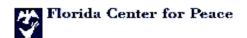


Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



April 2009 Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In this month of April we celebrated Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday and finishing in Easter Sunday. Encourage all to grow spiritually meditating in the life of the saints.

Enclosed you will find the some feasts and saints of the month:

April	02	St. Francis of Paula
April	04	St. Gema Galgani
April	07	St. John Baptist de la Salle
April	11	St. Stanislaus Kostka
April	17	Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
Āpril	25	St. Mark
April	27	Leader's workshop
Āpril	29	St. Catherine of Sienna

Enclosed Material and Activities:

Calendar of the month Meditation on the Sunday Gospel

Activities:

- a) Activity of the Divine Mercy
- b) Doing good things
- c) The road to Glory
- d) From Confession to Communion
- e) Jesus Rises
- f) Through the Cross to the light

Suggested videos: (all available in the video club)

1 The Savior III

- 2. Easter
- 3 The story of Sister Faustina
- 4. The merciful love of Jesus

- 5 Eucharist
- 6 Stations of the Cross for Children

The next monthly meeting will be Monday April 27 at 7:00 PM in St Agatha Church.

We are planning our next Congress of the Friends of Jesus and Mary for July 15, 16, 17 y 18 2010 in Miami, Florida. We invite all to make plans to attend. It is important to share ideas and experiences. In the coming month we will give you more information

May God Bless you Always, Committee of Friends of Jesus y Mary.







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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Dn. 3,14-20,49 50,91- 92,95 Psal 3 Jn 8,31-42	2 St. Francis of Paula 6n 17,3-9 Psal 104 Jn 8,51-59	Jr 20.10-13 Psal 17 Jn 10,31-42	4 St. Isidore Ez 37,21-28 Psal Jr 31,10-113 Jn 11,45-57
5 Palm Sunday	6	7 St. John Baptist	8	9	10 Good Friday	11
Is 50,4-7 Psal 21 Phil 2,6-11 Mk 14,1-15,47	Is 42,1-7 Psal 26 Jn 12,1-11	de la Salle Is 49,1-6 Psal 70 Jn 13,21-33.36-38	Is 50,4-9a Psal 68 Mt 26,14-25	Is 61,1-3a 6a.8b-9 Psal 88 Ap 1,5-8 Lk. 4,16-21	Is 52,13-53,12 Psal 30 Hb 4,14-16;5,-9 Jn 8,1-19.42	Gn 1,1-2,2 Psal 103 Gn 22,1-18
12 Eastern Sunday Acts 10,34a 37-43 Psal 117 Col 3,1-4	13 Acts 2,14.33-32 Psal 15 Mt 28,8-15	14 Acts 2,36-41 Psal 32 Jn 20,11-18	Acts 3,1-10 Salmo104 Lk 24,13-35	16 Acts 3,11-26 Psal 8 Lk 24,35-48	17 Acts 4,1-12 Psal 117 Jn 21,1-14	18 Acts 4,13-21 Psal 117 Mk 16,9-15
19 2nd Sunday of Easter Acts 4,32-35 Psal 117 Un 5,1-6 Un 20,19-31	20 Acts 4,23-31 Psal 2 Jn 3,1-8	21 San Anselmo Acts 4,32-37 Psal 92 Jn 3,7b-15	Acts 5,17-26 Psal 33 Jn 3,16-21	23 San Jorge Acts 5,27-33 Psal 33 Jn 3,31-36	24 Acts 5,34-42 Psal 26 Jn 6,1-15	25 S. Mak Evangelist 1P 5,5b-14 Psal 88 Mk 16,15-20
26 3rd Sunday of Easter Hch3,13-15.17-19 Psal 4 1Jn 2,1-5 Lk 24,35-48	27 Acts 6,8-15 Psal 118 Jn 6,22-29	28 St Louis Mary of Montfort Acts 7,51-8,1a Psal 30 Jn 6,30-35	29 St Catherine of Sienna Acts 8,1b-8 Psal 65 Jn 6,35-40	30 St Pius V Acts 8,26-40 Psal 65 Jn 6,44-51		

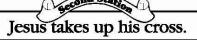
The Road to Glory

When we pray the Stations of the Cross, we relive Jesus' long, slow journey to Calvary. As we walk with Jesus, we remember his great love and we pray to walk in that love always.



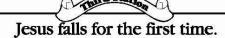
Jesus was condemned for something he did not do. Have you ever been accused or punished for something you did not do? How did you feel?

Jesus, at times life seems so unfair. In your name, I will try to speak out when I see injustice and to defend those who are treated unfairly. Amen.



A long way to go, a heavy cross to carry. Name your own cross—illness, family problems, difficulties at school. What or who helps you carry your cross?

Dearest Lord, give me strength to carry my cross each day. Amen.



Weakened by his beating, Jesus falls to his knees. Even in following Jesus, we sometimes slip and fall. When you fail to follow Jesus, what do you do to get back on the right track?

Dear Jesus, help me to begin anew every time I turn away from you. Amen.

Name -



Mary's heart is broken by the pain of her son. List something that makes your mother or father happy. Can you help make this happen?

Dearest Jesus, show me the way to love my parents as you loved Mary and Joseph. Amen.

Simon helps Jesus carry his cross.

The soldiers force Simon of Cyrene to help Jesus carry his cross. How can you help someone who is carrying a heavy cross?

Jesus, teach me to help you by helping others. Amen.

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

Veronica reaches out to wipe away the signs of suffering in Jesus' face. Name two ways you can bring a smile to someone's face.

Jesus, there is so much sadness in this world. Please help me to bring happiness and peace to others.

Amen.

Jesus falls for the second time.

Jesus is exhausted. The journey is so long, the cross so heavy. Think about a time when you felt so tired you just wanted to quit. What did you do about it?

Dear Jesus, give me the strength to keep trying, even when things get rough. Amen.



Jesus tells the women not to cry for him, but for all God's suffering children. Name one example of suffering in the world and one thing you can do to help the situation.

Lord, help me to wipe away the tears of those who suffer. Amen.

Jesus falls for the third time.

Jesus' journey is almost over when he falls again. What would you like to say to Jesus at this time?

Dear Jesus, I realize how much I need your help. Thank you for not giving up on me. Amen.

Soldiers strip Jesus of his clothing.

The soldiers took away Jesus' robes but they could not take away his dignity and ultimate glory. Reflect on a time that you felt embarrassed or humiliated. How did you handle it?

Dearest Jesus, help me to keep my priorities straight and to remember that God is with me even during hard times. Amen.



The soldiers hammer the nails into Jesus' hands and feet. List one way you can serve as Jesus' hands and one way you can serve as his feet.

Dear Jesus, please lead me in your way of love so that I can learn to be your hands and feet in this world.

Amen.



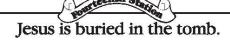
After three hours of suffering, Jesus dies on the cross and someone cries out, "Clearly, this was the Son of God." What do you find hard to believe? What helps you find the truth?

Lord, grant me faith, especially during the darkest moments in my life. Amen.

Jesus is taken down from the cross.

Mary waits below the cross to take her son into her arms. It is a very sad time for her. When you are sad, what or who do you find most comforts you?

Mary, you had much sadness in your life, yet you never stopped doing God's will. Help me to be brave and faithful when I face difficulties in my life. Amen.



This looks like the end of a very sad story, but it is really just the beginning. Explain why.

Dear God, thank you for sending your son to show us the way to live—even if life gets very hard. Thank you for your promise to us of our "happy ending." Amen.



Dear God, this journey has been long and sad. But we know that soon we will celebrate Jesus' victory over death and his glory as your son. Help me to walk his footsteps with faith, courage, love, and determination. I ask this in his name. Amen.



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Palm Sunday April 05- 2009 Mark 11, 1-10

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14: 1-15, 47.

The Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

As they approached Jerusalem, near the towns of Beth phage and Bethany, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples on ahead with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you. As soon as you get there, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. And if someone asks you why you are doing that, say that the Master needs it and will send it back at once." So they went and found a colt out in the street, tied to the door of a house. As they were untying it, some of the by standers asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered just as Jesus had told them, and the crowd let them go. They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the animal, and Jesus got on. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches in the field and spread them on the road. The people who were in front and those who followed behind began to shout, "Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! God bless the coming Kingdom of King David, our Father! Praise to God!" (Mark 11, 1-10)

Reflection

As a remembrance of the entrance of Jesus in Jerusalem, we read on the begging of the Mass on Palm Sunday the gospel of Mark in the year B The palms are bless and distributed to all. During the Mass this Sunday the passion of Jesus is read.

Why would people first praise Jesus and then demand his death? Do you have known people who has betrayed you or your parents? How did you feel about it?

Activity

Reenact the scene of Jesus entrance in Jerusalem. Make a procession with palms. The children can wave them and sing Hosannas.

Prayer

Lord, you came to show us that the one sent by God is a servant to all. Help us to believe that true worth doesn't come from power but from our union with you. Help us to praise you each day through our acts of service to one another. Amen





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Easter Sunday April 12, 2009

Readings: Acts 10, 34a 37-43; Psalm 117 Colossians 3, 1-4; John 20, 1-9

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance. She went running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and saw the linen cloths, but he did not go in. Behind him came Simon Peter, and he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there and the cloth which had been around Jesus' head. It was not lying with the linen cloths but was rolled up by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed. (They still did not understand the scripture which said that he must rise from death.)

(John 20, 1-9)

Reflection

Jesus' resurrection was not a return to earthly life as it was the case of the resurrections he had done before Easter (Jairus' daughter, the son of the Naim widow, Lazarus). These facts were miraculous events, but the affected persons would have to return to their ordinary life. At a certain point, they would die again. The Resurrection of Jesus is essentially different. In his resurrected body he goes from the state of to a life beyond time and space. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #646)

Jesus' disciples did not understand what had to happen according to scripture.

What are some of the prevalent attitudes toward death in your families?

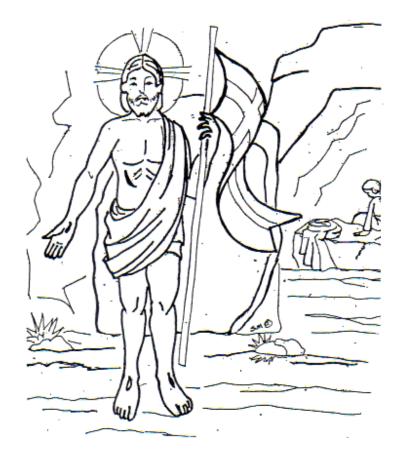
Do they treat death as the end of every thing?

Have they ever seen a death in their family?

How did they feel? Do they think that person is still near them in some way?

Prayer

Lord, today we celebrate your Resurrection with great joy. May our Gatherings always be full of joy because we have faith and the hope that, as you have conquered death, we, too, will rise with you. Amen

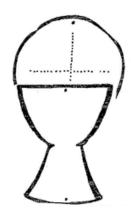


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Washing of the feet



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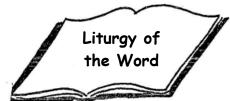
THIS IS MY BODY

Commemoration of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist



Eucharist Adoration

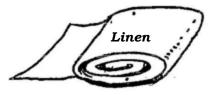
Good Friday





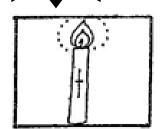
Adoration of the Holy Cross





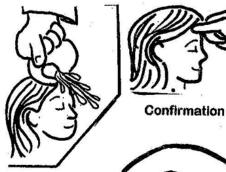
All the items and sacred vessels are remove from the church









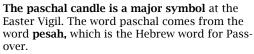


Baptism



First Holy Communion

FAMILY PASCHAL CANDLE CRAFT



This candle is sometimes called the Easter candle or the Christ candle, and it represents the presence of the Risen Christ the light of the world. The lighting of the candle symbolizes Christ overcoming the darkness of death, bringing us the promise of eternal life. From the light of this one candle, all the candles held by those present and all the candles in the sanctuary will be lit. The light of the Risen Lord will pierce the darkness.

The paschal candle remains in the sanctuary and is lit every Sunday during the Easter Season. After the Easter Season, the paschal candle is positioned next to the baptismal font. It will be lit for all Baptisms and funerals.

Meaning of the symbols

- A large cross, in the center of the cross and at the four ends grains of incense are inserted, representing the five wounds of Jesus.
- At the top of the vertical beam of the cross is the Greek letter A (alpha), and at the bottom of the vertical beam is the Greek letter U (omega).

These are the first and last letters of the Greek

Alphabet, and they symbolize Jesus Christ as the beginning and end of all things.

Finally, the current year appears on the candle, usually around the center of the cross, where the beams meet.

MATERIALS

- 1. A picture of a paschal candle
- **2.** White construction paper
- 3. Flat bottoms
- **4.** Glue and tape
- 5. Colored pencils and markers
- **6.** Cardboard tube (empty paper-towel cardboard tube)
- 7. Small pieces of construction paper (various colors



The children can take home the paschal candle they prepare to use as a center-piece at meal times or where the family gathers for prayer during the Easter Season

PROCEDURE

- 1- Wrap a piece of white construction paper around the tube Mark a light pencil mark at the center.
- 2- Lay the paper flat and pencil on it a sketch of a paschal candle. Draw the cross, making small circles in the center and at the four ends.
- 3- Put an A(alpha) at the top of the cross and an U (Omega) at the bottom
- 4-Put 2009 on the candle, perhaps around the center Of the cross, where the beams meet.
- 5- Decorate it. Use the craft to represent the five wounds of our Lord.
- 6- Spread glue all over the tube and wrap the construction paper around it (slowly)
- 7 Make sure it is well paste placing some scotch tape on the back.
- 8 Prepare a flame from red construction paper and glue it to the top.

Jesus Rises

The hours dragged slowly for the soldiers who were guarding the grave.

As dawn approached, the ground began to ...

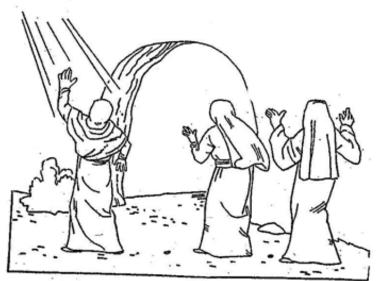
Matthew—Chapter 28, Verses 1-15; Mark—Chapter 16 Verses 1-11; Luke—Chapter 24, Verses 1-112

Circle the letters that contain a star and list them in the spaces below to complete the sentence

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When Jesus' friends came to visit the grave they found it empty! Where was Jesus? The angel who had frightened the soldiers, came to them and said ...



To read the following, use this chart to decode it.

A B C D E P G H I J K L M
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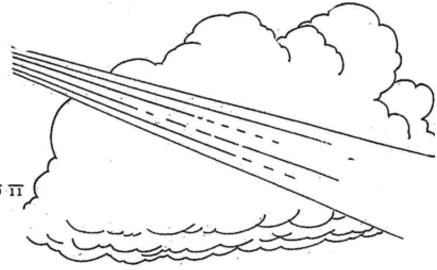
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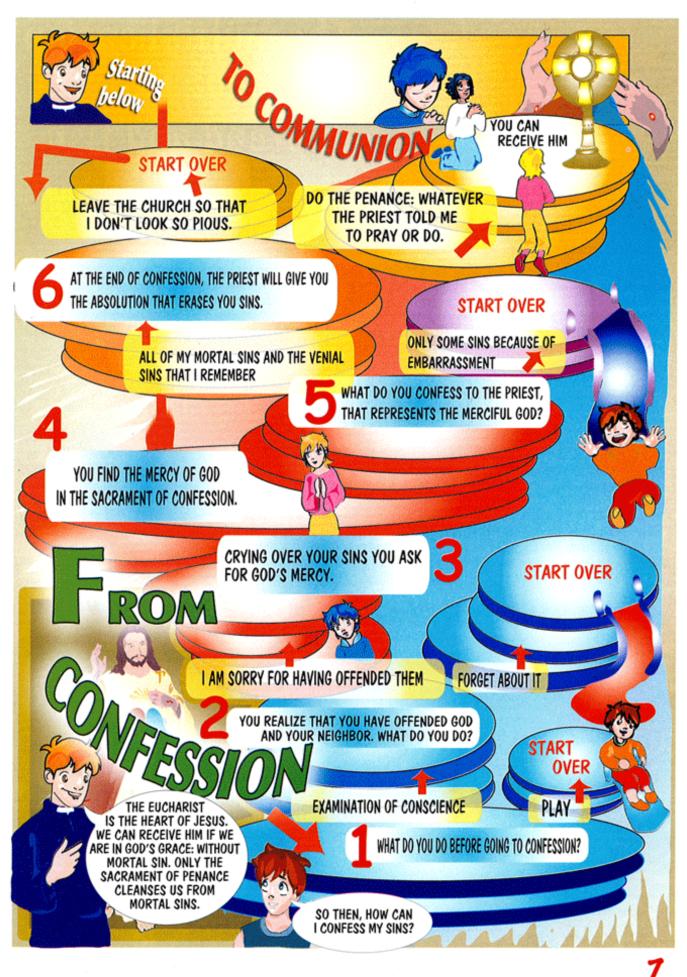
14 16 1 10 11 20 3 21 23 15 13 24

Meanwhile, the eleven sorrowing disciples were still in shock over what had happened. They had forgotten that Jesus said he would...

Below are only the letters that are needed to solve this puzzle. Match the number to its correct letter.

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Second Sunday of Easter April 19, 2009

Readings: Acts 4, 32-35; Psalm 117; 1 John 5, 1-6; John 20: 19-31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them "Peace be with you," he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the twin), was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him. "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas," Put your finger here, and look at my hands, then reach out your hand and put it on my side. Stop your doubting and believe". Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God".

Jesus said to him," Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!"

(John 20: 19-31)

Reflection

Peace is the best gift of Jesus' presence among his disciples.

Share with the children about the things they find very hard to believe. Talk also about movies or television stories they believe easily. See if they can distinguish between fiction and reality and the difference with what Jesus says. In today's gospel Thomas believe when he sees the wounds of Jesus. Jesus is hurt in many of our brothers and sisters in our world. Do we see his wounds? Thomas believes only when he sees. Do you believe what adults tell you about God and what you learn in the group?

Activity

Dramatize Thomas story. How do others react when Thomas refuses to believe? Are they angry? What do they say? What do they say later when Thomas sees Jesus?

Prayer

Lord, we are worried and afraid about so many things. Be present among us with your peace. Give us the faith that finds you in the suffering of others. Unite us in community so that we will share every thing we have and so there won't be any needy among us. Amen





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Third Sunday of Easter-April 26, 2009

Readings: Acts 3, 13-15.17-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2, 1-5; Luke 24, 35-48

Jesus is real: ghosts don't eat

The two then explained to them what had happened on the road, and how they had recognized the Lord when he broke the bread. While the two were telling them this, suddenly the Lord himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were terrified, thinking that they were seeing a ghost. But he said to them, "Why are you alarmed? Why are these doubts coming up in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet, and see that it is I myself. Feel me, and you will know, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones, as you can see I have." He said this and showed them his hands and his feet. They still could not believe, they were so full of joy and wonder; so he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of cooked fish, which he took and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are the very things I told you about while I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms had to come true."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them." This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer and must rise from death three days later, and in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

(Luke 24, 35-48)

Reflection

If you were there, how do you feel when you touch Jesus hands and feet? Do you think Jesus was truly hungry when he asked for something to eat? How do you feel?

What do you want to ask Jesus? Jesus is very kind to his friends and tries to calm down their fears. Do you help a younger brother or sister feel les afraid of something?

Jesus brings us peace. Do you try to help people reconcile, who are mad at each other? Once we have experience the Resurrection of Jesus, we are sent to give witness to our faith through our changed lives.

Activity

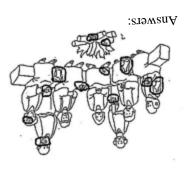
Ask the children to draw and cut fish and write on them what type of food (their commitment) they are going to offer to the risen Jesus. Place the fish on a basket and pray to Jesus so that they will accomplish what they promise.

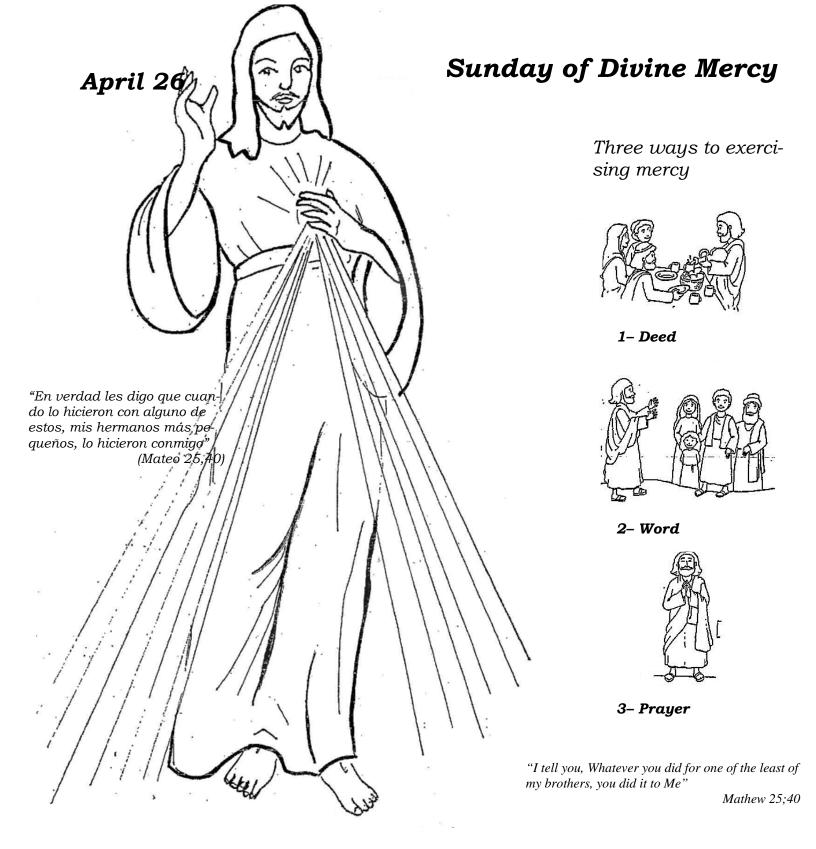
Prayer

Lord, when you are with us, we have peace, joy and consolation. Help us to see you always present among us and to be reconciled with one another. Help us not to do our will but yours. Amen



Find three sheep, three fish, three loaves of bread and three number 3s hidden in the picture.





The Lord told Sister Faustina:

"I demand from you deeds of mercy which are to arise our of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. I am giving you three ways to exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first—by deed, the second –by the word; the third –by the prayers."

Diary 742

Doing Good

The Church imitates Jesus by performing the Corporal Works of Mercy TO discover how our Church serves the people of God, match the works of mercy with their proper signs of Christian love.



CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- 1– Feed the hungry
- 2- Give drink to the thirsty
- 3- Clothe the naked
- 4– Visit the imprisoned
- 5– Shelter the homeless
- 6- Visit the sick
- 7- Bury the dead



















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