



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Amigos de Jesús y María

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**Florida Center for Peace**

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Dear Brothers and Sister:

Good Friday is a special day, they remind us, of Jesus death for us. For this reason we fast and do abstinence.

Enclosed you will find the most important Feast and Saints:

April 02 St Francis of Paola  
April 04 Saint Gema  
April 05 Easter Sunday  
April 07 John of Avila  
April 25 St Mark  
April 27 Our Lady of Monserrat  
April 29 Saint Catherine of Siena

**Enclosed Material:**

- a) Calendar & Meditations on Sunday Gospel
- b) We celebrate Holy Week
- c) Candle Craft
- d) Jesus Lives-The Resurrection
- e) Chaplet of The Divine Mercy
- f) God's Love is all-Over Scripture
- g) Sacrament Connection
- h) St Mark
- i) Saint Genoveva Torres

**Suggested videos:**

- 1) Easter Story
- 2) The Eucharistic
- 3) Life of Jesus

Remember about our IV Congress to be placed in Miami Florida, on February 2016  
Share this beautiful experience & Try to make plans to be with us.

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| SUNDAY                                                                                          | MONDAY                                               | TUESDAY                                                | WEDNESDAY                                                                           | THURSDAY                                                                              | FRIDAY                                                                    | SATURDAY                                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                 |                                                      |                                                        | 1<br>HOLY WEDNESDAY<br><br>Is 50, 4-9a<br>Psalm 68<br>Mt 26, 14-25                  | 2<br>HOLY THUSDAY<br><br>Is 61, 1-3a 6a.8b-9<br>Psalm 88<br>Rev 1, 5-8<br>Lk 4, 16-21 | 3<br>GOOD FRIDAY<br><br>Is 52, 13-53, 12<br>Psalm 30<br>He 4, 14-16: 5, 9 | 4<br>HOLY SATURDAY<br><br>Gn 1, 1-2, 2<br>Psalm 103<br>Mk 16, 1-7 |
| 5<br>EASTER SUNDAY<br><br>Acts 10, 34a 37-43<br>Psalm 117<br>Col 3, 1-4<br>Jn 20, 1-19          | 6<br><br>Acts 2, 14.22-33<br>Psalm 15<br>Mt 28, 8-15 | 7<br><br>Acts 2, 36-41<br>Psalm 32<br>Jn 20, 11-18     | 8<br><br>Acts 3, 1-10<br>Psalm 104<br>Lk 24, 13-35                                  | 9<br><br>Acts 3, 11-26<br>Psalm 8<br>Lk 24, 35-48                                     | 10<br><br>Acts 4, 1-12<br>Psalm 117<br>Jn 21, 1-14                        | 11<br><br>Acts 4, 13-21<br>Psalm 117<br>Mk 16, 9-15               |
| 12<br>2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER<br><br>Acts 4, 32-35<br>Psalm 117<br>1 Jn 5, 1-6<br>Jn 20, 19-31     | 13<br><br>Acts 4, 23-31<br>Psalm 2<br>Jn 3, 1-8      | 14<br><br>Acts 4, 32-37<br>Psalm 92<br>Jn 3, 78-15     | 15<br><br>Acts 5, 17-26<br>Psalm 33<br>Jn 3, 16-21                                  | 16<br>ST GEORGE<br><br>Acts 5, 27-33<br>Psalm 33<br>Jn 3, 31-36                       | 17<br><br>Acts 5, 34-42<br>Psalm 26<br>Jn 6, 1-15                         | 18<br><br>Acts 6, 1-7<br>Psalm 32<br>Jn 6, 19-21                  |
| 19<br>3ND SUNDAY OF EASTER<br><br>Acts 3, 13-15.17-19<br>Psalm 4<br>1 Jn 2, 1-5<br>Lk 24, 35-48 | 20<br><br>Acts 6, 8-15<br>Psalm 118<br>Jn 6, 22-29   | 21<br><br>Acts 7, 51-8, 1a<br>Psalm 30<br>Jn 6, 30-35  | 22<br><br>Acts 8, 1b-8<br>Psalm 65<br>Jn 6, 35-40                                   | 23<br><br>Acts 8, 26-40<br>Psalm 65<br>Jn 6, 44-51                                    | 24<br><br>Acts 9, 1-20<br>Psalm 116<br>Jn 6, 52-59                        | 25<br>ST MARK<br><br>Acts 9, 31-42<br>Psalm 115<br>Jn 6, 60-59    |
| 26<br>4 SUNDAY OF EASTER<br><br>Acts 4, 8-12<br>Psalm 117<br>1 Jn 3, 1-2<br>Jn 10, 11-18        | 27<br><br>Acts 11, 1-18<br>Psalm 41<br>John 10-1-10  | 28<br><br>Acts 11, 19-26<br>Psalm 86<br>John 20, 22-30 | 29<br>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA<br><br>Acts 12, 24-13, 5a<br>Psalm 66<br>John 12, 44-50 | 30<br>SAINT PIO V<br><br>Acts 13, 13-25<br>Psalm 88<br>John 13, 16-20                 |                                                                           |                                                                   |
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CHAPTER 24

# We Celebrate Holy Week: Time to Remember

Holy Week is an important week. We celebrate Jesus' great love for us. Can you match the story with the day we celebrate? Draw a line from the picture of the story to the picture of the celebration.



We welcome Jesus.



Good Friday

Jesus is risen.



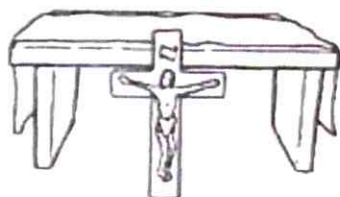
Holy Thursday



We eat with Jesus.



Palm Sunday

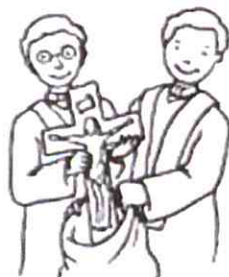


Jesus dies for us.



Easter Sunday

Jesus is buried.



Holy Saturday



# FAMILY PASCHAL CANDLE CRAFT

The paschal candle is a major symbol at the Easter Vigil. The word paschal comes from the word **pesah**, which is the Hebrew word for Pass-over.

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

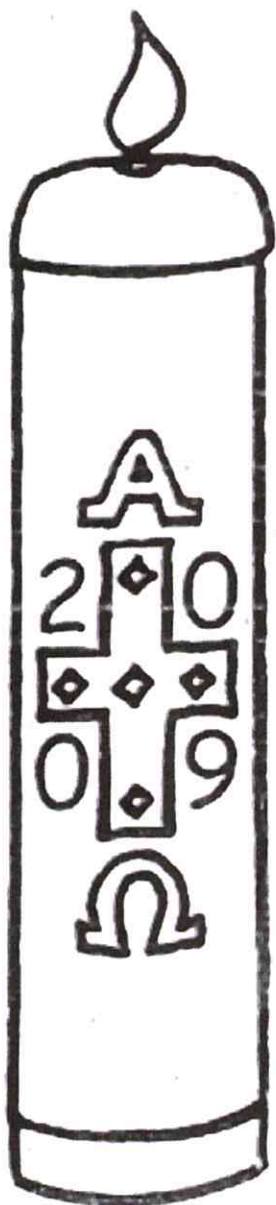
1. A large cross, In the center of the cross and at the four ends grains of incense are inserted, representing the five wounds of Jesus.
2. At the top of the vertical beam of the cross is the Greek letter A (**alpha**), and at the bottom of the vertical beam is the Greek letter U (**omega**). These are the first and last letters of the Greek Alphabet, and they symbolize Jesus Christ as the beginning and end of all things.
3. 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)

## 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.



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





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**Easter Sunday April 05 2015**

**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 persons affected 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 death 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 everything? 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**

**WORD SEARCH**

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Find the following    | R E S U C I T A D O |
| hidden words in Span- | M L S N O U D I S T |
| ish and write a sen-  | A G L C M I A C D P |
| tence using them:     | G G S B R A N A N E |
|                       | D Q A S I I R V X D |
| Risen, Jesus, Tomb,   | A A B M D E T I H R |
| Mary, Magdalene,      | L H A E S O S U A O |
| Peter, Empty, Linens, | E E N D A O Y E R C |
| Believed, Scripture   | N E A D O N A R L A |
|                       | A J E S U S T U V R |



- NARRATOR: Several guards were standing by the entrance to the tomb to make sure no one took Jesus' body.
- GUARD # 1: Boy, it's been a long day. How did we end up with this job?
- GUARD # 2: It's your fault. This is what we get for you getting us in trouble.
- GUARD # 3-4: Shut up, you two. Can't you see we're trying to sleep?
- GUARD # 1: You'd better get up, someone's coming this way. They look like women .
- GUARDIA # 2: Who are you and what are you doing here?
- WOMEN: Kind sirs, we have come to finish anointing the body of Our Lord. We couldn't finish yesterday.
- GUARDS: Go back, you're not permitted to ...
- NARRATOR: Suddenly the ground began to shake as an angel came down like a flash of lightning. At this, the guard fell to the ground as if dead. The shaking opened the tomb..
- ANGEL: Why are you women here? If you are looking for Jesus He is not there. Come and see for yourselves. The tomb is empty.
- WOMEN: Who has taken our Lord's body? Have you taken Him? Please tell us where he is.
- ANGEL: Jesus Himself said that He would rise again. Go now to Galilee where you will see Him one again.
- NARRATOR: The women ran back with the good news to tell the Disciples.



## **Friends of Jesus and Mary**

### **Second Sunday of Easter April 12 2015**

**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 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's 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 everything we have and so there won't be any needy among us. **Amen.**



# The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

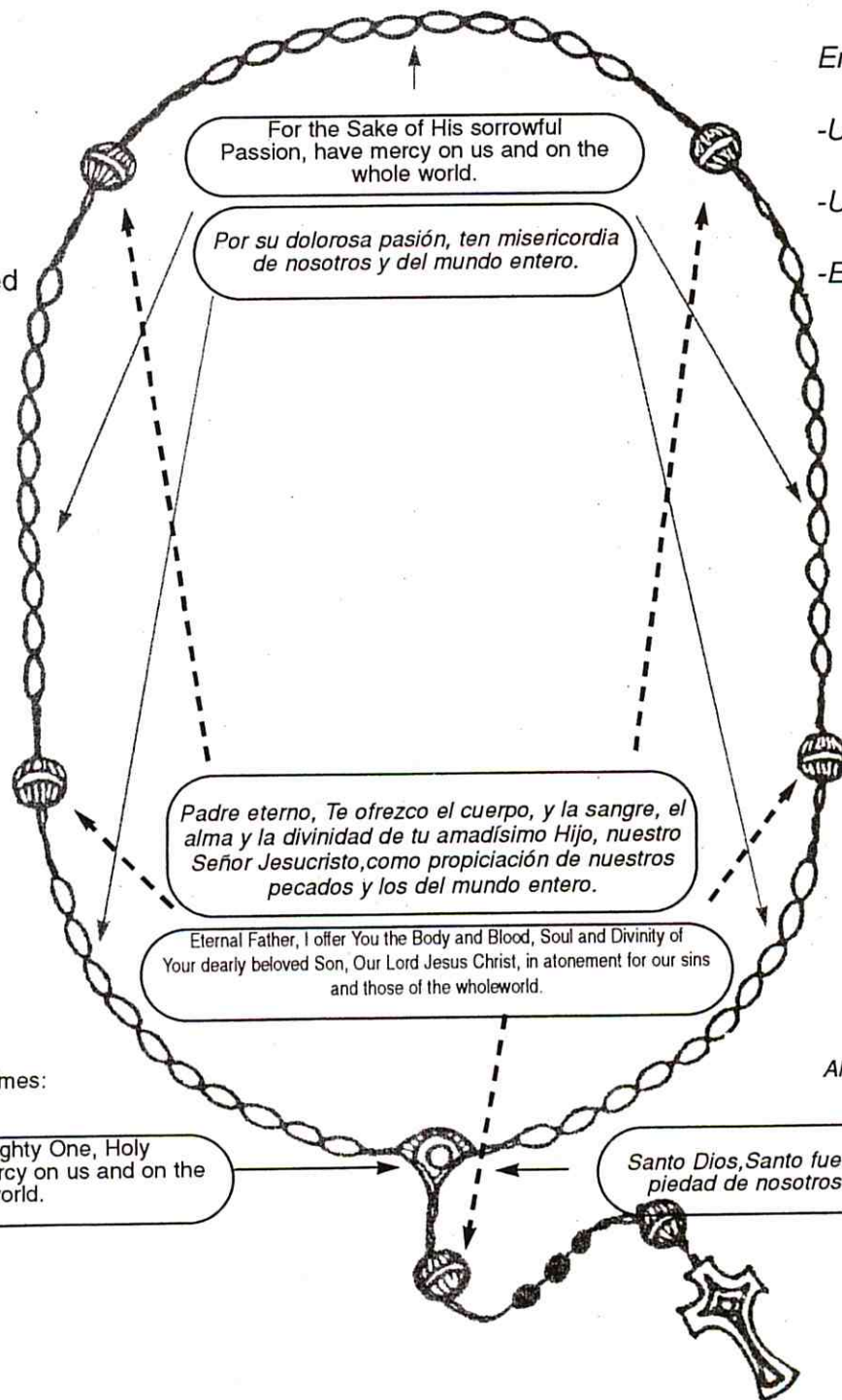
## *Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia*

You will begin with

- One Our Father
- One Hail Mary
- The Apostles Creed

*Empezarás rezando*

- Un Padre Nuestro
- Un Ave María
- El Credo



At the end repeat three times:

*Al final repetir tres veces:*

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have Mercy on us and on the whole world.

*Santo Dios, Santo fuerte, Santo inmortal, ten piedad de nosotros y del mundo entero.*

Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with my will. (1731)

*A quienes recen esta coronilla, me complazco en darles lo que me pidan (1541) y agregó: si (...) está de acuerdo con mi voluntad (1731).*





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**Third Sunday of Easter- April 19 2015**

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

**Activity**

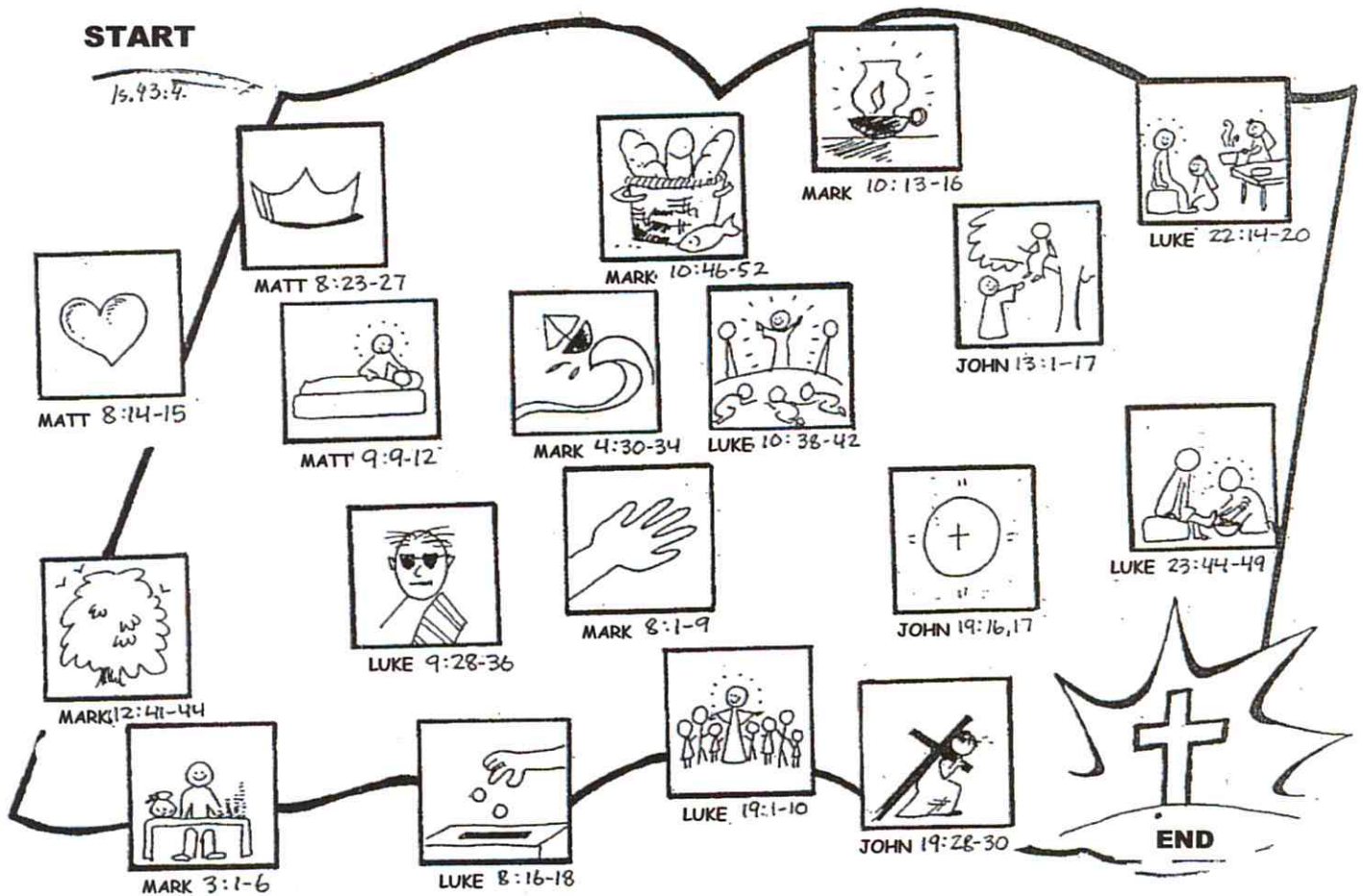
Ask the children to draw and cut fish and write on them what type of food (their commitment) they are going to offer to the risen Jesus. Place the fish on a basket and pray to Jesus so that they will accomplish what they promise.

**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.**

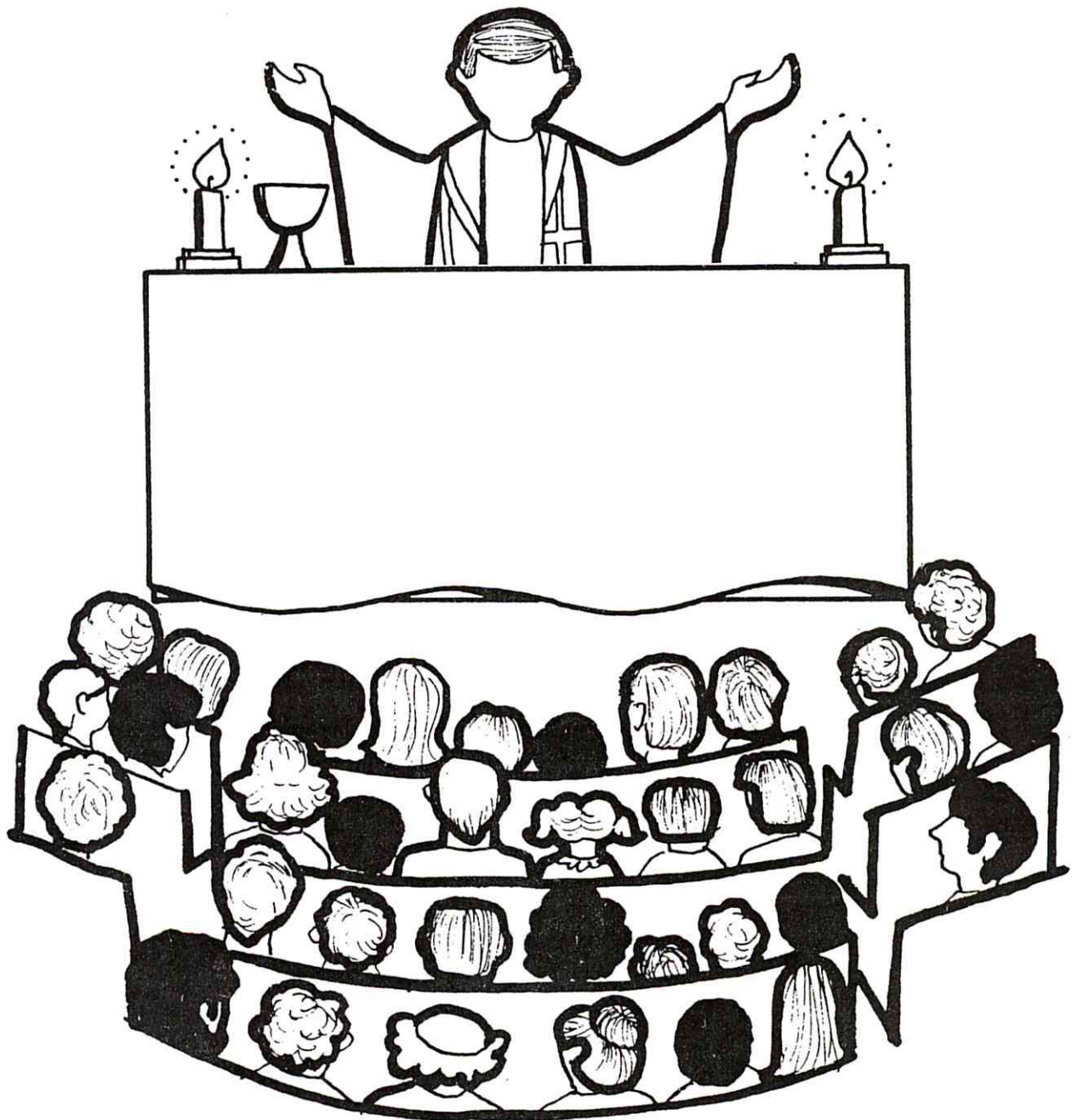


# GOD'S LOVE IS ALL OVER SCRIPTURE



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Read the Bible passage under “Star”. Find the picture or symbol that matches the passage. Draw a line connecting them. Read the Bible passage under that picture. Continue finding the matching pictures and drawing connecting lines. If you match the right passages, you will reach “Finish” and win. If you don’t, go back and try to discover the correct combinations. (There are two possible routes!)

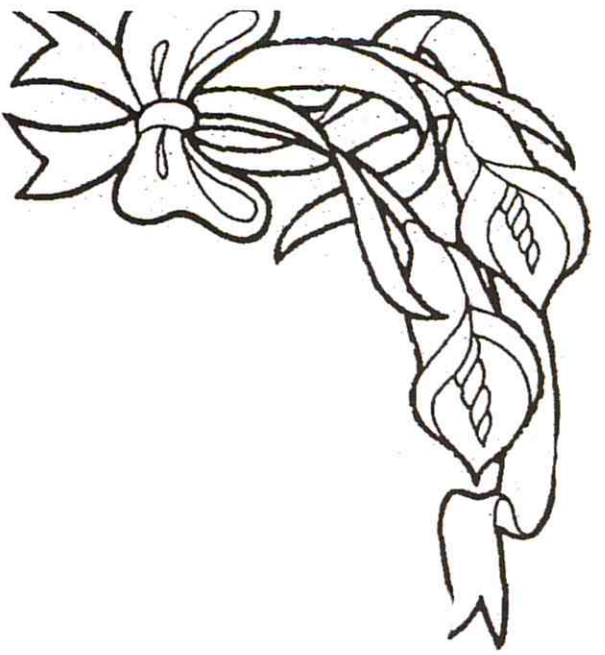


With the simple gifts of bread and wine we also offer our hearts and our lives to God. Decorate the altarcloth with something you would like to do for God this week. (Examples: quietly listening, paying attention during Mass, doing something that is not easy, helping Mom or Dad.) Color the picture-plan after you have done it.

Complete the sentences with the missing names:

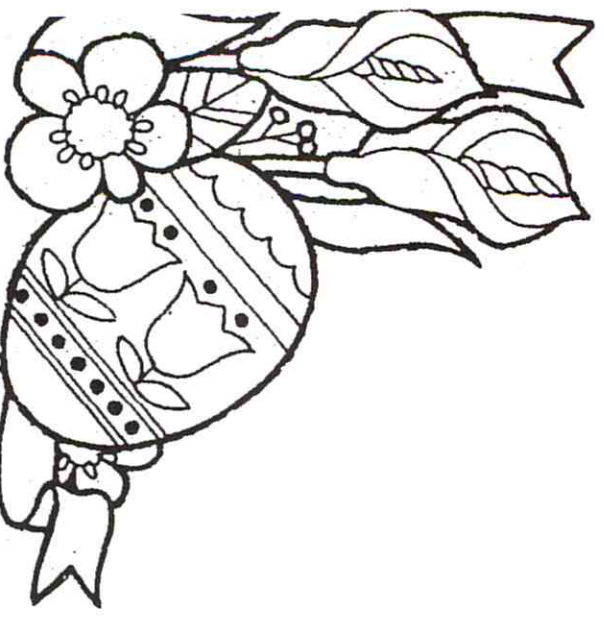
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Our Parish Is Called \_\_\_\_\_

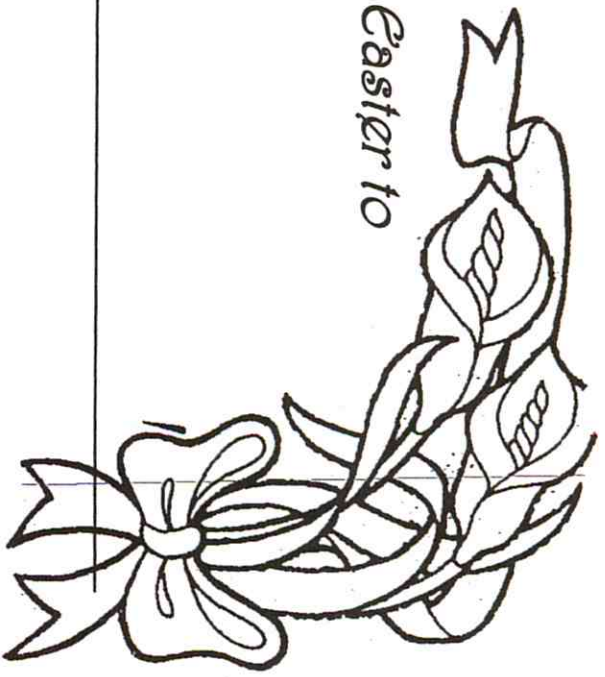


*"Jesus has been raised to new life"*

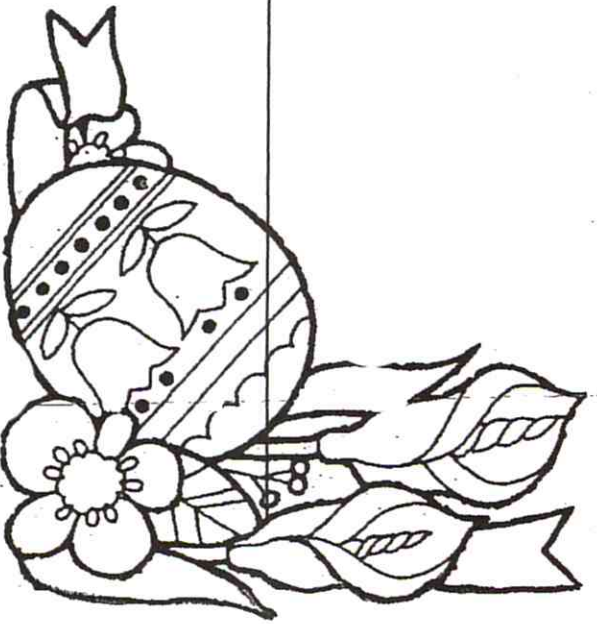
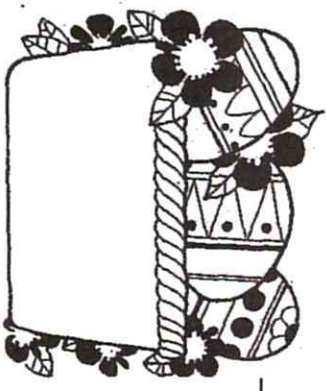
*Matthew 28, 6*



*"Happy Easter to*



*"With Love,  
From,*



# Sacrament Connection

Do you know the seven sacraments? Sacrament is the name for the seven special signs of God's presence in our lives. Sacraments are rooted in the life and ministry of Jesus and help us to recognize God in our every actions.

To describe each sacrament, connect the sacrament in column A with a phrase in column B and a phrase in column C. One has been done for you.

| <b>A</b>                  | <b>B</b>                                     | <b>C</b>                                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Baptism                   | Anointing the forehead and hands             | Celebrates forgiveness                          |
| Confirmation              | Exchange of vows                             | Makes one a child of God                        |
| Eucharistic               | Pouring water                                | Commissions service                             |
| Penance<br>Reconciliation | Laying on of hands                           | Strength and seals one's Baptism                |
| Anointing of the Sick     | Breaking bread                               | Celebrates Jesus' life, death, and resurrection |
| Holy Orders               | Prayer of absolution                         | Unites couple in commitment of love             |
| Matrimony                 | "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" | Strengthens and comforts in times of sickness   |

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Strength and seals one's Baptism

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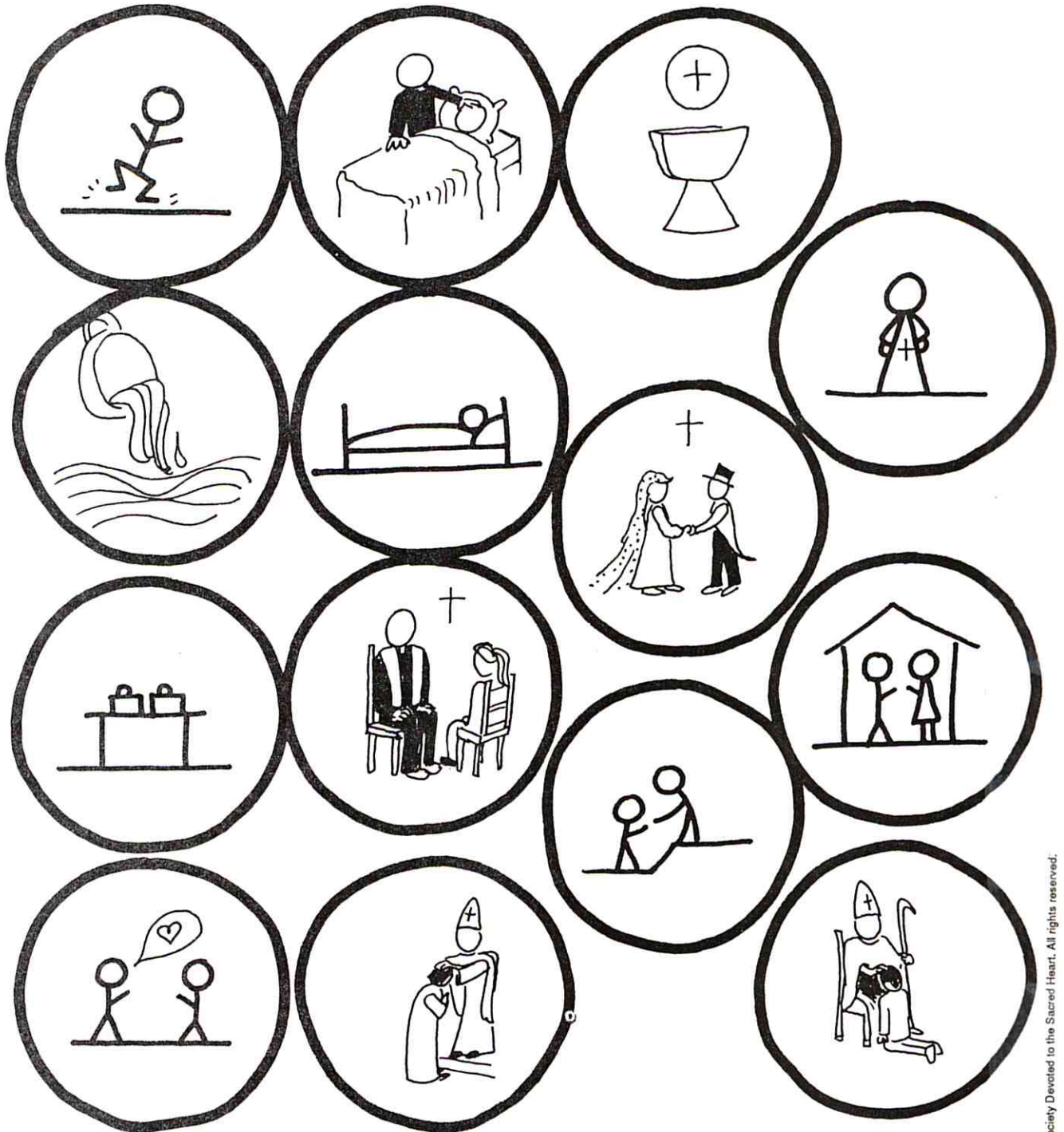
Penance: Prayer of absolution-Celebrates forgiveness

Anointing of the sick: Anointing the forehead and hands—  
Strengthens and comforts in times of sickness

Holy Order: Laying on of hands- Commissions service

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# Rainbow of Jesus' Friendship



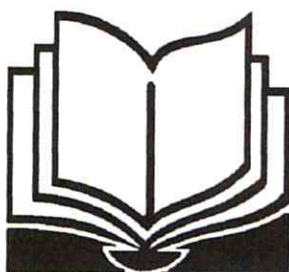
Mixed up here are the seven Sacraments. Color each Sacrament a different color. Remembering Sister Monique's lesson, can you find each Sacrament's example from daily life? Color them the same color as their Sacrament.

# St. MARK APRIL 25

Mark lived at the time of Jesus. Although he was not among the original twelve apostles, he was a relative of St. Barnabas, an apostle. Mark is well-known because he wrote one of the four Gospels. That is why he is called an evangelist, a Gospel writer. Mark's Gospel is short, but it gives many little details that we are not in the other Gospels.



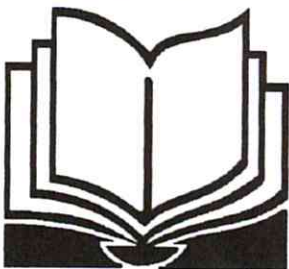
**St. Mark wrote one of the four Gospels**



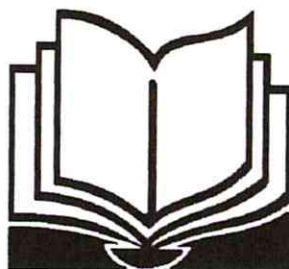
**MATHEW**



**MARK**



**LUCK**



**JOHN**

### *My Prayer*

*Lord Jesus there is so much  
to learn from the gospels.  
Help me to read it with love  
and put to practice your  
words.  
Amen*

While still young, Mark went with the two great saints, Paul and Barnabas, on a missionary journey to bring the teachings of Jesus to new lands. Before the journey was over, though, Mark seems to have had a disagreement with St. Paul. Mark suddenly returned to Jerusalem. Paul and Mark later worked out their differences. In fact, Paul wrote from prison in Rome that Mark came to console and help him.

Mark also became a beloved disciple of St. Peter, the first pope. St. Peter called St. Mark "my son". Some think that Peter meant to say that he had baptized Mark. Mark was consecrated a bishop and sent to Alexandria, Egypt. There he converted many people. He worked hard to spread love for Jesus and his Church. It is believed that he went through long and painful sufferings before he died.

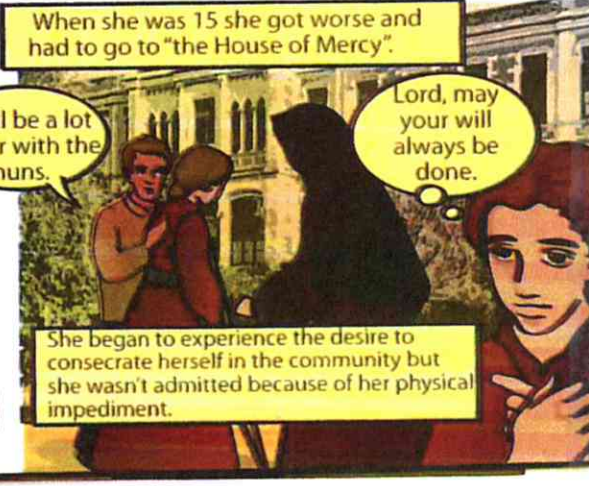
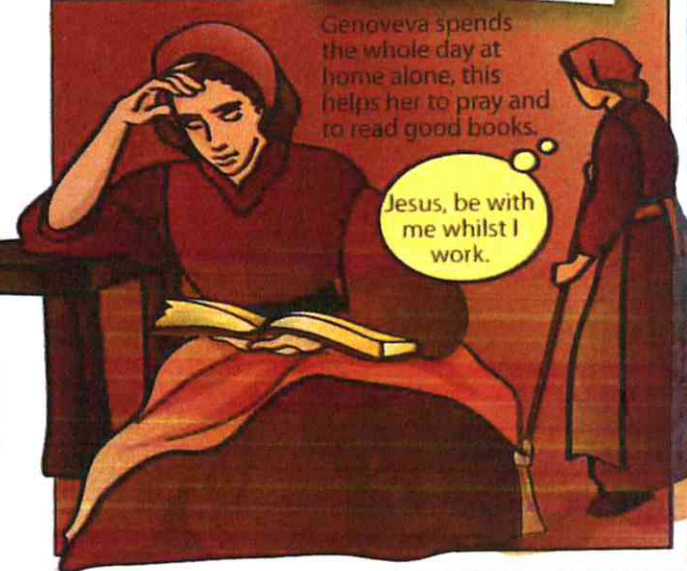
Saint Mark's relics were brought to Venice, Italy. He is the patron saint of that famous city. People go to the beautiful basilica of St. Mark to honor him and to pray him.

*We can remember St. Mark when we have a disagreement with someone. We can think of him also when we can't get along with people even if we want to. At those difficult moments, we can ask St. Mark to show us his secret for patching up differences.*

# SAINT GENOVEVA TORRES



She was born on January 3rd, 1870, in Almenara, Castellón, Spain. She was the youngest of 6: José, Vicente, Rosa, Teresa, Vicenta and herself.





The Lord let her know what He wanted from her. She would found a new Order that would take in women who live alone.

I think it will be very good for these women.



I agree.

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Holy Angels began. They had perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, even during the night.



I am so happy to be here.

It is a really good work.

It is God's work.

She often thinks that she is too imperfect to continue the work, but she always accepts what God wants.



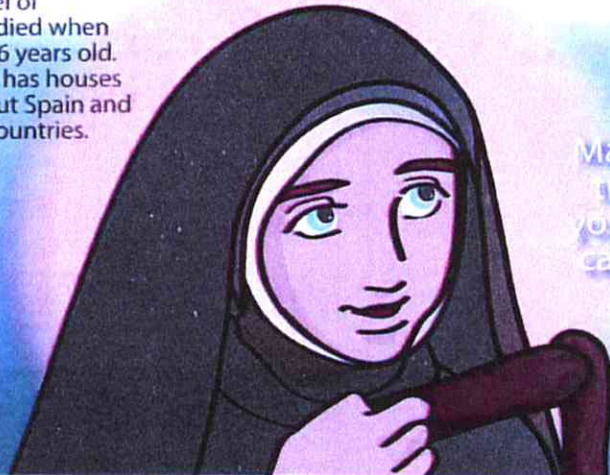
To do God's will in everything is what's best for us because God loves us.

She always carried with her an image of the Virgin and she loved to look her in the eyes.



Mother of Jesus and my Mother, in suffering and hardship I will turn to you.

This "Angel of Solitude" died when she was 86 years old. The order has houses throughout Spain and in other countries.



Mary is our Mother, turn to her when you are in need, she can do everything.

Her feast day is January 4th.