

Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



March 2012 Miami

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The season of Lent continues in March. Lent is a time to grow in the love for Jesus. The devotions most used in Lent are the Bible readings and daily Mass. The Fridays of Lent are special, they remind us of Jesus's death for us; this is the reason why we do abstinence and fast. The church asks us to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Try to pray and explain to the children two Stations of the Cross each week and this way at the end of Lent we will have finished all the Stations of the Cross.

Enclosed you will find some Feasts and Saints of the month

- March 03 Katharine Drexel
- March Saint Patrick 17
- March Saint Joseph 19
- Annunciation of the Lord March 25
- Leader's Workshop March 28

Enclosed Material and Activities:

- Calendar of the month & Meditation on the Sunday Gospel a)
- 6) Saint Joseph
- 2) basket of good wishes
- d) Journeying through Lent to Easter
- The Ten Commandments
- e) f) Errand of Mercy Game
- g) h) Annunciation of the Lord
- What do these symbols mean?
- i) Saint Patrick
- 1) The Sign & Symbols of Holy week

Suggested Videos: (All available in the video club)

1. Easter Story	2. Resisting Temptations
3. Saint Patrick	4. Penance (SHC)

We are planning the <u>VII Congress of the Friends of Jesus and Mary</u> from Thursday, October 4 to Tuesday, October 9, 2012 in Aruba, Netherlands.

We invite all to make plans to attend. It is important to share ideas and experiences. More details in the next package. Reserve the date

May God Bless You Always, Friends of Jesus and Mary



Sunday



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Saturday

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Second Sunday of Lent, March 4, 2012

Readings: Genesis; 22: 1-2a, 10-13, 15-1; Psalm 116; Romans 8: 31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

## The Transfiguration

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply: "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, He charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant. **(Mark 9: 2-10)** 

## Reflection

The experience of the Transfiguration gives us the promise of a

world far beyond our own imagination and our own dreams. Jesus invites his friends to know that he is the Son of God and true God. Talk with the children about the very happy moments in their lives that they remember as clear as a photograph. Did they wish those times would last forever? Talk about what they want to do when they grow up. What do their parents tell them they should do? Do they suggest professions that make a lot of money only because of that? Talk about the voice that says we must listen to Jesus. How do they listen?

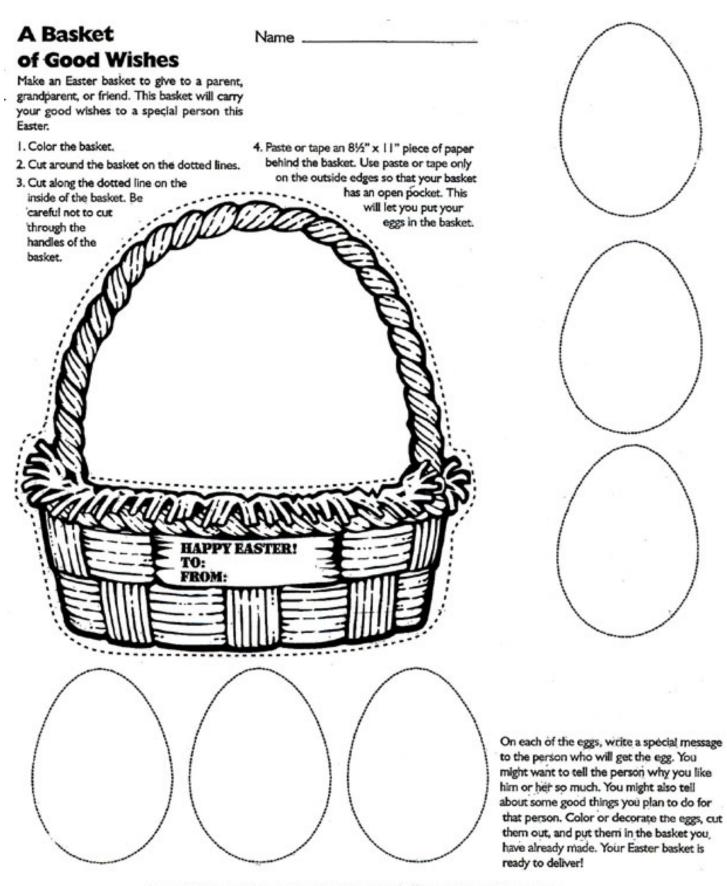
## Activity

Have the children draw three camping tents. On one write "My happiest moment". on the second one "Here I am now", on the third one "What I would like to be in the future." Have them present their tents, saying: "Here are my dreams, Jesus I want to listen to you. I know you are at my side always."

## Prayer

Loving God, we have so many dreams and hopes for us and for our family. Today you tell us that, if we listen to you, You will fulfill us with blessings although they might not be the kind of things we expected. Give us a great trust in your love. Amen.





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In Lent we remember the 40 days Jesus spend in the desert.

Time when we prayerfully examine the times we have failed and pray for the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit to be with us and help us become closer to God and his ways.

We fat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays and Good Fridays during the Lent.

We make an extra effort to give to those in need, with the works of Mercy.

As leader we can kelp the children and their families in this journey since Ash Wednesday to Easter. Instruction:

You will need to cut 47 show print in construction paper (one for each day of lent)

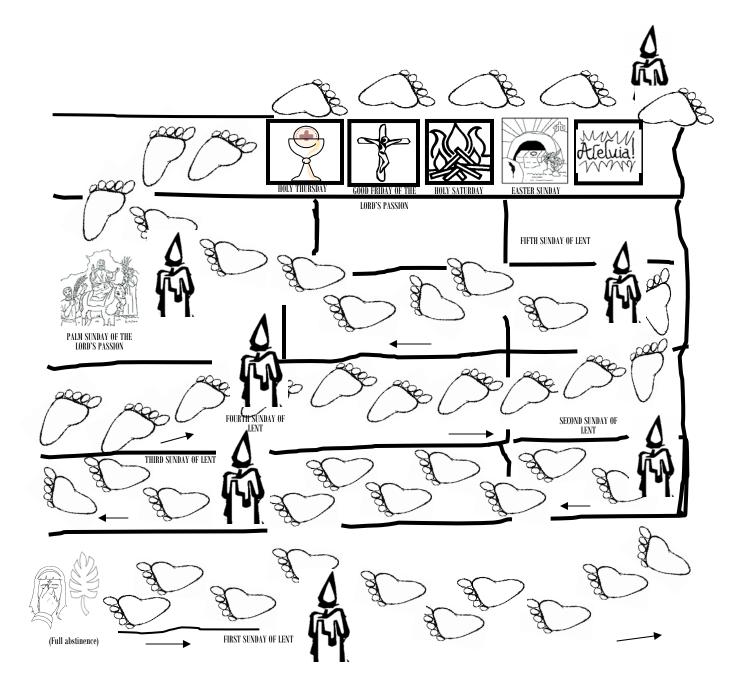
The flame and the branch as a symbol of the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

6 Candles one for each Sunday of Lent and Palm and Easter Sunday.

The pictures to represent Palm/Sunday, Holy Thursday, good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Assemble your path in the bulletin board. Each day you get together note what day of Lent it is.

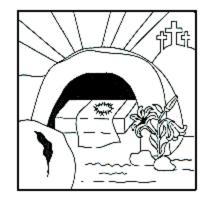
Color in the shoe print since the last time you were together and ask God to bless your Lenten journey.





Pattern to prepare a big poster for your group



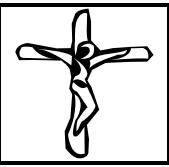




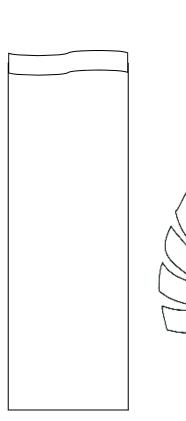




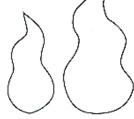














**Third Sunday of Lent, March 11, 2012** Readings: Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19; 1Corinthians 1, 22-25; John 2: 13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a market place." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well. **(John 2: 13-25)** 

#### Reflection

There were offerings of animals presented to God in the Jewish temple. People needed to buy the animals there. Jesus was angry, not so much at the practices as at lack of devotion shown by people at the temple. For Jesus the most important thing was the honor given to God. Jesus dares to denounce abuses because he has the authority of the Father. What is most important for them? Is money, work, or entertainment ever more important than God? What values is this society transmitting to them?

#### Activity

Bring to the group a few coins to look at and see whose images appear on them. Prepare some dollar bills with the image of Jesus, where they can show his message of love and the value, on one side. On the back what is important to them or what they will do this week. On the following page you will find a model.



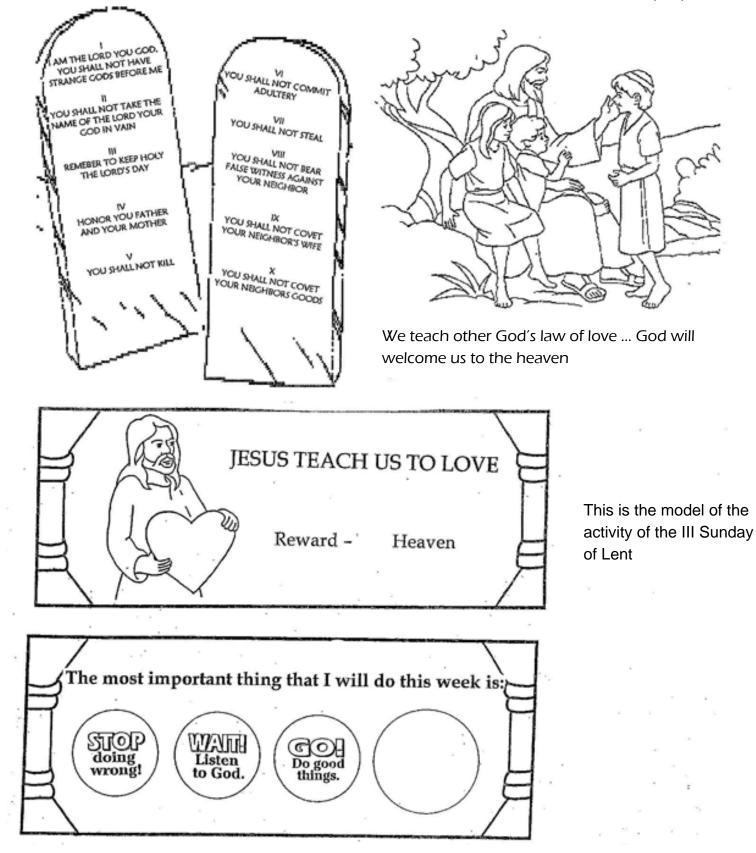
#### Prayer

Lord gives us strength and patience to refrain from getting angry at things that simply make us uncomfortable, but to have the courage to stand up against injustices and against what harms others. Teach us your ways of peace, love and justice. Amen

The Ten Commandments

Every day we show our love for God and one another. We teach God's law of love

When we treat others the way that we want to be treated we become beatitude people





Fourth Sunday of Lent March 18, 2012

Readings: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137; Ephesians 2: 4-10; John 3, 14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light, and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. **(John 3: 14-21)** 

#### Reflection

God always showed compassion despite the unfaithfulness of the people. God lifted up Christ so that we could all be saved. God's love is so great! What do you want to ask Jesus about Moses, the serpent and the people who were sick? Have they ever realized that the symbol in many doctors' offices is a snake wrapped around a pole? Is the symbol of the doctors, based on this bible passage? Have they ever heard of any sickness that was healed by just looking at something? In this story everyone who looked at it was healed. Jesus says that by looking at him we get strength for the difficulties of life. What troubles would you like to tell Jesus about?

#### Activity

Show the drawing to the children. Prepare a big cardboard cross. Have ready for them small pieces of paper. Ask them to write some sickness or problem that need to be healed. Each child will then stick his or her piece of paper on the cross. When all had stick their paper all together said this prayer: "Jesus, you are our health"

#### Prayer

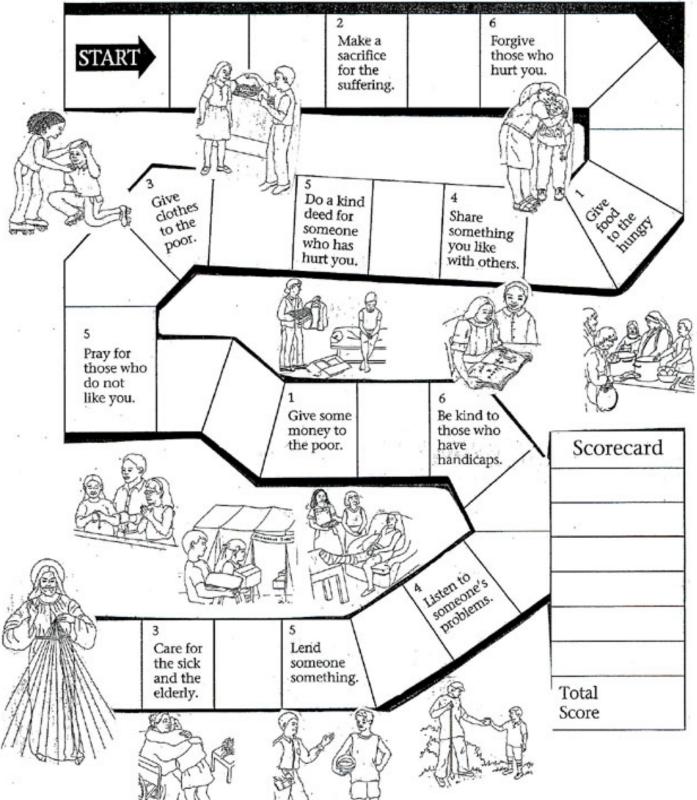
Lord, spiritual illnesses are sometimes more painful than those of the body. Let us always look at you in order to face the difficulties of life with courage, strength and peace. Your presence heals us, Jesus. Amen

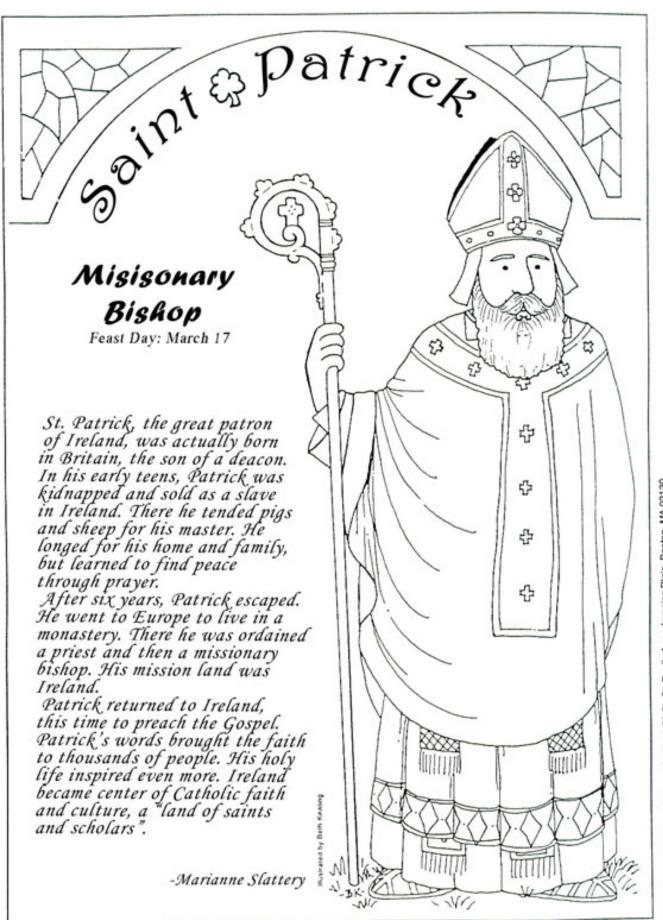


#### Errand of Mercy Game

**Throw** dice and move a marker as many spaces as the dice tell you. Write on the scorecard the number of spaces moved. If you land on a space that names an act of mercy, add the number given there to your score. Each player gets six turns; the one with the highest score wins.

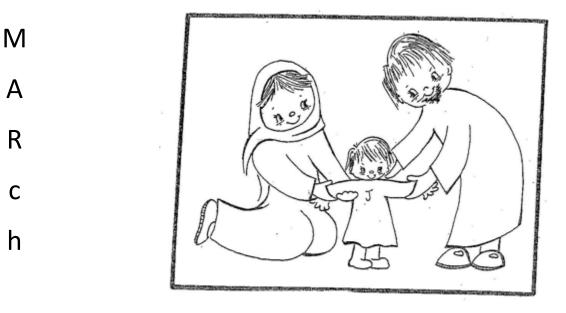






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#### Saint Joseph protector of the church



Saint Joseph took care of Jesus while Jesus 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 our 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.

#### Prayer for wednesdays

To Saint Joseph

Good Saint Joseph, I love you as the foster father f Jesus,

as the holy husband of the Virgin Mary,

as the head of he Holy Family, and as the patron of the whole Church.

Be my father and guide on my way to heaven.

Take care of me as you took care of Jesus.

Be the head of our family and lead us close to God. Saint Joseph, give us peace and blessing from heaven and, above all, love.



Fifth Sunday of Lent March 25, 2012

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51; Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12: 20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Phillip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die. (John 12: 20-33)

#### Reflection

Jesus's death, like that of a grain of wheat, is not the end of the story. Jesus's death is a source of abundant fruit which is produced for the good of all. Talk about the seeds. Have they ever planted something? Did they have to wait a long time until it

grew? Do the children understand the meaning of sacrifice? Do they see the sacrifices their parents make for them?

## Activity

In the next page you will find the activity.

#### Prayer

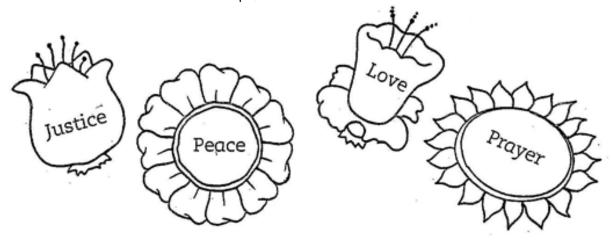
Jesus you are always attentive to the Father. Your love for our Father gave You the strength and courage to carry out your mission. Give us your Spirit so that we may always work for the good of others. Help us to produce fruits of life. Amen.



Activity for the fifth Sunday of Lent March 2012 (John 12,20-33)

# Jesus teaches

The Bible is the book of God's good news. Here are some seeds of God's words to us

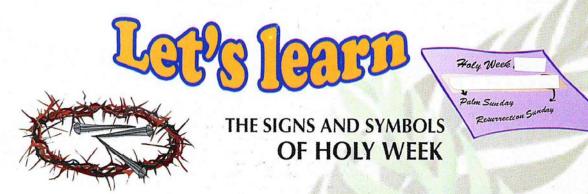


MARIANIA WARNARD. Forgive your "Love one 'Always call "Share what brothers and another as I upon God your you have with sisters in your love you." Father." others in need heart."

What will grow if you listen to God's word?

Connect the seeds and its flowers by drawing a stem and some leaves .

How can you leave out each message?



Holy Week begins with **PALM SANDAY** and ends with **RESURRECTION SUNDAY**. The days of this week are called "holy days."

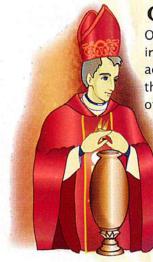
#### PALMS

On Palm Sunday, we begin with a procession with songs and branches or palms, in homage of Christ, just as the children did in Jerusalem. This way, with our faith, we accompany Jesus on His way of the cross, death and resurrection. These are special days to be very close to Him.



## **BREAD AND WINE**

They are natural things that Jesus took to convert into His very Body and Blood. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus remains present in this sacrament.



## **OILS AND CHRISM**

On HOLY THURSDAY (or another day close to Easter) in the Cathedral, the priests and faithful of the diocese accompany the Bishop as he blesses or consecrates the OILS and CHRISM which will become the "matter" of several sacraments:

The oil for Baptism. The oil for the sick.

The chrism for:

BAPTISM
CONFIRMATION
HOLY ORDERS

The chrism is a mixture of oil and perfumed balsam. The oils and the chrism are blessed close to Easter to show us that **all of the sacraments come from the Risen Christ.** 

#### THE CROSS During Jesus' time,

the cross was an instrument of the most humiliating death.

#### On GOOD FRIDAY, after having listened

to the story of he Passion, we all participate in a simple and significant gesture: the cross is presented to us and one by one we come up to adore it, as a sign of our awe and thankfulness for what lesus did for us.

#### WASHING OF FEET

During the Mass of Holy Thursday, the Pope, Bishops and priests imitate the gesture in the Last Supper when Jesus gave His disciples a great lesson. He came to serve, not to be served. the whip, the nails, the lance, the sponge with vinegar... are expressions of all the sufferings that Jest went through and remind us of anoth painful sign: how His disciples abandoned Him, the insults, spits, nakedness, shoving...

The crown of thorns,

#### FIRE

During the EASTER VIGIL (the night from Saturday to Sunday), we gather together outside the church, or at its doors, around a fire. From there, the EASTER CANDLE is lit. In the darkness of the night, the LIGHT WHICH IS CHRIST shines.

#### THE EASTER CANDLE AND THE CANDLES

The Easter Candle is lit from the fire. This candle will shine in the celebrations during the seven weeks of Eastertide. The Candle is a symbol of Christ, light of the world. We enter in the church, following the Candle, proclaiming: "Light of Christ". Plus, from this candle, we also light small candles for each person.

#### BAPTISMAL WATER

Easter night is the best time for baptisms, or to call to mind our own. Baptism is the sacrament in which we receive Christ's life and participate in His death and resurrection. That is why we are sprinkled with holy water and renew our baptismal promises.

## COLORS

Colors have a lot of meaning. During Lent, the priest wears purple, a serious and austere color. On the night of the Easter Vigil, he uses the color white, symbol of feast days, of joy, of Easter

# THE BELLS

The bells are the great sign of the feast day, together with the incense, the flowers, the music... We announce that Easter has come and that the Lord has risen. Alleluia!

# Let's see if you were paying attention

#### Holy Week ends with ....

- 1. Palm Sunday
- 2. Easter Sunday
- 3. Ash Wednesday

# B

#### When did Jesus institute the Eucharist? 1. In the Last Easter

- 2. During the Last Supper
- 3. Good Friday

#### What is the sacred oil?

- 1. Myrrh with aloe
- 2. Essence of incense.
- 3. Oil

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When is chrism used?1. In Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders2. The Anointing of the Sick

3. Holy Communion

#### When do the priests imitate Jesus in the washing of the feet? 1. Good Friday 2. Ash Wednesday 3. Holy Thursday

On what day during Holy Week do we venerate the Cross?

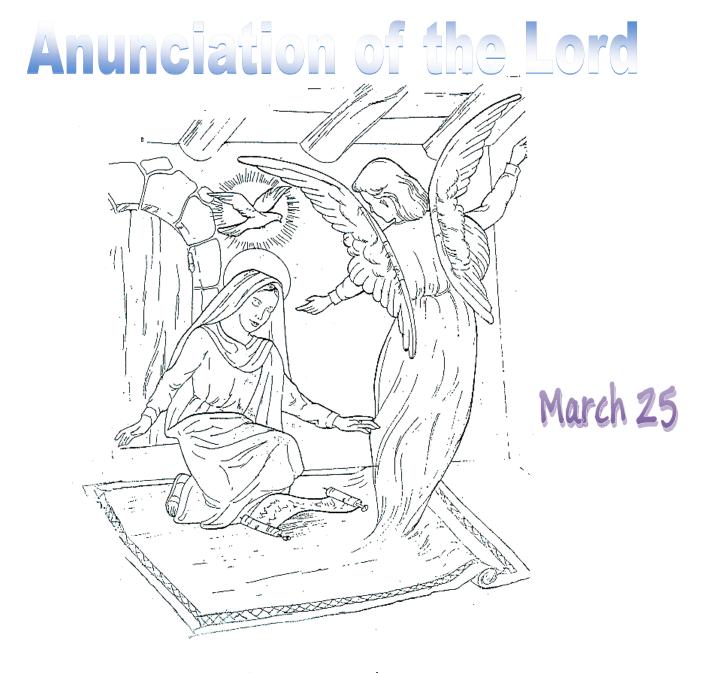
- 1. Good Friday 2. Holy Saturday
- 3. Holy Monday

# G

What does the Paschal Candle symbolize? 1. Fire 2. Jesus Christ 3. Wisdom

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What color is used during Eastertide? 1. Green 2. Red 3. White



## The Joyful Mysteries -Children's Play The Annunciation

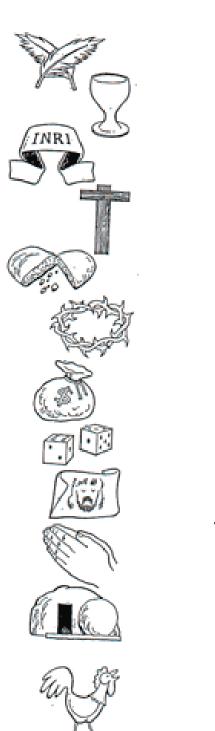
Narrator:			Mary: How can that be? I am not married yet.	
	the Lord appeared to her. The angel said:	Angel:	Don't worry. You will have a baby by the power of the	
Angel:	Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are	Ũ	Holy Spirit.	
	you among women.	Mary:	1 am God's servant. I will do what he wants from me.	
Mary:	Who are you? Where did you come from?	Narrator:	With that, the Angel Gabriel left Mary.	
Angel:	Do not be afraid, I am Gabriel. God has sent me to tell you that you will be the Mother of His Son. You will name him Emmanuel, which means, God with us,		After each Mystery Say:	

After each Mystery Say: 1 Our Father and 10 Hail Marys 1 Glory Be

#### 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.

Name of Symbol



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
Thrity 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

Meaning of Simbol