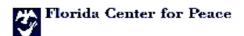


## Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



November 2009 Miami, Florida

#### Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We begin this month of November with the great celebration of the Feast of All Saints.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* 26. 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 8 Saint Angela of the Cross November 17 Saint Elizabeth of Hungry

November 26 Thanksgiving
November 30 St Andrew Apostle
November 30 Leader's Workshop

#### Enclosed materials:

1) Monthly calendar & Sunday Gospel

#### Activities

- a) Miraculous Medal
- b) Rosary to give thanks
- c) Celebrate Advent
- d) The Creed, Hail Mary & Our Father
- e) Liturgical Year
- F) Ail Saints Day & All Souls Day

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

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

Our next workshop will be November 30, at St Agatha Church 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. We're looking forward to be with you!

We are planning the VI Congress of the Friends of Jesus and Mary for July 15, 16, 17 & 18 2010 in Miami, Florida. We invite all to start making plans to attend.

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

# Mesagge From Priest Andres

#### Dear brothers in Christ:

Through the sacrament of Baptism we form part of the Church of Christ. We form only one Body, one family where each one of us, not only feels the need of each other, but also is committed to live in relationship with each other.

Perhaps so many times, we see the Church solely in its earthly dimension – journeying, without stopping to deepen our faith with the "communion of the saints".

The month of November starts with the celebration of All Saints Day. Immediately following, the 2nd of November, we celebrate All Souls Day. These celebrations help us unite the three parts of our Church, seeing it in its totality, and motivating us to live in communion with all the members of the Church of Christ. As part of the pilgrimage Church, we cannot forget our brothers who have reached eternal happiness and form the triumphant Church, as we are also committed to our brothers in Church being purified (Purgatory).

It is very sad that on the night before All Saints Day, a perfect opportunity to live vigilantly in prayer for this great solemnity, the world is diverted with "Halloween". Once again, another Christian celebration, the eve of All Saints Day "All hollow's eve", is transformed into a fantasy of witches and ghosts. A celebration that makes fun of our brothers, members of the same Body, the same Church. Therefore, we must be wise and awake to not offend Jesus – the head of the Body of Christ and not make a joke out of the memory of our dead brothers.

On the mountain of the transfiguration, that gives us a remote idea of the heavenly reality, Jesus converses with Moses and Elijah (MK 9). Did they not die and leave more than bones? Their presence is the communion of saints and confirms our faith in the resurrection and eternal life. Also, those who died in God's grace live with God and deserve our respect and love. Therefore, I would like to encourage you to:

- Study the life of the saints, to receive their virtues.
- Ask the saints to pray for us, just as we ask our brothers and friends to pray for us. Their intercession is very powerful and effective. In truth, they do not need our prayers, but as St. Bernard teaches: "The veneration of the memory of the saints is for our benefit and not theirs".

The saints in heaven are for us, who are in the world. Like fathers and mothers, who united in the great love they have for Jesus, spend all their time seeking our confort. That is all they are interested in, "love", but have no better way of showing their love of the Lord, except loving their neighbor, as He loved them. This is how the saints in heaven glorify God in all eternity.

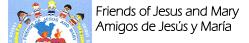
Which of us is not offended if someone disrespects one of our dead brothers, possibly your mother, grandfather or some family member? Although not with us in body, our faith confirms that their souls, created in God's image and likeness, are eternal and live with God. And if they need purification, as Church, we are called to pray for the rest of their souls. Because of this, this month of November, I invite you to:

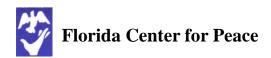
- Pray with more insistence for the souls in purgatory.
- Complete the requirements to achieve the indulgences for our dead brothers.
- Visit our cemeteries (holy plains), clean the tombs, and enter into communion with our brothers that wait the day of final liberation and salvation.

Perhaps some parents may protest their children going to the cemetery. It creates a scary atmosphere. But the same children are not scared to celebrate "the night of the witches". They are not scared to watch scary television shows and terror games!!!

Brothers, live in a conscious, respectful way with much faith in relation to our dead brothers. Live with faith and commitment to the "communion of saints".

God bless you. And the Virgin Mary, Queen of heaven and earth, the only one taken to heaven body and soul, helps us live in communion with all the dead.







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# November 2009

Domingo	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNES-	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Saints	2 All Souls	3 St. Martin de Porres	4	5	6 First Friday	7 First Saturday
Rev 7,2-4,9-14 Psalm 3 1 Jn 3,1-3 Mt 5,1-12a	Mr 2-12,43-46 Psalm 125 Ro 6,3-9 Jn12,23-28	Ro 12,5-16a Psalm 130 Lk 14, 15-24	Ro 13,8-10 Psalm 111 Lk 14, 25-33	Ro 14,7-12 Psalm 26 Lk 15,1-10	Ro 15,14-21 Psalm 97 Lk 16,1-8	Ro 16,3-9.16.22-27 Psalm 144 Lk 16,9-15
8 XXXII Sunday Ordinary Time	9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10 St. Leo the Great	11	12 St. Josaphat	13	14
1R 17,10-16 Psalm 145 Hb 9,24-28 Mk 12,38-44	Ez 47,1-2.8-9.12 Psalm 45 Jn 2,13-22	Sb 2,23-3,9 Psalm 33 Lk 17,7-10	Sb 6,2-12 Psalm 118 Lk 17,11-19	Sb 7,22-8,1 Psalm 118 Lk 17,20-25	Sb 13,1-9 Psalm 18 Lk 17,26-37	Sb 18,14-16;19,6-9 Psalm 104 Lk 18,1-8
15 XXXIII Sunday Ordinary Time	16 St. Gertrude	17 St. Elizabeth of Hungry	18	19	20	21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Dn 12,1-3 Psalm 15 Hb 10,11-14.18 Mk 13,24-32	1M 1,11-+15.41-43.54- 57.62.64 Psalm 118 Lk 18,35-43	BI 2M 6,18-31 Psalm 3 Lk 19,1-10	BI 2M 7,20-31 Psalm 16 Lk 19,11-28	1M 2,15-29 Psalm 49 Lk 19,41-44	1M 4,36-37.52-59 Psalm 1 Cro 29 Lk 19,45-48	Za 2,14-17 Psalm: Lk 1,46-55 Mt 12,46-50
22 Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	23	24	25	26	27	28
Dn 7,13-14 Psalm 92 Rev 1,5-8 Jn 18,33b-37	Dn 1,1-6.8-20 Psalm: Dn 3,52.53.54. 55.56 Lk 21,1-4	Dn 2,31-45 Psalm: Dn 3,57-61 Lk 21,5-11	Dn 5,1-6.13-14. 16-17. 23-28 Psalm: Dn 3,62.63 Lk 21,12-19	Dn 6,12-28 Psalm: Dn 3,68.69 Lk 21,20-28	Dn 7,2-14 Psalm: Dn 3,75.76 Lk 21,29-33	Dn 7,15-27 Psalm: Dn 3,82.83 Lk 21,34-36
29 I Sunday of Advent	30 St. Andrew Apostle					
JR 33,14-16 Psalm 25 1 Ts 3,12-4,2 Lk 21,25-28.34-36	Ro 10,9-18 Psalm 18 Mt 4,18-22					



## All Saints November 01, 2009

Readings: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 23; 1John 3:1-3; Mathew 5:1-12a

#### The Sermon on the Mount

Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them:

"Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

"Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them!

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

"Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!

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

"Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God!

"Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!

"Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires;

the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

"Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were perse-

(Mathew 5:1-12a)

### Reflection

The saints we celebrate are not just those on our altars, but all those people, past and present, who are generous, peace makers, just and prayerful.

Do they know people who seem holy to them? Who is their favorite saint? Talk with them about the saints. Do they know anyone who does some of the things that Jesus says we need to do to be happy?

How do you feel when you are kind, generous, or a peacemaker? Do they posses any of the qualities that Jesus lists? Give opportunity to everyone to share.

## Activity

Bring books of life of saints to the group.

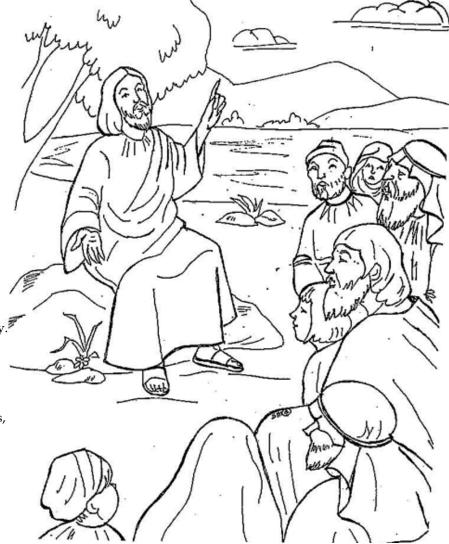
Let them pick one and give them time to read it.

Then share why that person was happy and holy.

Why will like to have as a role model?

#### Prayer

Lord , you know that we seek happiness. We know that happiness is your plan for us; that we may have what we need to live healthy lives, be peacemakers, with love for one another. Help us to live in happiness, as your beloved children, having the saints as our role models to follow. Amen

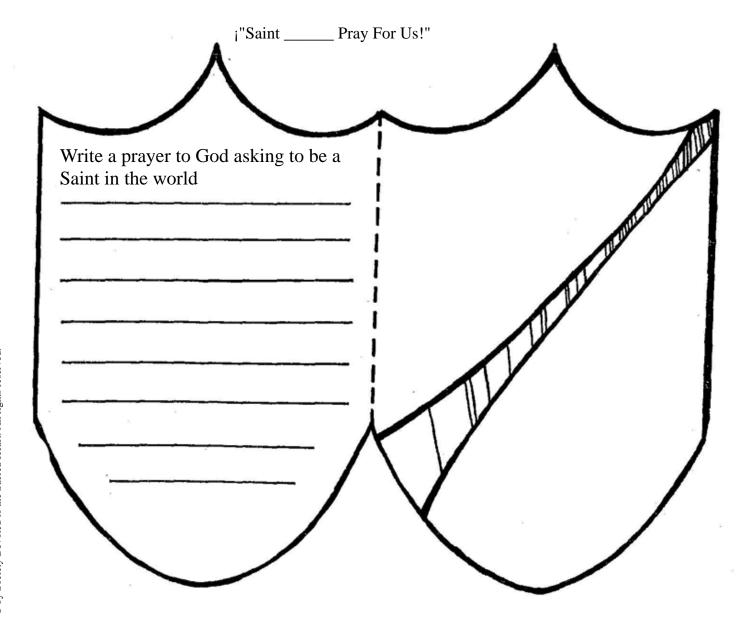




# **Saints and Heroes**

## Saint Shield

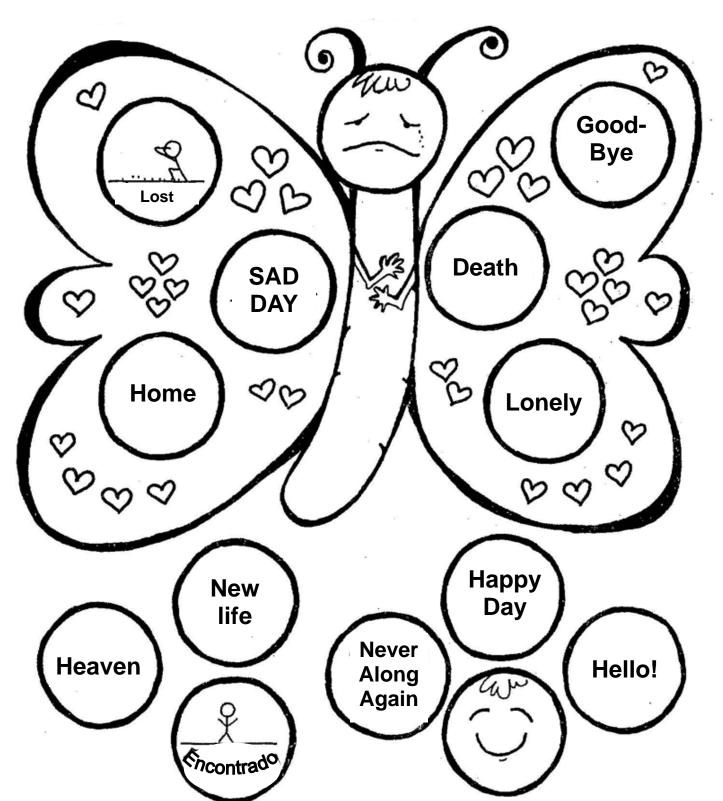
Make your own Saint Shield. Find out more about the Saint whose name was given to you in Baptism. In the top half of the right shield draw a symbol of your Saint; in the bottom half draw a symbol of yourself and write in your name. Cut out both parts of the shield together, fold it on the dotted line and glue them together back to back. You may want to use this for a group prayer together, (Litany) each person calling out the name of his/her Saint and all responding:



# Jesus Changes Our Sadness To Joy!

When someone dies, it is very sad for us and we feel a great loss. But, Club Members, it is not sad for those who died. It is very happy for them because their

life is changed from the life we see, to the full life with God in heaven. Color the butterfly and circles on the bottom, leave circles on the butterfly-wing blank. Cut out bottom circles and glue them on the butterfly, covering the sad events of death with the happy ones.



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# **Death**

Remember Sister Jane's explanation at the Club meeting and fill in the blanks from the Word Bank.



vve are created to to	rever.
Jesus is waiting to	us home into heaven
He said: "I am	a place for you."
We have	_ in Jesus.
For those who died, life did not er	nd but
There will be no sadness there, n	o , no pain.
Heaven is where is!	

#### **WORDBANK**

Welcome Preparing God Live Changed Tears New Life



## XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time November 8, 2009

Readings: 1Kings 17:10-16; Psalm; 145 Hebrews 9: 24-28; Mark 12: 38-44

Jesus warns against the teachers of the law

A large crowd was listening to Jesus gladly. As he taught them, he said, Watch out for the teachers of the law, who like to walk around in their long robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplace, who choose the reserved seats in the synagogues and the best places at feasts. They take advantage of widows and rob them of their homes, and then make a show of saying long prayers. Their punishment will be all the worse!" As Jesus sat near the temple treasury, he watched the people as they dropped in their money. Many rich men dropped in a lot of money; then a poor widow came along and dropped in two little copper coins, worth about a penny.

He called his disciples together and said to them, "I tell you that this poor widow put more in the offering box than all the others. For the others put in what they had to spare of their riches; but she, poor as she is, put in all she had she gave all she had to live on." (Mark 12:38-44)

#### Reflection

What do their families, schools, and the society around them teach them about generosity? Do they generously give of their material possessions, talents and time?

Jesus says that the poor woman has given More than others because the others gave what they did not need.

What do you have that you could share with others? Is it difficult for you to give what you have? Do you give from what is not necessary needed, or do you sometimes give something important to you?

Have they ever seen a member of the community or a friend give up something that was very valuable to them? Share.

#### Activity

Give out flash cards. Ask them to write something they can give. Example: share a lunch, give your favorite toy or clothe. Place a basket on the altar and ask them to place in the cards. Then they do a prayer asking Jesus to teach us to be generous.

#### Prayer

Lord, because of your great generosity we have received life. and all we are and have. Open the doors to our hearts to make us generous in the service of others. Amen





## XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2009

Readings: Daniel 12: 1-3; Psalm 15; Hebrews 10:11-14; Mark 13, 24-32

#### The Coming of the Son of Man

"In the days after that time of trouble the sun will grow dark, the moon will no longer shine, the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers in space will be driven from their courses. Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in the clouds with great power and glory. He will send the angels out to the four corners of the earth to gather God's chosen people from one end of the world to the other.

"Let the fig tree teach you a lesson. When its branches become green and tender and it starts putting out leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, you will know that the time is near, ready to begin. Remember that all these things will happen before the people now living have all died. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. "No ones knows, however, when that day or hour will come neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son; only the Father knows. (Mark 13, 24-32)

## Reflection

The end of the world will mean the final victory of Jesus. We don't know when it will come, but we have to trust in Jesus.

Talk with the children about what they know about astrologers or psychics and their predictions.

Compare those visions with Jesus words that promise victory. How do they prepare for a trip? What do they enjoy about traveling? Explain how sometimes our life is like a journey: if we prepared we will be able to enjoy it, despite some of the difficulties. How can we prepare for the journey of life? Share.

#### Activity

Give to each child a blank piece of paper. Tell them to make a list of the things they will need to take for a trip. (bag, clothes, food) Then ask them to write the things they will need in they journey to God. What actions and attitudes do we need to take? Share

#### Prayer

Lord, we often hear terrible predictions about catastrophes at the end of the world. Teach us to trust your word above everything else, since your word doesn't pass away. If we remain in your love and love one another, we know we have nothing to fear. Thank you, Jesus. Amen





## Christ the King November 22 2009

Readings: Daniel 7: 13-14; Psalm 92; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:336-37

Pilate went back into the palace and called Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" he asked him. Jesus answered, "Does this question come from you or have others told you about me?" Pilate replied, "Do you think I am a Jew? It was your own people and the chief priests who handed you over to me. What have your done?" Jesus said, "My kingdom does not belong to this world; if my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities.

No, my kingdom does not belong here!" So Pilate asked him, "Are you a king, then?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this one purpose, to speak about the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth listens to me,"

(John 18:336-37)

#### Reflection

Christ loves us. Jesus freed us from our sins and built a new kingdom for us.

The reign of God is not one of power, dominion or violence, but of truth, justice and love.

What do they know about kings and queens other than the stories from the fairy tales?

How does the role of kings, queens and other rules, compare and contrast with that of Jesus.

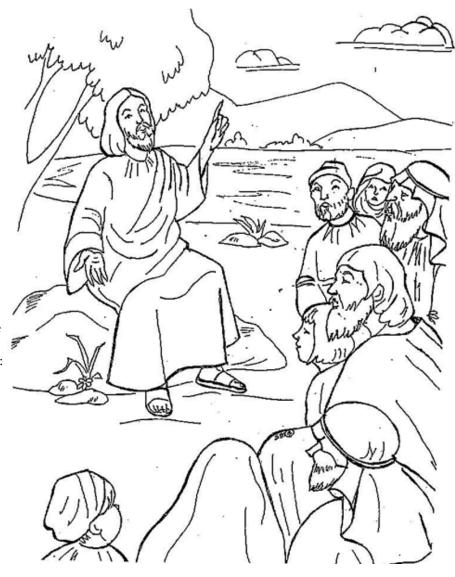
Which kingdom do you think is better? Why?

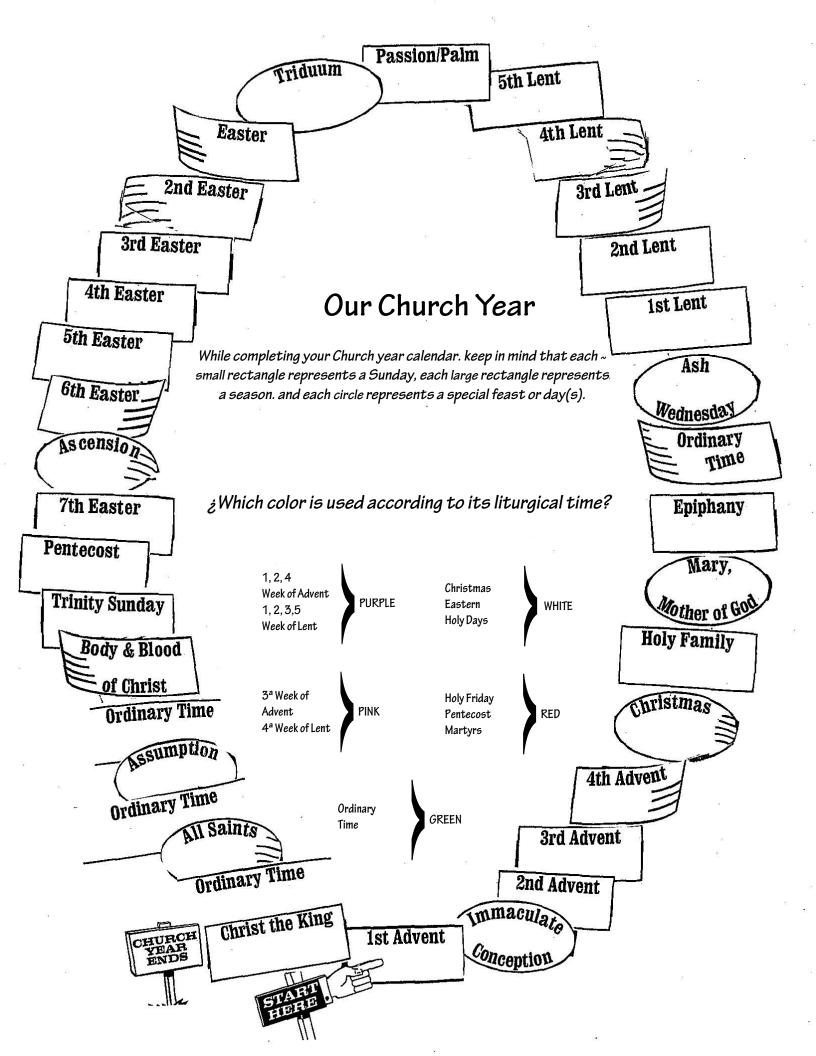
#### Activity

Pick one child to represent Jesus. Prepare some Flash cards with good actions and others with bad actions. (example: help a classmate, visiting someone, fighting, lying, visiting the sick and many more.) Each child presents the action to Jesus. The child in the role of Jesus should decide whether with his or her deed, can come into God's kingdom. Those who have bad actions may change them to an action that would allow them to enter God's kingdom. When they are accepted they said: Jesus you are our king.

## Prayer

Lord, you are a servant king. You gave yourself as food for us, you were crowned with thorns and nailed to a cross. But you conquered death and now you are the king of life. Teach us to follow you and to act like you: to serve others, to treat people with kindness, and to forgive one another when we do wrong. Amen





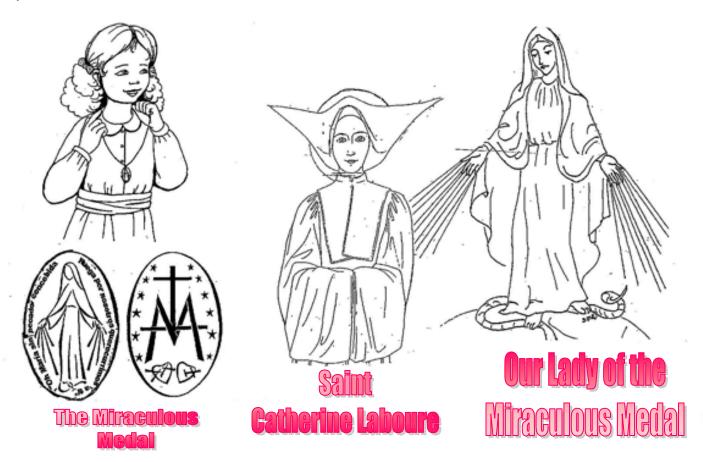
# Saint Catherine Laboure and the Miraculous Medal

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."



Name	Date	

# We Celebrate Advent: The Waiting Time

Color the heart when you do the activity.

First Sunday of Advent	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Hug someone	Thank someone	Share food	Pray for a friend	Draw a picture for someone	Help your mom or dad
Second Sunday of Advent	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Smile at someone	Help to make a meal	Send a special card	Call a friend	Give away one of your toys	Pray together as a family
Third Sunday of Advent	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Set the table	Singa a song for someone	Make a gift	Help with dishes	Help decórate for Christmas	Visit a lonely person
Fourth Sunday of Advent						
	Write a card for your family	Practice Christmas carols	Read a book about Christmas	Play a game with your family	Clean your room	Celebrate



## First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2009

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Psalm 25; 1 Thessalonians.3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

There will be strange things happening to the sun, the moon, and the stars. On earth whole countries will be in despair, afraid of the roar of the sea and the raging tides. People will faint from fear as they wait for what is coming over the whole earth, for the powers in space will be driven from their courses.

Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in a cloud with great power and glory. When these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your salvation is near." "Be careful not to let yourselves become occupied with too much feasting and drinking and with the worries of this life, or that Day may suddenly catch you like a trap. For it will come upon all people everywhere on earth. Be on watch and pray always that you will have the strength to go safely through all those things that will happen and to stand before the Son of Man." (Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36)

## Reflection

Luke explains the signs of the coming of Jesus not as a treat of catastrophes, but as the fulfillment of God's promise of liberation for all.

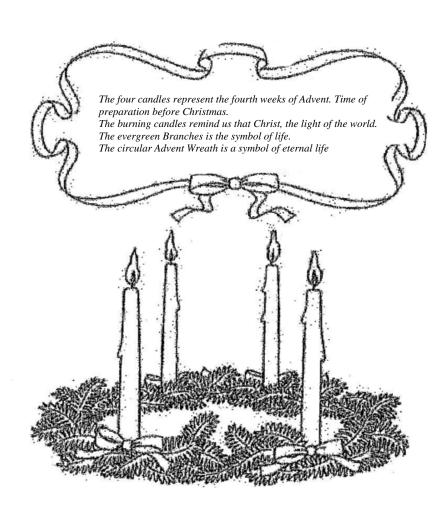
What do they expect this Christmas? Are their families busy and anxious about buying gifts and spending money? Do they know what is being celebrated this Christmas? Good actions and sacrifices are the things Jesus likes. Meditate and share what they will offer in this Advent Season.

#### Activity

Explain the children the meaning of the Advent Wreath. There is information on the next page. Encourage them to do good deeds to prepare a manger for Jesus. Prepare a small basket to place the good deeds. This is a simple way to instruct them to grow in virtue. They will feel very happy to prepare with their good actions a nice manger to place Jesus.

#### Prayer

Jesus, you come to our family this Christmas , and we want to receive you with joy. During this Advent , help us to be attentive. Help us not to forget you, not to become distracted with other things while we await you. May you find us rich in love when you come. Amen

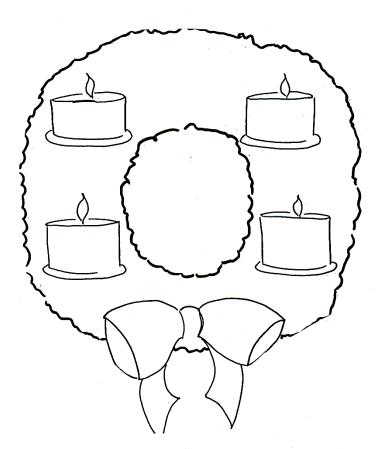


#### ADVENT WREATH

Everyone in the family can be involved in making an Advent Wreath for your home. Explain the symbolism of each part. Decide how each person will participate in preparing the wreath and in daily or weekly family devotions. The first time you gather to pray around the wreath, have some review the meaning of each part.

#### Circular Shape

The Advent wreath is a circle. We cannot find the end or the beginning of a circle. The circular Advent wreath reminds us that Jesus came to give us a life that will never end, eternal life with God in heaven.



#### **Evergreen Branches**

The evergreen branches used to make the circle do not change color as do the leaves on other kinds of trees. The evergreens in the Advent wreath remind us that God never changes: God always has loved us and always will.

#### **Candles**

There are four candles o the Advent wreath, one for each week in Advent. They remind us that the Jewish people waited a long time for the Savior to come. The burning candles remind us that Christ, the Light of the World, brightness the darkness around us. Each week we light one more candle, a sign that the more we let Christ into our lives, the brighter our lives will be.

#### **Opening Prayer**

O God, bless this Advent wreath. May it helps us prepare to welcome Jesus, your Son, into our lives, letting the light of his love shine through us. Amen.

Week 1 (Light 1 candle) Come to us, Lord Jesus. Warm our hearts with your love. Help us to prepare for your coming. Help us to see the good things we can do. Help us to see the good things others do. Come, Lord Jesus! (Pause for silent prayer)

Week 2 (Light 2 candles) We believe in you Lord. We know that you can help us to love each other more. You are our light. Come Lor Jesus! (Pause for silent prayer)

Week 3 (Light 3 candles) Jesus, we want your coming to make a difference in how we live and love. Open our hearts to hear you telling us how we can bring peace and joy to others. Come, Lord Jesus! (Pause for silent prayer)

Week 4 (Light 4 candles) Quiet the worries and fears in our hearts, Lord. Give us your peace. Thank you for the life you share with us. Help us to share that life with others. Come, Lord Jesus! (Pause for silent prayer)

#### Make an Advent Wreath

You can make an advent wreath for each child of your group Materials needed:

- 1) One small paper plate
- 2) One donut for each
- 3) Four birthday candles three purple and one pink
- 4) A small green doilet

#### How to prepare it:

Place the donut in the paper plate over doilet. Open the holes for the candles on the donut.

Spray it to preserve it. When they are dry, place the candle on the donut and decorate it with a ribbon.



I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth



And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord



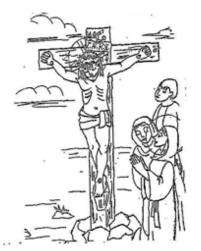
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit



Born of the Virgin Mary



suffered under Pontius Pilate,



was crucified, died and was buried



He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven



And sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead



I believe in the Holy Spirit



The Holy Catholic Church



The communion of Saints,



The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen



Our Father who art in Heaven,



Hallowed by Thy



Thy Kingdom come;



Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven



Give us this day our daily bread;





As we forgive those who trespass against us



# The Hail Mary



Hail Mary, Full of grace

The Lord is with thee;

Blessed art thou among women



And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Pray for us sinners

Now and at the hour of our death.  $\label{eq:Amen} Amen$ 

# Rosary to Give Thanks

**Joyful Mysteries** 

