



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

January 2010
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Let us begin this New Year with our hearts full of love and thanks giving for all the graces we receive last year

Let us try this month to renew pray in our family and in our prayers groups, in union with Jesus and Mary. May all of us be witness of the joyful love of God

Important Feast and Saints:

January 01	Mary, mother of God	January 21	St Agnes
January 03	Epiphany of the Lord	January 24	Saint Francis de Sales
January 05	St John Neumann	January 27	Saint Henry of Osso
January 10	Baptism of the Lord	January 28	Saint Thomas Aquinas

Enclosed materials and activities

- 1) Monthly calendar
- 2) Meditations on the Sunday Gospel
- 3) Mary Mother of God
- 4) Purpose for the year 2010
- 5) Comic of Saint Julian Pedro Eymard
- 6) Saint Henry Osso
- 7) Conversion of Saint Paul

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

- 1) Saint Henry Osso
- 2) Saint John Bosco
- 3) Nativity: Three wise Men
- 4) Eucharist
- 5) The Father Gift
- 6) Prayer

On January 27 we celebrate the feast of Saint Henry of Osso. Let us try to celebrate it in a special way and make it known.

We are planning the VI International Congress of Friends of Jesus and Mary for July 15 to July 18, 2010 in Miami, Florida. Start to make plans to attend. It will be a wonderful experience. Don't miss it. It will be in Spanish with simultaneous translation to English.

May God Bless you always,

Comité de Amigos de Jesús y María



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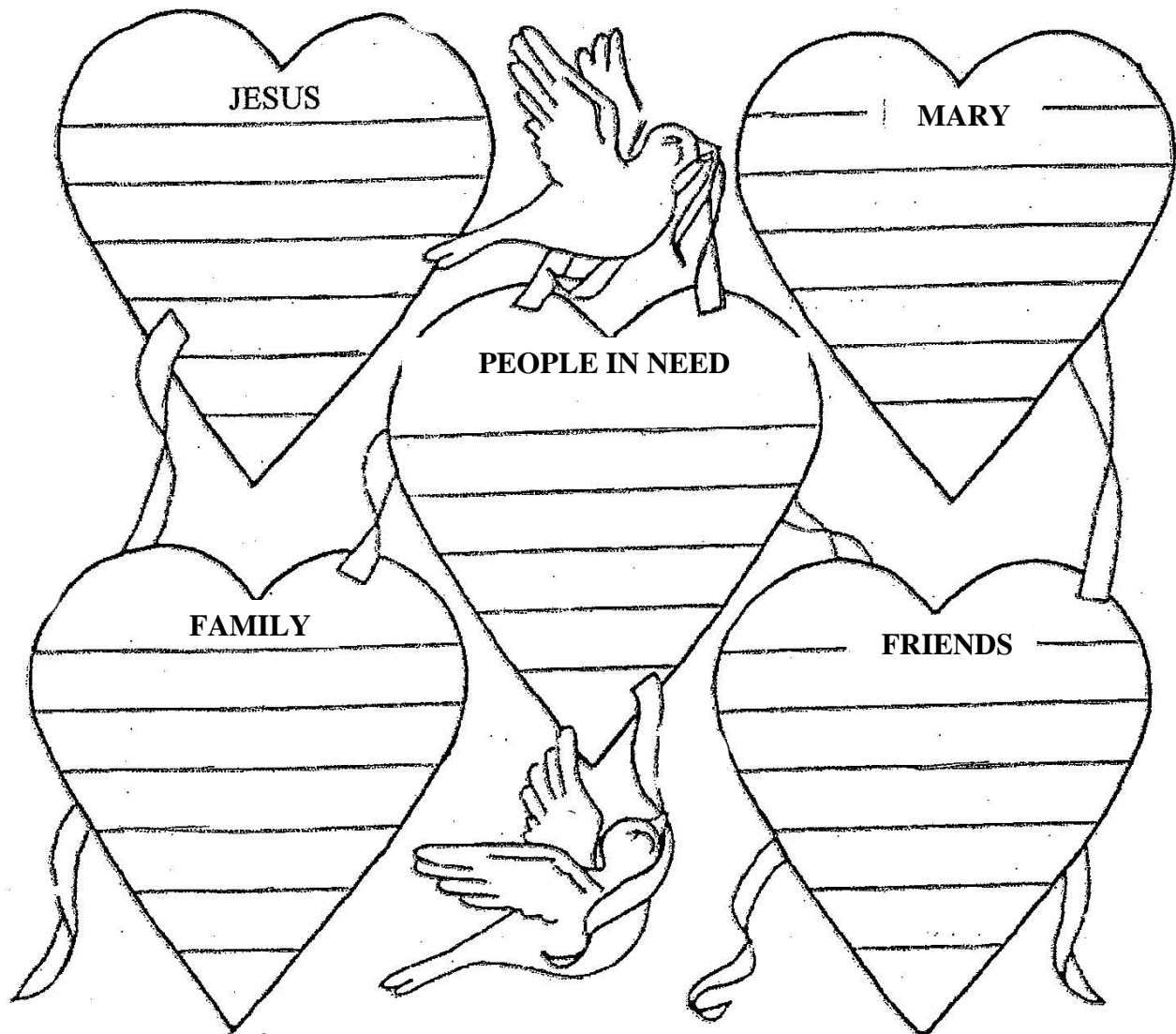
January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 First Friday Mary Mother of God Numbers 6,22-27 Psalm 67,2-3.5-6.8 Galatians 4,4-7 Luke 2,16-21	2 First Saturday SS. Basil & Gregory 1 John 2,22-28 Psalm 98,1-4 John 1,19-28
3 Epiphany Isaiah 60,1-6 Psalm 72,1-2.7-8.10-13 Eph 3,2-3.5-6 Mathew 2,1-12	4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 1 John 3,22-46 Psalm 2,7-8.10-12 Mathew 4,12-17.23-25	5 St. John Neumann 1 John 4,7-10 Psalm 72,1-4.7-8 Mark 6,34-44	6 The Epiphany of the Lord Three Kings Mark 6,45-52 Psalm 72,1-2.10.12-13 1 John 4,11-18	7 St Raymond of Peñafort 1 John 4,19-5,4 Psalm 72,1-2,14-15.17 Luke 4,14-22	8 1 John 5,5-13 Psalm 147,12-15.19-20 Luke 5,12-16	9 John 3,22-30 Psalm 149,1-6.9 1 John 5,14-21
10 Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 42,1-4.6-7 Psalm 29,1-4.9-10 Acts 10,34-38 Luke 3,15-16.21-22	11 1 Samuel 1,1-8 Psalm 116,12-19 Mark 1,14-20	12 1 Samuel 1,9-20 Psalm Samuel 2,1,4-8 Mark 1,21-28	13 1 Samuel 3,1-10.19-20 Psalm 40,2.5.7-10 Mark 1,29-399	14 1 Samuel 4,1-11 Psalm 44,10-11.14-15.25-25 Mark 1,40-45	15 1 Samuel 8,4-7.10-22 Psalm 89,16-19 Mark 2,1-12	16 1 Samuel 9,1-4.017-19 10,1 Psalm 21,2-7 Mark 2,13-17
17 II Sunday in Ordinary Time San Antonio Abad Isaiah 62,1-5 Psalm 96,1-3.7-10 John 2,1-11 1 Cor 12,4-11	18 1 Samuel 15,16-23 Psalm 50,8-9.16-17.21.23 Mark 2,18-22	19 1 Samuel 16,1-13 Psalm 89,20-22.27-28 Mark 2,23-28	20 1 Samuel 17,32-33.37.40-51 Psalm 144,1-2.9-10 Mark 3,1-6	21 St Agnes Martin Luther King's Birthday Mark 3,7-12 Psalm 56,2-3.9-13 1 Samuel 18,6-9,19,1-7	22 St Vincent 1 Samuel 24,3-21 Psalm 57,2-4.6.11 Mark 3,13-19	23 2 Samuel 1,1-4.11-12.19.23-27 Psalm 80,2-3.5-7 Mark 3,20-21
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Happy New Year 2010

“New Year’s resolutions to grow together in God’s Love ”

Write five ways of how your family can grow in love together as a resolution for this new year, to Jesus, Mary, Family, friends, and people in need (the sick and the poor). For example: Going to mass together every Sunday, praying the family rosary (at least one decade), help one another out of love, be kind, forgive, visit our grandparents, call someone who is alone, pray for the sick, give of your toys or clothes. A resolution is usually made on New Year’s Eve, but it can be made anytime you find that you wish to improve.



“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed”

Prov. 16:3



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Mary Mother of God January 1, 2010

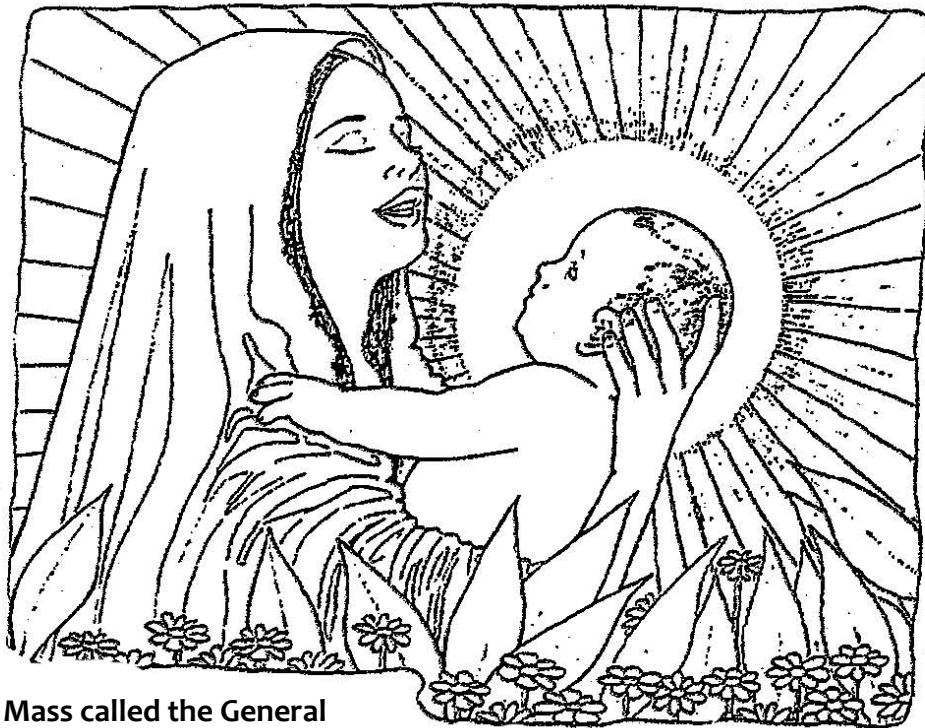
Readings: Numbers 6, 22-27; Psalms 67, 2-3.5-6.8; Galatians 4, 4-7; Luke 2, 16-21

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angels had said about the child. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seem; it had been just as the angel had told them.

A week later, when the time came for the baby to be circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name which the angel had given him before he had been conceived.



Mary, Mother of God



During a part of the Mass called the General Intercessions, we ask God for our special needs. These prayers are called “petitions”. To each petition, we pray, “ Lord, hear our prayer”, or another response.

On January 1, New Year’s Day, we celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. This is a special Feast and Holy Day of Obligation. At Mass that day , the priest will wear a white vestment in honor of Mary. Jesus is the Prince of Peace; Mary His Mother, is Our Lady, Queen of Pace. During the Mass on this Feast Day, we pray for peace. Think of the times you have needed God’s help to be a peacemaker. Write four prayers for peace to be used during the time of the General Intercessions at Mass on January 1.

Use the space bellow:

1. Lord help us make up if we fight with a friend. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



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Epiphany January 3, 2010

Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72, 1-2.7-8.10-13; Ephesians 3, 2-3.5-6 Matthew 2, 1-12

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king. Soon afterward, some men who studied the stars came from East to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the baby born to be the king of Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him." When King Herod heard about this, he was very upset, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the teachers of the law and asked them. "Where will the Messiah be born?" In the town of Bethlehem in Judea," they answered. "For this is what the prophet wrote: Bethlehem in the land of Judah, you are by no means the least of the leading cities of Judah; for from you will come a leader who will guide my people Israel." So Herod called the visitors from the East to a secret meeting and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem with these instructions: "Go and make a careful search for the child; and when you find him, let me know, so that I too may go and worship him." And so they left, and on their way they saw the same star they had seen in the East. When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshipped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and present them to him. Then they returned to their country by another road, since God had warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod. (Matthew 2, 1-12)

Reflection

Imagine the trip by camel through mountains, valleys and deserts. What dangers and difficulties might they have faced? Why would they continue walking in spite of everything? Would you do the same?

The star guided the Magi to Jesus. Who guides you? Your parents, grandparents, teachers? How well do you listen and follow them?

Activity

In the next page you will find an imaginary map of the trip of the Magi. Try to find your way to Jesus. What obstacles and difficulties could you find? (Laziness, selfishness, lies, disobedience, fights,) How will they overcome them? Encourage the children to prepare a special gift for Jesus this week, doing a good deed. Share what they will offer.

Prayer

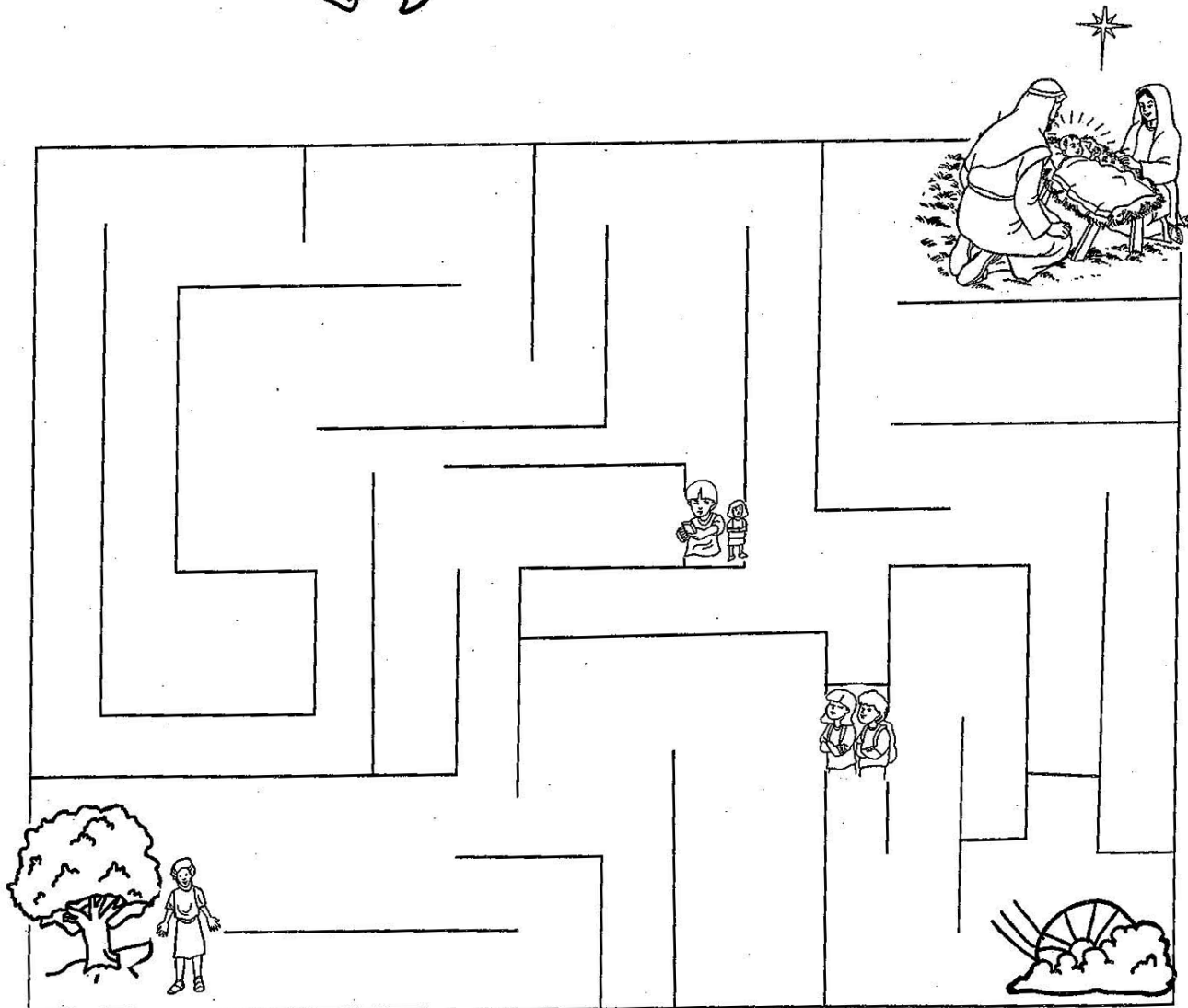
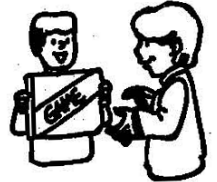
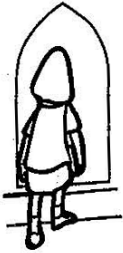
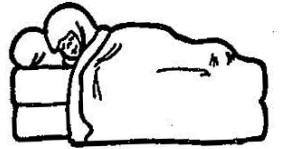
Jesus, you are the light of the nations. Sometimes we lose our way because we are interested in things that lead us away from you. Teach us to recognize you in each person of our family and in the people around us. Give us your light to seek you. Amen



When they entered and saw the little One, They knew at once that He was the King. They fell on their knees to worship Him, and brought their gifts of gold, perfumes, incense and myrrh

Try to find in this map the way to Jesus.
What obstacles and difficulties do they find on the way?

Observe the pictures of the children.
Mark with an X the child that choose the right thing to do.
Your gift for Jesus this week is to do a loving action.





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Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2010

Readings: Isaiah 42, 1-4.6-7; Psalm 29, 1-4.9-10; Acts 10, 34-38; Luke 3, 15-16.21-22

The Baptism of Jesus

Peoples hopes began to rise, and they began to wonder whether John perhaps might be the Messiah. So John said to all of them, "I baptize you with water, but someone is coming who is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

After all the people had been baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven,

"You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you." (Luke 3, 15-16.21-22)

Reflection

Through our Baptism in Christ, we, too become beloved children of God, chosen to fulfill the mission God has for us. We should become God's hands and heart for others.

Imagine the scene: the light, the voice, and the dove. Whose voice is it? What does the dove represent? Do you think the people standing by the river were scared? Do you think they ran away or stayed to listen to Jesus? What would you have done? What do you think God has to say to you?

Activity

Encourage the children to do a good deed this week. They can trace or draw a heart and write on it the good deed they will do this week.

In the next page you will find an activity on Baptism.

Prayer

Jesus, you know the love we feel in our hearts for each member of our family. To acknowledge that God calls us to be God's beloved children, we must show affection for one another and reach out to those who need us in the community. Stay with us Lord. Amen

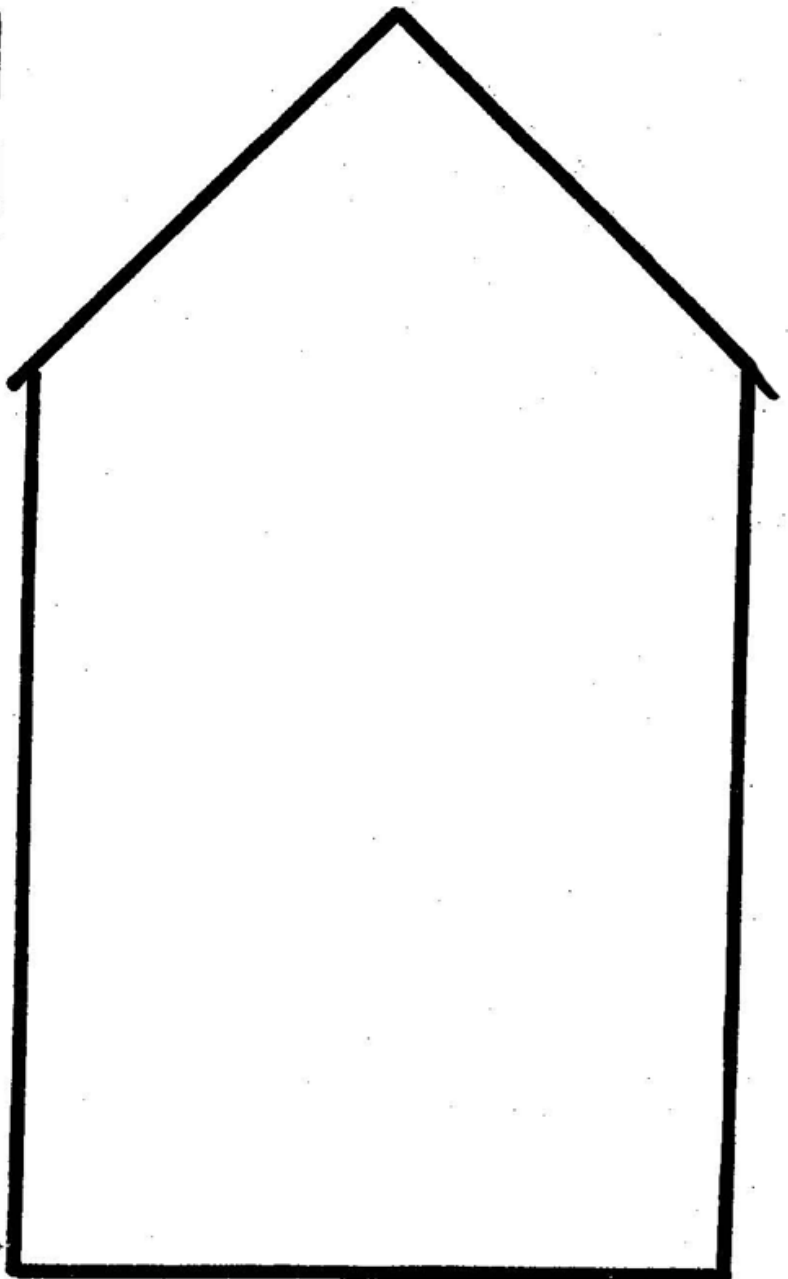
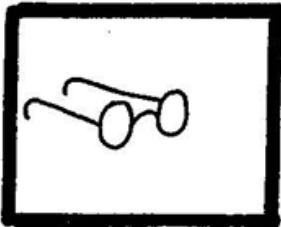
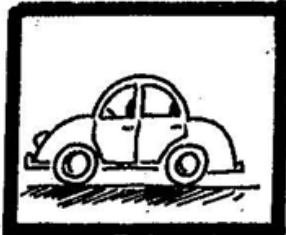
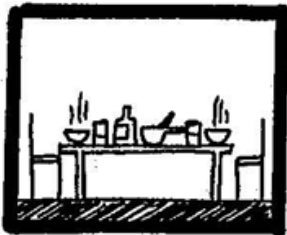


Baptism

My Family

Our families provide so many things for us!
Which of these items are you most grateful for?
What do you count on your family to provide

everyday? Choose 4 boxes to cut out and paste in
the home. Draw 3 other items that express grati-
tude. Show the picture to your family and thank
them





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Second Sunday Ordinary Time January 17, 2010

Readings: Isaiah 62, 1-5; Psalm 96, 1-3.7-10; 1Cor 12, 4-11; John 2, 1-11

The wedding in Cana

Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee, Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine had given out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They are out of wine." "You must not tell me what to do," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." Jesus' mother then told the servants "Do what ever he tells you." The Jews have rules about ritual washing, and for this purpose six stone water jars were there, each one large enough to hold between twenty and thirty gallons, Jesus said to the servants, "Fill these jars with water." They filled them to the brim, and then he told them, "Now draw some water out and take it to the man in charge of the feast." They took him the water, which now had turned into wine, and he tasted it. He did not know where this wine had come from (but, of course, the servants who had drawn out the water knew); so he called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone else serves the best wine first, and after the guests have drunk a lot, he serves the ordinary wine. But you have kept the best wine until now!" Jesus performed this first miracle in Cana in Galilee; there he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. After this, Jesus and his mother, brothers, and disciples went to Capernaum and stayed there a few days. (John 2, 1-11)

Reflection

In the gospel of this week Mary tells us to do as Jesus tells us. When we listen to Jesus, we experience the miracle of bringing joy to others. Talk with the children about parties at home. Were there ever too many people and not enough food or drink?

How did they solve the problem?
What do they lack now? Do they know any family in need? What can they do to help?
Are they ready to do what Jesus said, even if it didn't sound right? Are they ready to do whatever

Jesus tells them? What do they think Jesus is asking them to do today? Share

Activity

In the next page you will find drawings of some water jugs. Write on them what kind of "wine" or good deeds they would like to fill them with. (service, sharing, comforting someone, making someone smile and many more)

Prayer

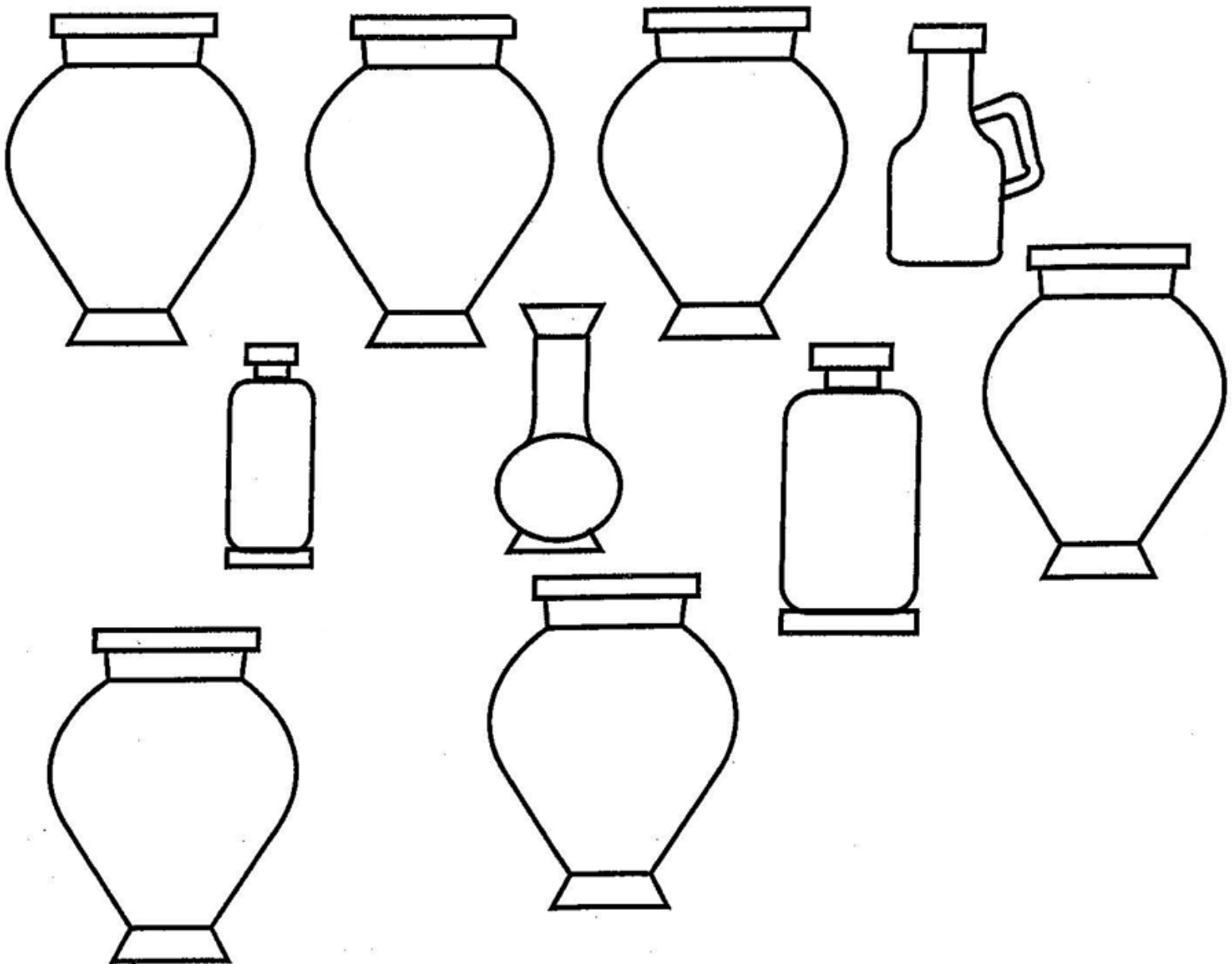
Lord, we want to change the water into wine with you. We want to change sadness into joy, hunger into shared food, loneliness into smiles and friendship. Come to our human feast, Jesus, and fill our needs with the wine of your joy and love. Amen.



Jesus gives us a very special wine

Write on each one of the large jars what kind of "wine" or good deeds you will like to fill it with. (service, sharing, comforting someone, making someone smile, visiting the sick, etc.)

The servants poured six jars with water. Jesus turned the water to wine.
The jars were very large. Color the six large jars purple.
Color the other jars any color.





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Third Sunday Ordinary Time January 24, 2010

Readings: Nehemiah 8, 2-6.8-10; Psalm 19, 8-10.15; 1Corinthians 12, 12-30; Luke 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21

Dear Theophilus: Many people have done their best to write a report of the things that have taken place among us. They wrote what we have been told by those who saw these things from the beginning and who proclaimed the message. And so, Your Excellency, because I have carefully studied all these matters from their beginning, I thought it would be good to write an orderly account for you. I do this so that you will know the full truth about everything which you have been taught.

Then Jesus returned to Galilee, and the power of the Holy Spirit was with him. The news about him spread throughout all that territory. He taught in the synagogues and was praised by everyone. Then Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath he went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures and was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people." Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. All the people in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him, as he said to them, "This passage of scripture has come true today, as you heard it being read." (Luke 1, 1-4; 14-21)

Reflexion

Imagine the temple full of religious people. What do you think they said when they heard Jesus, a young man, say all those things about scripture? Imagine you are poor and listening to Jesus. What would be good news for you to hear?

Jesus said he came to carry out a great mission and he needs your help.

What good news can you give to others?

Jesus mission to bring good news to the poor and to set the captives free is not an option but a mandate for us Christians.



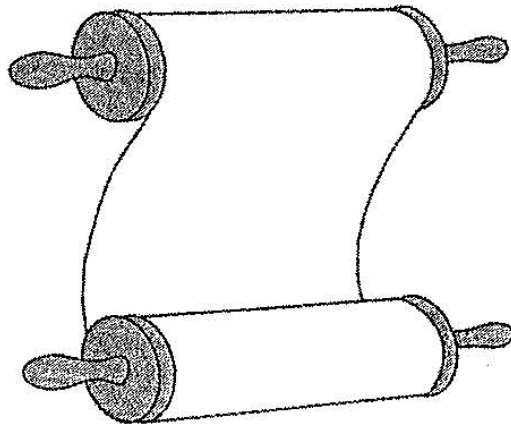
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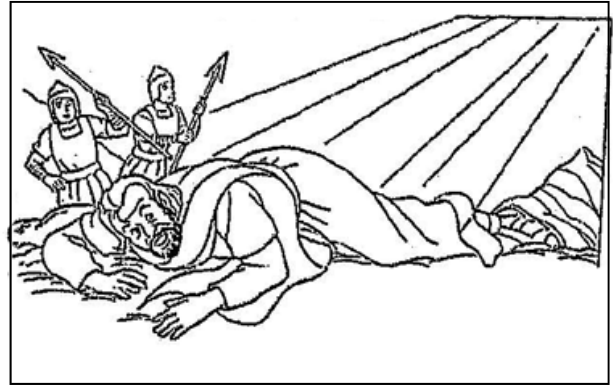
Bring white paper to the group. Ask the children to write in them what they think Jesus' mission is for them.

How is Jesus asking you to be good news? They made a scroll and bring it to the altar. Then they said: "Jesus you are good news"

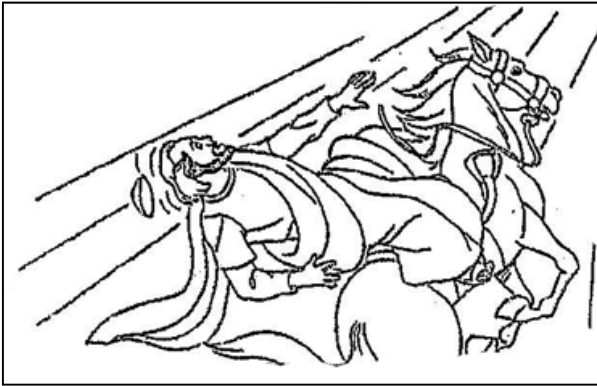
Prayer

Lord, in times of sorrow, helps us to listen to one another with compassion. In times of estrangement, help us to build bridges. In times of disappointment, place on our lips the words that give encouragement and bring good news to others. Amen





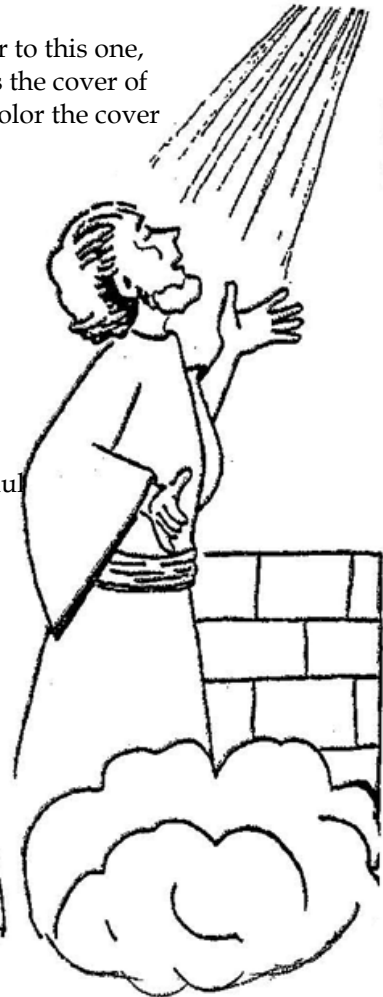
January 25: Conversion of St. Paul



Read Acts 9,1-19 and Acts 22,6-16; 26,12-18

Change of Heart Diary You can be and Apostle too

1. Staple 3 sheets of paper to this one, so that this sheet becomes the cover of your diary. (If you wish color the cover with markers).
2. On the first page, write down the story of Paul's conversion: Mark some of his qualities you want to have. (Courage, faith, patience, enthusiasm, etc.)
3. Keep a diary of events in your life when you spoke or acted like St. Paul



SAINT HENRY OF OSSO

JANUARY 27



Saint Henry when he was a child receive as a gift a book of the life of Saint Teresa of Jesus.

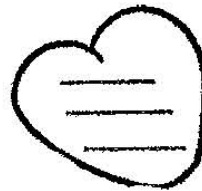
Each day he wishes some day to be like her.

GREAT FRIENDS OF JESUS

Study
Think
Work

Talk
Play
Pray and love Jesus as she did

In his heart he engraved three names:



Little by little he was being like them.

One day he wanted to dedicate his all life to Jesus and the children and became a priest.

Saint Henry of Osso is the Patron saint of "The Friend of Jesus and Mary"



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Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time January 31, 2010

Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 71, 1-6.15-17; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13, 13 Luke 4, 21-30

As he said to them, "This passage of scripture has come true today, as you heard it being read." They were all well impressed with him and marveled at the eloquent words that he spoke. They said, "Isn't he the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "I am sure that you will quote this proverb to me, Doctor, heal yourself. You will also tell me to do here in my hometown the same things you heard were done in Capernaum. I tell you this," Jesus added, "prophets are never welcomed in their hometown. Listen to me: it is true that there were many widows in Israel during the time of Elijah, when there was no rain for three and a half years and a severe famine spread throughout the whole land. Yet Elijah was not sent to anyone in Israel, but only to a widow living in Zarephath in the territory of Sidon. And there were many people suffering from a dreaded skin disease who lived in Israel during the time of the prophet Elisha; yet not one of them was healed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were filled with anger. They rose up, dragged Jesus out of town and took him to the top of the hill on which their town was built. They meant to throw him over the cliff, but he walked through the middle of the crowd and went his way. (Luke 4, 21-30)

Reflection

The readings of this week give us the message that God chose us for a mission and gives us the strength to carry it out, even when we feel too weak, or lack the resources to carry it out.

Without love, anything we have or do is meaningless. We must trust Jesus when we face temptation from society and from our own weakness.

Talk with the children about the nicknames given to classmates who behave or study a lot. Have they ever been afraid of being called those names or being excluded from the groups? Have they ever been approached by older kids to take drugs or join a gang? Do they ever do things just because everyone else does them?

Do they think the power that protected Jesus could be with them, too?

Activity

Prepare a heart for each child. Read the passage from 1 Corinthians and ask the children to choose one of the characteristics of love. (patience, support, forgiveness). Write it in one side and in the other side draw these quality. Present it at the altar of the group and ask for strength to love like that. All answer after each petition: "Jesus teach us to love"

Prayer

Lord, to follow you demands that we renew our love for each other and decide to stand firm when outside forces pull us, as they did you, to danger. Give us strength and the conviction that you will protect us. Amen

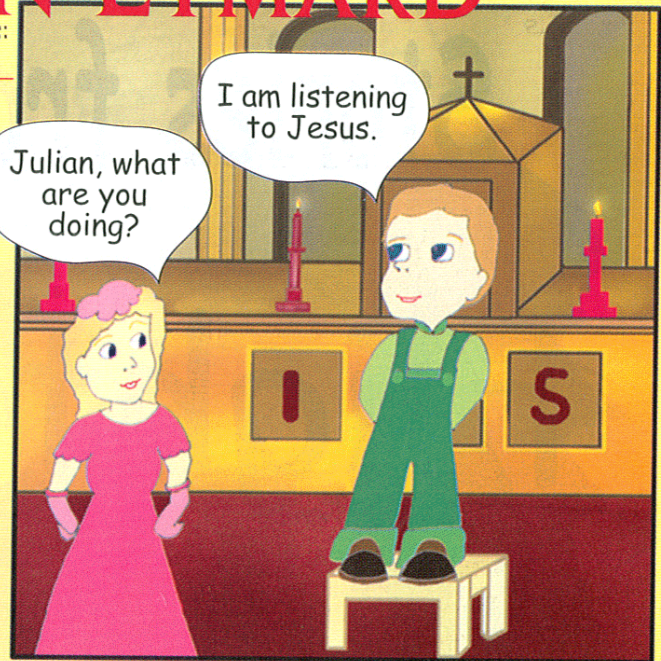
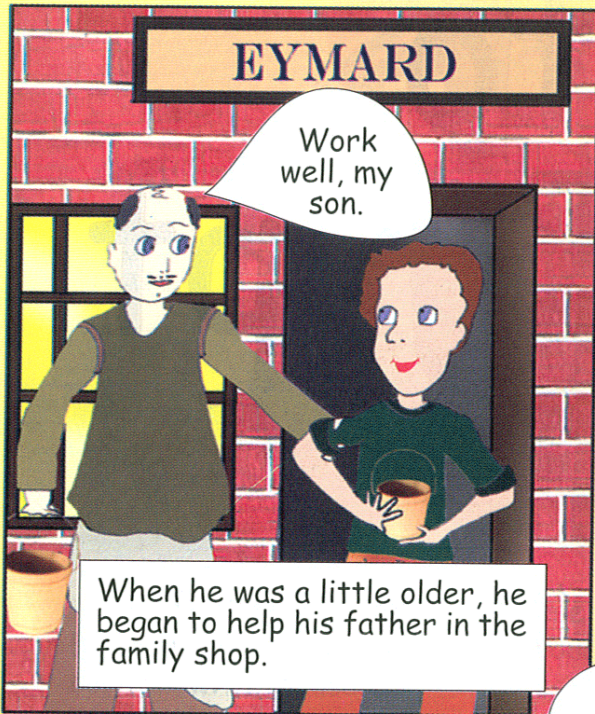


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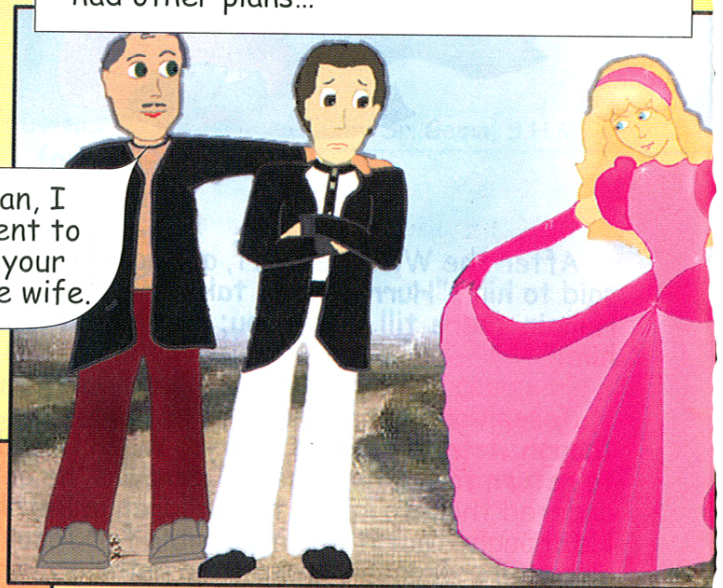
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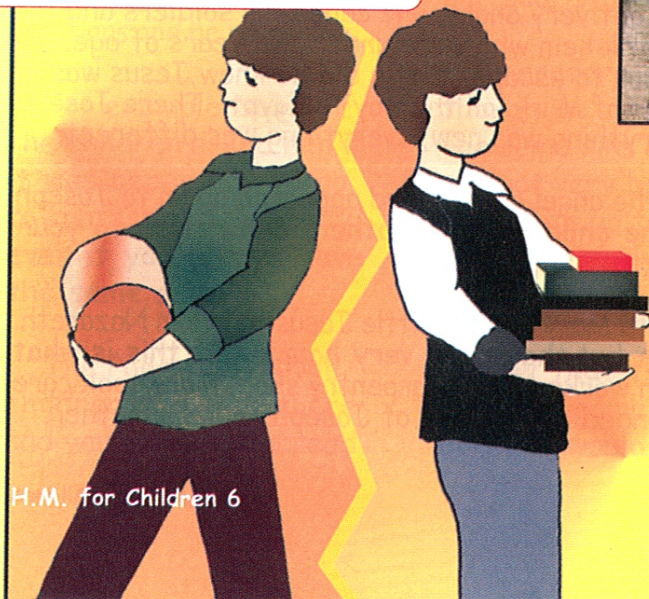
He was born in France in 1822. The first memories of his childhood took place before the Eucharist.



When he was thirteen years old, he felt called to the priesthood. But his father had other plans...



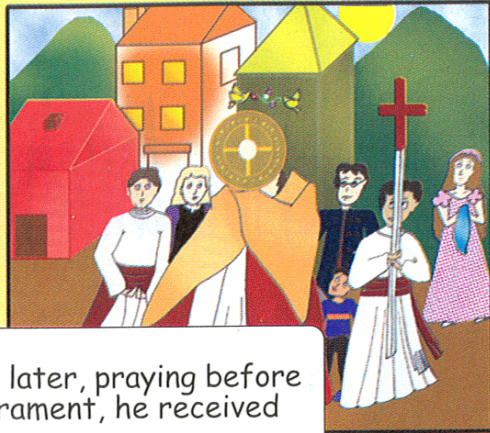
For many years, his father did not accept his vocation and refused to support him in his priestly studies.



He offered everything up to Jesus. He prepared himself for the day in which he would enter into the seminary, studying Latin in his free time while working for his father.

He was finally ordained priest, and entered into a religious order, called the Marists.

In his parishes, Julian made the Eucharist known, loved and adored.



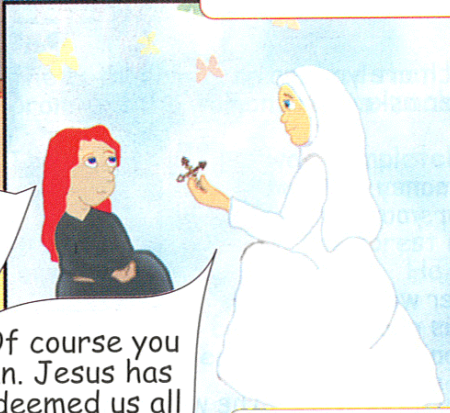
Seventeen years later, praying before the Blessed Sacrament, he received an inspiration.

Lord, why not found an association dedicated to Eucharistic adoration?

With the permission of his superiors, he left the congregation and founded three branches...



And I can go to heaven?



Of course you can. Jesus has redeemed us all by His cross."

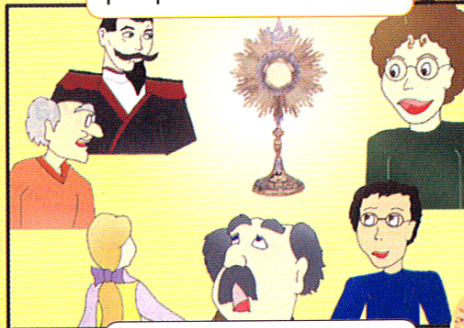
The feminine branch of the Servants of the Most Blessed Sacrament was dedicated to adoration and the evangelization of the youth.



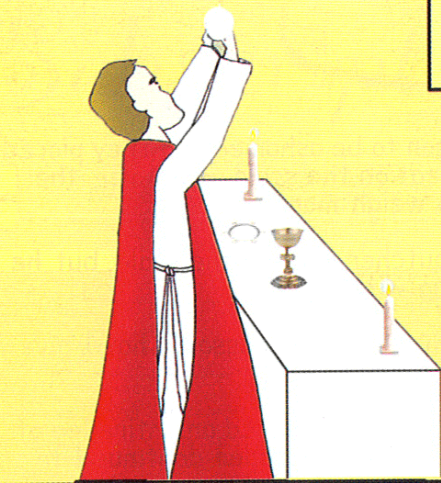
Fulfill your Christian duty before God and make the Eucharist the center of your lives."

Julian said to the lay people:

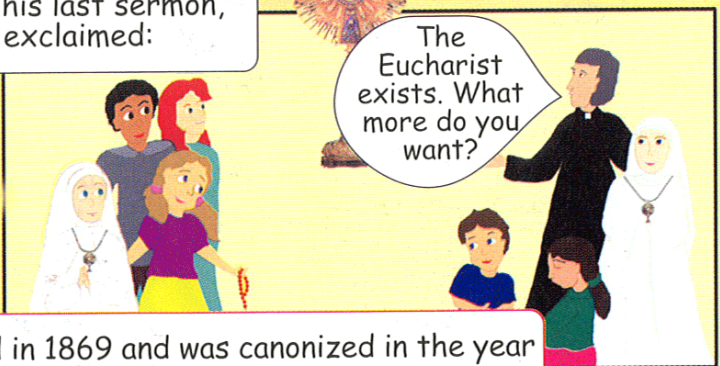
And the masculine branch of the Servants of the Most Blessed Sacrament had the most sacred mission of all...



In his last sermon, he exclaimed:



The Eucharist exists. What more do you want?



He died in 1869 and was canonized in the year 1962.



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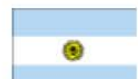
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