her with two crowns of flowers that he placed on the heads husband and wife. He told them that these flowers were from the garden of heaven and would protect their purity.
- ✎ Valerio showed his brother Tiburcio everything he had learned. He also converted and was baptized.
- ✎ Both brothers were discovered, accused, and decapitated.
- ✎ Because Cecilia also refused to adore the false gods, she also was accused and sentenced to death. They tried to boil a caldron of water but the water would not heat. So they sent her to be decapitated.. Although they tried three times, she only bled a little.
- ✎ She finally died. Her wish to die for Christ was granted and she went to heaven to be with her spouse, Jesus.

ALEXIS

Consecration of your sufferings
and rebellions against God

- ✍ She was the youngest of 7 children.
- ✍ She had many friends. She has a pleasant personality, was amiable and joyful.
- ✍ Her family prayed the Rosary daily.
- ✍ She loved to read. She loved to entertain and take care of young children. She was particularly loving with the elderly, especially her grandmother.
- ✍ She helped her mother clean the house.
- ✍ Her family was very close and they shared everything.
- ✍ One day she became ill and suffered severe headaches.
- ✍ The sickness prevented her from writing.
- ✍ Her mother encouraged her and the rest of the family to offer up this suffering for the conversion of sinners. And they did.
- ✍ She explained that pain, for the children of God was a treasure that should not be wasted.
- ✍ She was operated many times. She had to be in a wheel chair but she never lost her joy.
- ✍ She asked that they write a list of her petitions for after Communion. She saved them in an envelope. She was so weak she could not pray well. After Communion, she would squeeze the envelope and say quietly, "I pray for all this".
- ✍ She was always patient and docile to the directions of those who cared for her.
- ✍ She died at age 14.

Virtue:
Joy

A Great Turn-Around!

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Turn the face around. Start at the arrow and go left. Write down every other letter on the lines to find the message. Your face will change from sad to happy if you get the message.

When you have gone around the circle once, move the arrow over one space, to the "Y", and do another Turn-Around. Watch the face change again!

THE ANNUNCIATION

This year will be celebrated on Monday—March 26, because the 25 is a Sunday

Color Mary and the angel



And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior ...”

Luke 1:46-47

SAINT JOSEPH

MARCH 19

Saint Joseph took care of Jesus while was growing up. Saint Joseph took care of the holy Virgin Mary, too. Jesus and Mary were his family. He worked hard for them. HE was a carpenter. He made things out of wood and sold them. Saint Joseph showed Jesus how to make things, too. He wanted Jesus to learn so he would know how to work when he got big. Joseph showed Jesus how to saw the wood and how to hammer nails without bending them or hitting his fingers.



There are a lot of people who would like to work and cannot find a job. Some of them are mothers who need work. They have families who have to eat and have a place to live. It makes a father or a mother very sad not to be able to take care of the family. They worry like Saint Joseph did.

Jesus, I feel sorry for people who want to work but nobody will hire them. If Saint Joseph did not have a job in Egypt, he would help them. And, since he is your foster father, maybe you would like him to do things like that for the poor people. Amen.

St. Theresa tell us about St Joseph :

“When ever I have ask something to St. Joseph, it always has been granted”.
“If you love and talk to St Joseph you will always walk in the right path”

What do you ask from Saint Joseph today?



Prayer Service

CANAL 3

For the People for God

On the prayer cards below write short prayers for our brothers and sisters in the Church. Color the words: Love, Serve, Forgive. Choose one to read out loud during the Prayer Service. Save the other three and use them as your prayer before meals or before you go to bed at night.

Play the signing song on the video: “We are the Body of Christ”





























Opening Prayer: Lord Jesus, you chose us to be members of Your Body. We want to help others to know and love You, too. And so we pray:

(Have each person read one prayer-petition. After every five, sign the Chorus of the song. Continue until everyone has had a turn.)

Closing Prayer: Jesus, we are happy to bring the message of the Father’s love to the world. Help us when we get tired. Help us when we do not feel strong. We love you, Jesus. Thank you for loving us. Amen

<p>DEAR GOD,</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>WE PRAY TO THE LORD</p> <p>LOVE</p>	<p>SERVE</p> <p>DEAR GOD,</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>WE PRAY TO THE LORD</p>
<p>FORGIVE</p> <p>DEAR GOD,</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>WE PRAY TO THE LORD</p>	<p>DEAR GOD,</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>WE PRAY TO THE LORD</p>

Jesus is happy when you help at home without being asked. Each day this week, color the picture of the things you do to help your parents at home that day. Try to do each thing every day.

	MAKE MY BED	HANG UP MY CLOTHES	SET THE TABLE	PUT AWAY MY TOYS
SUNDAY				
MONDAY				
TUESDAY				
WEDNESDAY				
THURSDAY				
FRIDAY				
SATURDAY				

*The Lord is my helper
Hebrews 13:6*

Happy Helper Certificate

I, _____

Saint Matilda

PROTECTORS
OF THE HOME

TEXT AND DRAWINGS
SR BEATRIZ, S.H.M

MATILDA WAS A PRINCESS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE. SHE WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL. WHEN SHE WAS STILL VERY YOUNG SHE MARRIED PRINCE HENRY, DUKE OF SAXONY.

Wow, Henry! Now we can help the poor people more...

Matilda, from today I am the new Emperor of Germany...

HER OWN SUBJECTS SOON BEGIN TO CALL MATILDA "THE QUEEN'S AINT"... SHE HAD FIVE CHILDREN WHOM SHE LOVED VERY MUCH.

Bruno, my little one.

Sons, you are going to hurt each other...

Mama, I want to be a priest.

Mama! Come quick, it's another poor person...

Give up, Otto!

Never, Henry!

CERTAINLY, THE PALACE WAS A HAPPY HOME. UNTIL ONE DAY THE EMPEROR BECAME ILL...

Henry, let's pray together...

My spouse, thank you for all the good you have done me...

Children, your mother is a saint...

HENRY EVENTUALLY DIED... IT WAS A SOURCE OF GREAT SORROW FOR MATILDA. FROM THIS MOMENT ON SHE LIVES ONLY FOR GOD AND FOR THE POOR...

HER SON OTTO IS NAMED EMPEROR WHICH CAUSES A RIFT BETWEEN HIM AND HIS OWN BROTHER, HENRY, DUKE OF BAVARIA. HER MOTHER'S HEART SUFFERS AND SHE PRAYS...



Lord, how short the nights are when I pass them together with You...



I have nothing to give you...

ONE DAY SOME JEALOUS CONSPIRATORS MAKE FALSE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST HER. HER SON OTTO BELIEVES THEM AND EXPELLS HER FROM THE PALACE. HENRY, THE OTHER BROTHER, SUPPORTS HIS BROTHER



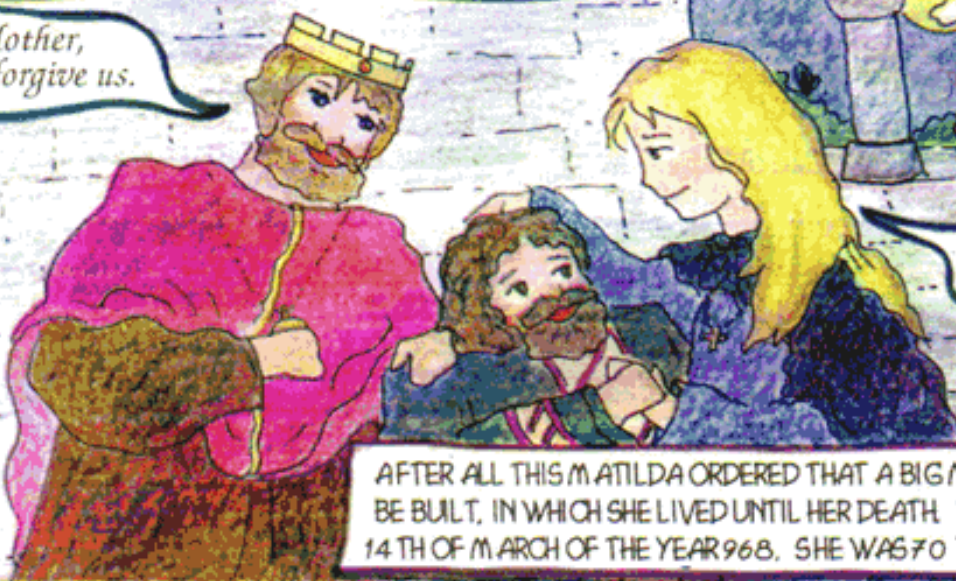
Mother of the poor... How can your sons have done this to you?

Baaa!

Do not speak ill of them.. At least they are no longer fighting with each other

...AFTER A TIME OTTO AND HENRY REALISED HOW BADLY THEY HAD BEHAVED WITH THEIR MOTHER...

Mother, forgive us.



My sons...

AFTER ALL THIS MATILDA ORDERED THAT A BIG MONASTERY BE BUILT, IN WHICH SHE LIVED UNTIL HER DEATH. IT WAS THE 14TH OF MARCH OF THE YEAR 968. SHE WAS 70 YEARS OLD.

Oh, what a beautiful vision!

March 4:
Second Sunday of Lent

Gen. 15:5-12,17-18;
Phil. 3:20-4:1;

Talk about the story. Talk with the children about what they think happiness is. What must a person do to be happy? What do their parents do to make the family happy? What makes the children happy?

Activities and prayer. Have the children draw and cut out construction paper objects or symbols of what makes them happy. Ask the children to express what they need to be happy and their commitment for the week. As each child speaks up, respond: "Jesus, we want to walk with you"

You are there. Imagine the scene on the mountain. How do you feel? Are you happy to be there? What do you tell Jesus when he says you must go back to work? Do you ask to stay on a little longer?



Q: One day Jesus appeared to his friends as dazzling and bright as the sun. How would you describe what Jesus might have looked like when he appeared to his friends? Is this the way you think of Jesus?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- What do you find difficult or boring to do?
- What do you think Jesus wants you to do?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about things you really do not like to do. Tell him about a time when you felt really happy. Did the happiness last? Ask Jesus for the help to do the right things, even if they are difficult or boring. Tell him what you would like to do this week:

- ☺ For example: I will make an effort to do my homework well.
- ☺ For example: I will not complain if I have to do something I do not want to
- ☺ _____

WORD SEARCH

Find the following hidden words in Spanish. Try to make a sentence with them:

Mountain, Vision, Jesus, Shine. Light, Son, Tents, Beloved, Peter, Moses, John, Elijah

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

God is very patient

March 11:
Third Sunday of Lent

Ex. 3:1-8, 13-15;
1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12
Lucas 13:1-9

Talk about the story. Talk with the children about the things they usually want right away and those for which they are willing to wait. What type of things do their parents constantly ask them to do? Why do their parents have to repeat these requests? When their parents or teachers are about to punish them, do the children ask for another chance? Do they usually get it? Are the children patient with younger children?



Activities and prayer. Prepare a construction-paper tree. The tree should have leaves but no fruit. Ask the children to draw and cut fruit. On the fruit they should write what they would like to work on —such as well done homework , helping around the house, forgiving someone, listening better. As they place their fruits on the tree, they should express their commitment for the week. As each child places his or her fruit, all respond: “Thank you, Jesus, for being patient with me”.

You are there. Would you cut down the fig tree? What do you think Jesus was trying to say by telling this story? What does the fig tree represent? Could the fig tree be you?

☞ A man became impatient with his tree and wanted to cut it down because it did not produce enough fruit. Are you ever impatient with things that do not go your way or people who do not do what you want them to?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- ☞ Are your parents and teachers patient with you? Are you patient with others?
- ☞ Are you willing to give someone who has upset or hurt you a second chance?

What am I going to do?

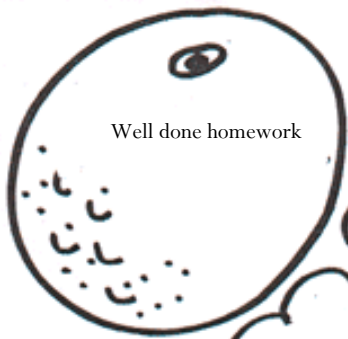
Speak to Jesus and tell him how you feel when someone loses patient with you. Tell him you, too, want to be patient with others. Tell him what you would like to do this week:

- ☺ For example: I will want for a younger sibling without shouting at him or her.
- ☺ For example: I will make an effort to do whatever my parents and teachers ask me to do.
- ☺ _____

WORD SEARCH

Find the following hidden words in Spanish. Try to make a sentence with them:
Figtree, Patient, Gardener, Master, Fruit, Cut Green, Fertilize, Cultivate, Leaves

J A R D I N E R O F
M C U L T I V A R E
I G L H S I A U D R
P A C I E N T E N T
V Q H G I O T W X I
E A O U D D A G H L
R H J E S U S Q N I
D E A R A E M A B Z
E E S A O Ñ A R L A
S O P Q C O R T A R



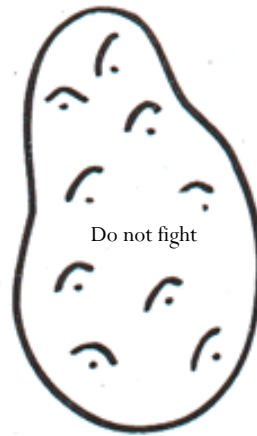
Well done homework



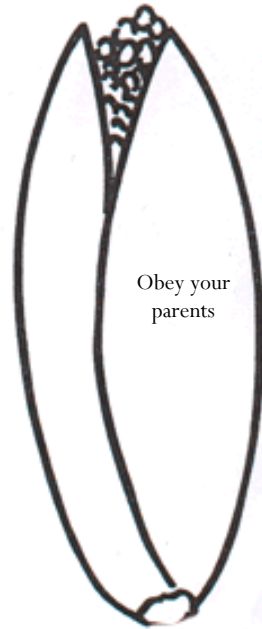
Forgiving someone



Helping around the house



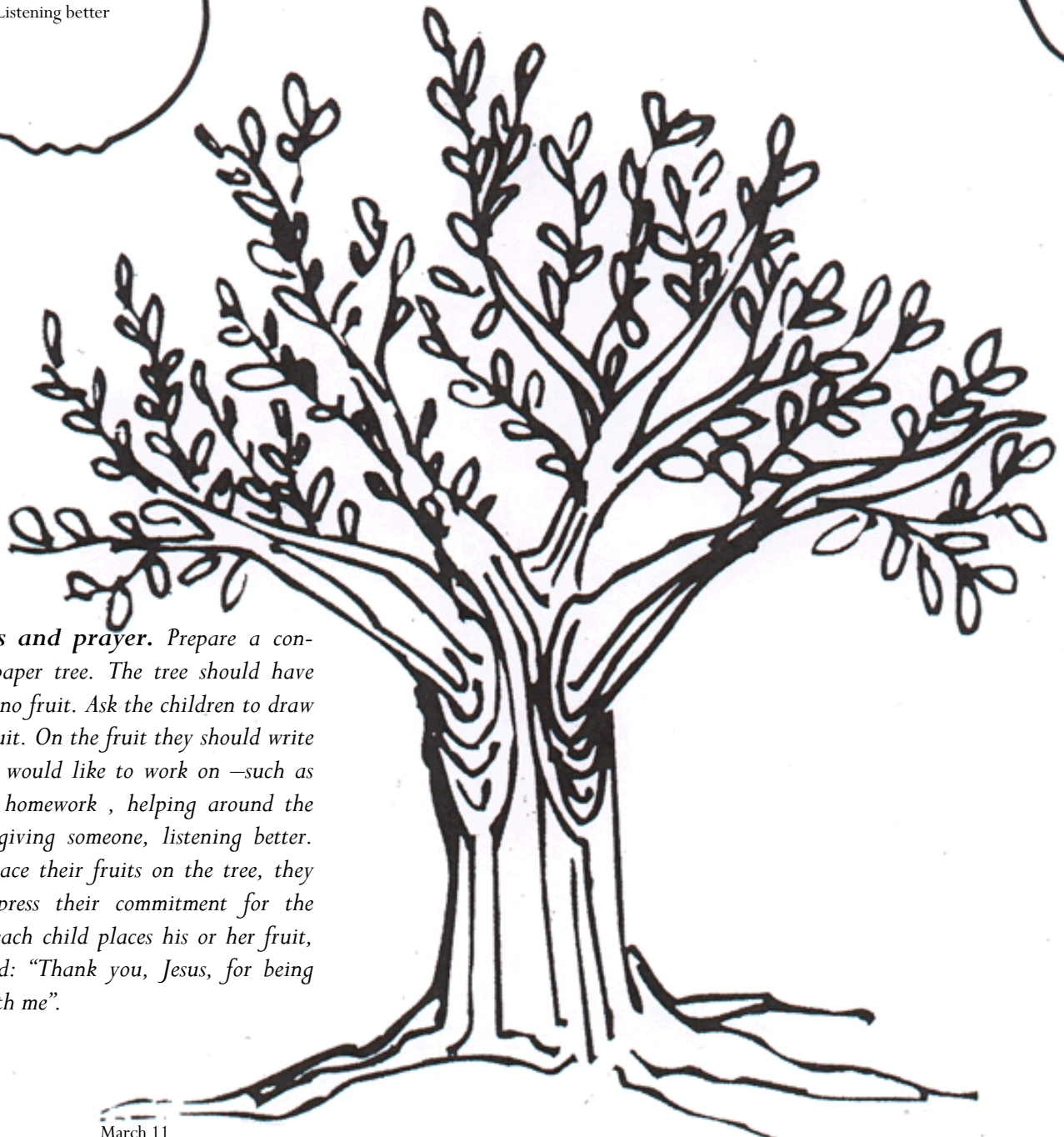
Do not fight



Obey your parents



Listening better



Activities and prayer. Prepare a construction-paper tree. The tree should have leaves but no fruit. Ask the children to draw and cut fruit. On the fruit they should write what they would like to work on —such as well done homework , helping around the house, forgiving someone, listening better. As they place their fruits on the tree, they should express their commitment for the week. As each child places his or her fruit, all respond: “Thank you, Jesus, for being patient with me”.

March 11

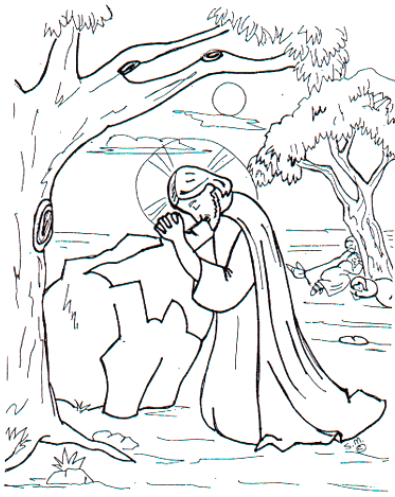
Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:18-,13-15; Cor. 10:1-6,10-12; Luke 13:1-9

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

These mysteries are pray Tuesday and Friday

We suggest you pray during Lent

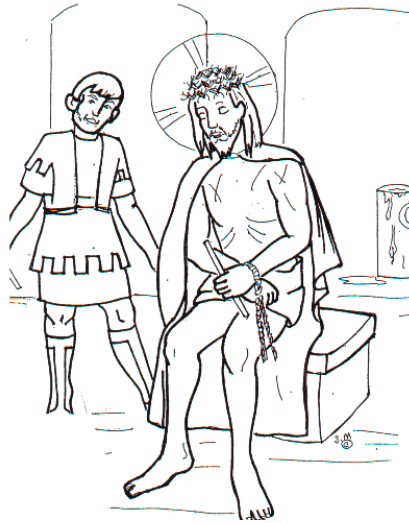


1. *The Agony in the Garden (Lk 22,39-44)*

In His anguish He prayed with all the greater intensity, and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. Then He rose from prayer and came to His disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted with grief.

One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, One Glory Be, etc.

Fruit of the Mystery: Sorrow for Sin



3. *The Crowning with Thorns (Mk 15,16-18)*

They stripped off His clothes and wrapped Him in a scarlet military cloak. Weaving a crown out of thorns they fixed in on His head, and stuck a reed in His right hand.

One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, One Glory Be, etc.

Fruit of the Mystery: Courage



4. *The Carrying of the Cross (Jn 19,16-18)*

Carrying the cross by Himself, He went out to what is called the Pace of the Skull (in Hebrew Golgotha)

One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, One Glory Be, etc.

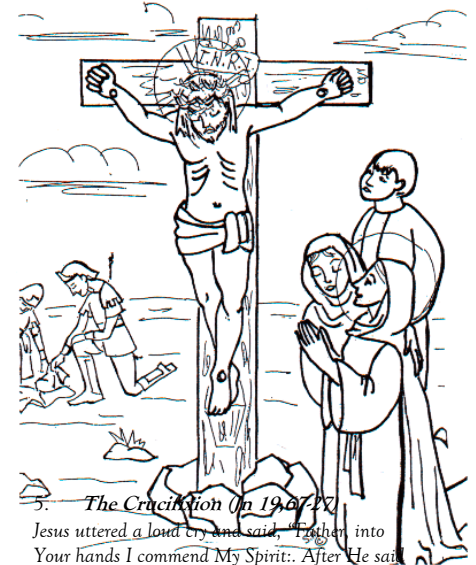
Fruit of the Mystery: Patient

2. *The Scouring at the Pillar (Mt 27,22)*

Pilate's next move was to take Jesus and have Him scourged.

One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, One Glory Be, etc.

Fruit of the Mystery: Purity



5. *The Crucifixion (Jn 19,27-30)*

Jesus uttered a loud cry and said, "Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit." After He said this, He expired.

One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, One Glory Be, etc.

Fruit of the Mystery: Perseverance

The story of a good father

March 18:
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos. 5:9, 10-12;
2 Cor. 5:17-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Talk about the story. Talk with the children about a time when they felt separated from someone they love because of a family feud. How did they feel? When they do something wrong, do they feel confident that their parents will forgive them? What do they think is unforgivable? Does God forgive everything? What does a person who needs forgiveness have to do?

Activities. Act out the story of the prodigal son and let the children make up different endings. How does the older brother react? Does he go to the party?

Final Prayer. As each child expresses his or her commitment for the week, all answer: "You always welcome me to your home. Thank you, Jesus"

You are there. If you were the younger son, how would you feel when you return home? If you were the father, what would you say to your son? If you were the older brother, what would you say to your father and to your younger brother?



🗣️: A sorry young man who has been bad return home, and his father welcomes him back with a big party. Would you forgive the young man if he was your brother? Is it easy for you to forgive those who have hurt you?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

📖 Think of a time when you did something bad and thought you would not be forgiven. Did you ask for forgiveness? How did you feel when you were forgiven?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him how you feel when you do something bad and are forgiven. Tell him how you feel when your parents forgive your brother or sister and you think he or she does not deserve forgiveness. Tell him what you would like to do this week:

☺ For example: I will ask for forgiveness when I have hurt someone.

☺ For example: I will rejoice when someone else is forgiven

WORD SEARCH

Find the following hidden words in Spanish. Try to make a sentence with them:

Young, Brother, Older, Father, Money Inheritance, Party, Dead, Alive, Lost, Find

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

Forgiveness

1. Color the pictures
2. Think of what happened with the son and the Forgiving Father.
3. Tell the story in your class room, club meeting, or to someone at home, pointing to the pictures you colored



No one could throw the first stone

Is. 43:16-21;
Phil. 3:8-14;
John 8:1-11

March 25:
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Talk about the story. Talk with the children about criticism. What do they criticize in other children, their teachers, or neighbors? Do they hear a lot of criticism at home? Why is it better not to criticize others all the time? Is it hard for them to admit when they have done something wrong?

Activities and prayer. Give each of the children a stone. Ask them to paint something they are sorry about on the stone. They should place the stones in a basket to be taken up at the Offertory. As they express their commitment or prayer for the week, all say: "Lord, I want to start".

You are there. What do you think Jesus was writing in the dirt? What would you have done if you had a stone? Do you think the woman deserved to be punished? How do you think she felt when she left? Do you think she sinned again?



🔔 A crowd wanted to stone to death a woman who had sinned. But Jesus told the crowd that only those who had never sinned could throw a stone. Do you judge your friends or family harshly or do you forgive like Jesus?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

📖 Jesus forgives and invites you to try to stop doing wrong and bad things. Do you need forgiveness for something right now?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about things you have done that you are sorry about. Ask him for strength not to do them again. Tell him what you would like to do this week:

☺ For example: I will try to be patient with someone who is bothering me.

☺ For example: I will forgive someone who has hurt me and will ask for forgiveness from someone I have hurt.

WORD SEARCH













Find the following hidden words in Spanish. Try to make a sentence with them:

Stone, Condemn, Sin, Woman, Men, Unfaithful, Jesus, Write, Ground, Forgive

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

What do these symbols mean?

There are three columns below labeled Symbol, and Meaning of Symbol. Draw a line from the symbol in the left-hand column to its name in the middle column. Then draw another line from the name in the middle column to its meaning in the right-hand column. Every symbol has a meaning in the life and death of Jesus.

Symbol	Name of Symbol	Meaning of Symbol
	Croos	The drink used at the Last Supper
	Bread	Sign meaning "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews"
	Palms	Jesus dies on this
	Crown of Thorns	These were used to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem
	Wine	Jesus wore this as he carried the cross
	INRI	The food used at the Last Supper
	Empty tomb	Judas received this to betray Jesus
	Rooster	She wiped his face with it as he carried the cross
	Thirty pieces of silver	The stands for what Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane
	Dice	This crowed after Peter denied knowing Jesus three times
	Verónica veil	These were rolled for Jesus' clothes
	Praying hands	It was empty because he rose from the dead