



# Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María

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**Florida Center for Peace**

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Miami, Florida

## **Dear Brothers and Sisters:**

Let us begin this New Year 2015 with our hearts full of love and thanks giving for all the graces we receive last year. Let's renew our prayer in the family, friends and prayers groups, in union with Jesus and Mary.

## **Important feast and Saints:**

January 01 Mary, Mother of God	January 22 Blessed Laura Vicuña
January 05 St John Neumann	January 24 Saint Francis de Sales
January 06 The tree Wise Men	January 27 Saint Henry de Osso
January 07 Epiphany of the Lord	
January 08 Baptism of the Lord	
January 21 St Agnes	

## **Enclosed materials and activities:**

- 1) Monthly calendar & Meditations on the Sunday Gospel
- 2) New year resolutions
- 3) Celebrate together our families and Friends
- 4) God Love Others
- 5) Stories from the bible
- 6) Saint Henry of Osso
- 7) Mothers Love Mary Loves
- 8) Three Kings
- 9) We belong to gods Family
- 10) Conversion of St Paul
- 11) Saint Sebastian

## **Suggested videos**

- 1) Saint Henry de Osso
- 2) Saint John Bosco
- 3) Nativity Three wise Men
- 4) Prayer

On January 27 we celebrate the feast of Saint Henry de Osso patron Saint of our ministry of friends of Jesus and Mary. We encourage you to plan a special event this day, to make him known.

May God Bless you always,  
Comite de Amigos de Jesus y Maria

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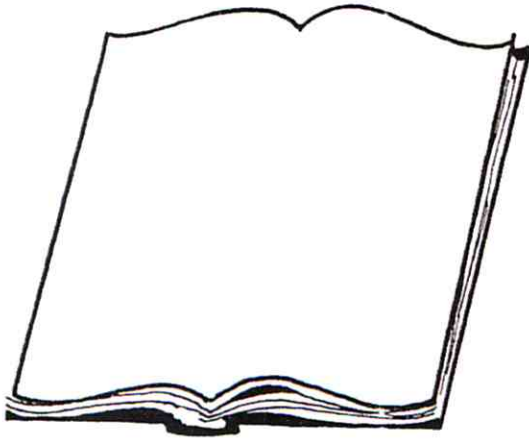
January 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Nu 6:22-27 Psalm 66 Ga 4: 4-7 Lk 2: 16-21	2 First Friday Saint Basil the Great 1 Jn 2, 22-28 Psalm 97 Jn 1, 19-28	3 First Saturday the Most Holy Name Jesus 1 Jn 2, 29-3.6 Psalm 97 Jn 1, 29-34
4 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Is 60: 1-6 Psalm 71 Eph 3, 2-3, 5-6 Mt 2, 1-12	5 ST. JOHN NEUMANN 1 Jn 3, 22-4,6 Psalm 2 Mt 4, 12-17.23-25	6 the Three Kings 1 Jn 4, 7-10 Psalm 71 Mk 6, 34-44	7 ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT 1 Jn 4, 11-18 Psalm 71 Mk 6, 45-52	8 1 Jn 4, 19-5,4 Psalm 71 Lk 4, 14-22	9 1 Jn 5, 5-13 Psalm 147 Lk 5, 12-16	10 1 Jn 5, 14-21 Psalm 149 Jn 3, 22-30
11 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Is 42: 1-4,6-7 Psalm 28 Acts 10, 34-38 Mk 1, 7-11	12 Acts 1, 1-6 Psalm 96 Mk 1, 14-20	13 ST. HILARY He 2, 5-12 Psalm 8 Mk 1, 21b-28	14 He 2, 14-18 Psalm 104 Mk 1, 29-39	15 He 3, 7-14 Psalm 94 Mk 1, 40-45	16 He 4, 1-5.11 Psalm 77 Mk 2, 1-12	17 ST. ANTHONY He 4, 12-16 Psalm 18 Mk 2, 13-17
18 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 S 3:3b-10,19 1 Co 6:13c.15c, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY He 5, 1-10 Psalm 109 Mk 2, 18-22	20 ST. FABIAN & ST. SEBASTIAN He 6, 10-20 Psalm 110 Mk 2, 23-28	21 ST. AGNES He 7, 1-3.15-17 Psalm 109 Mk 3, 1-6	22 He 7, 25-8,6 Psalm 39 Mk 3, 7-12	23 ST. VINCENT He 8, 6-13 Psalm 84 Mk 3, 13-19	24 ST. FRANCIS DE SALES He 9, 2-3.11-14 Psalm 46 Mk 3, 20-21
25 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jon 3: 1-5, 10; 1 Co 7:29-31; Mk 1: 14-20	26 SAINT TIMOTHY & TITUS 1 Ti 1, 1-8 Psalm 95 Lk 10, 1-9	27 ST. ANGELA MERICI He 10, 1-10 Psalm 39 Mk 3, 31-35	28 ST. THOMAS AQUINAS He 10, 11-18 Psalm 109 Mk 4, 1-20	29 He 10, 19-25 Psalm 23 Mk 4, 21-25	30 He 10, 32-39 Psalm 36 Mk 4, 26-34	31 ST. JOHN BOSCO He 11, 1-28-19 Lk 1, 69-75 Mk 4, 35-41

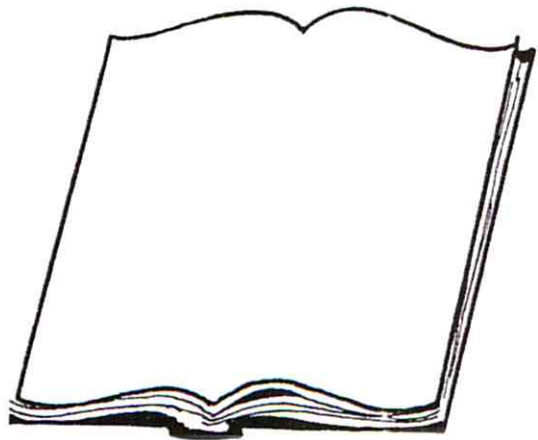
# NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS FOR 2015

*Write in each square in blank what do you like to do this New Year to grow in love to Jesus and others. A resolutions is usually made on New Year's Eve, but it can be made anytime you find that you wish to improve.*

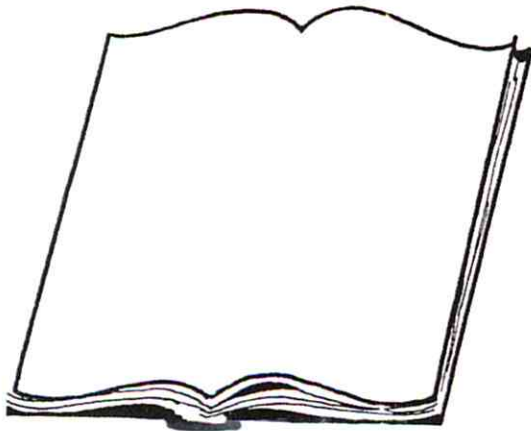
*When we think about all the wonderful things God has done for us, we realize how often we need we need to say a prayer of thanksgiving to our loving God*



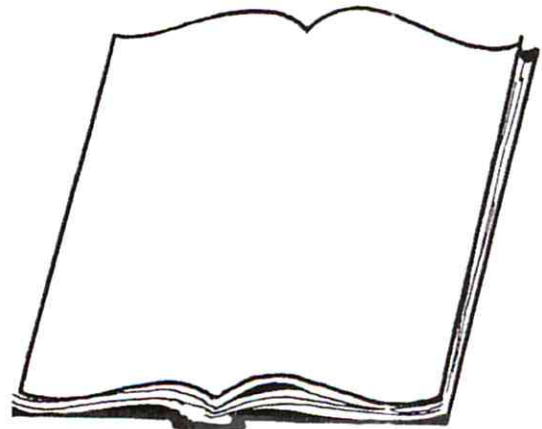
*MY FAMILY*



*FRIENDS- COMPANIONS*



*PEOPLE IN NEED*



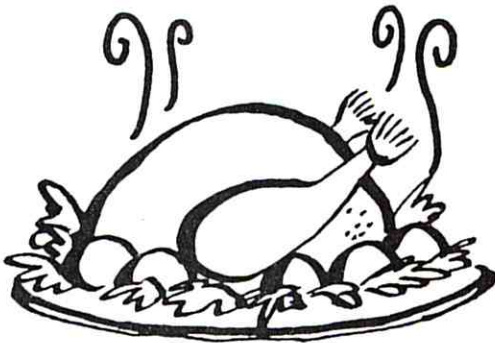
*PERSONAL GROW*

*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, ad your plans will succeed"*

*Prov. 16:3*

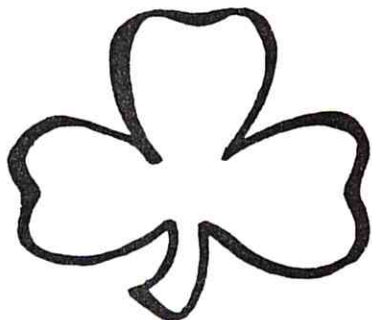
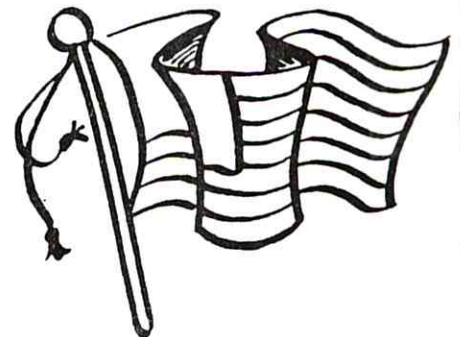
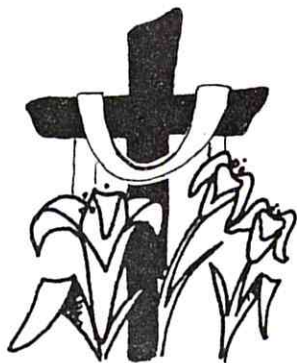
# We Celebrate Together With Our Families And Friends

We come together to celebrate with our families and our friends. We tell stories. Sometimes we sing and have special food to eat. Can you guess what is being celebrated by looking at the pictures below? Write it under each picture. Use the Word Bank.







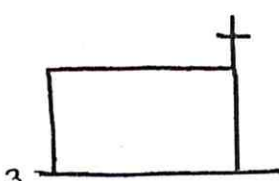
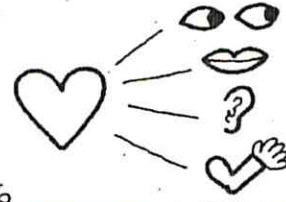
## WORD BANK

Thanksgiving  
Christmas  
Valentine's Day  
Fourth of July  
Birthday  
Saint Patrick's Day  
Easter  
Eucharist



When we celebrate the Eucharist, we celebrate Jesus who is in the form of Bread and Wine. We receive Him into our hearts in Holy Communion.

# GOD OTHERS

LOVE GOD FIRST	1 	4 	OBEY YOUR PARENTS
HONOR GOD'S NAME	2 	5 	DO NOT KILL
HONOR GOD'S DAY	3 	6 	BE PURE





## Remember God Loves You

Here are the Ten Commandments in an easy way to remember.

Color the pictures and the words. Then cut out the words.

Mix them up and try to match them with the pictures. Keep trying until you get it right.

Practice together with club members.

7 	DO NOT STEAL
8 	DO NOT LIE
9 	DO NOT WANT YOUR NEIGHBOR'S SPOUSE
10 	DO NOT WANT YOUR NEIGHBOR'S THINGS

# Stories from the Bible



## THE FIRST COMMANDMENT (MT. 22:34-40)

IN THOSE DAYS, SOME OF THE PHARISEES WHO WERE JESUS' ENEMIES, WANTED TO SET A TRAP FOR HIM, TRYING TO CATCH HIM IN SOME ERROR BY ASKING HIM COMPLICATED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FAITH. ONE OF THEM, A SCRIBE, ASKED HIM:

MASTER,  
WHICH IS  
THE FIRST OF  
THE  
COMMAND-  
MENTS?

THE FIRST IS: HEAR, O ISRAEL,  
YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD, YOUR GOD, WITH ALL  
YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL  
YOUR STRENGTH. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND  
FIRST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE  
IT... YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR  
AS YOURSELF.

JESUS MUST HAVE SPOKEN IN SUCH  
A WAY THAT TRANSMITTED SO  
MUCH LOVE FOR GOD, SO MUCH  
LOVE FOR HIS BRETHREN, THAT  
THE SCRIBE EXCLAIMED:

YOU ARE RIGHT, TEACHER.  
THE LORD IS THE ONLY GOD, AND WE MUST LOVE HIM  
WITH ALL OUR HEART. AND WE MUST ALSO LOVE OUR  
NEIGHBOR. THIS LOVE IS WORTH MORE  
THAN ALL SACRIFICE.

WHEN JESUS SAW THAT  
THE SCRIBE HAD ANSWERED  
CORRECTLY, HE SAID TO HIM:

YOU ARE NOT FAR FROM  
THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

AND HE WHO HAD COME TO TRAP HIM, WAS LEFT  
CAPTIVATED BY JESUS' WISDOM.



## ***Friends of Jesus and Mary***

***Mary Mother of God January 1, 2015***

***Readings: Numbers 6, 22-27; Psalms 66; 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 seen; 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. **(Luke 2, 16-21)**

### ***Reflection***

In the readings of this week, the blessing of Aaron (Numbers 6, 22-27) becomes a prayer. In Psalm 66 we are inviting God to look at his people so that we can contemplate and celebrate salvation. The church proclaims the birth of Jesus to celebrate Mary as the mother of God. The shepherds share the Good News. Mary listens, learns and meditates all the words and keeps them in her heart. In Jesus the law is fulfilled. His parents bring him to the temple to be circumcised according to the Jewish law, culture and costumes. Do you welcome Jesus and bring him with you wherever you go? Invite Mary to work with you this year. Ask her to help you in all the stages of your life that need her protection and guide. **Share.**

### ***Activity***

Bring a nice picture of Mary to the group. Speak about all her qualities and virtues. Make your new resolutions and try to imitate Mary in all her virtues. If we do so we will keep ourselves on the track God wants us to be when we have problems or difficulties.

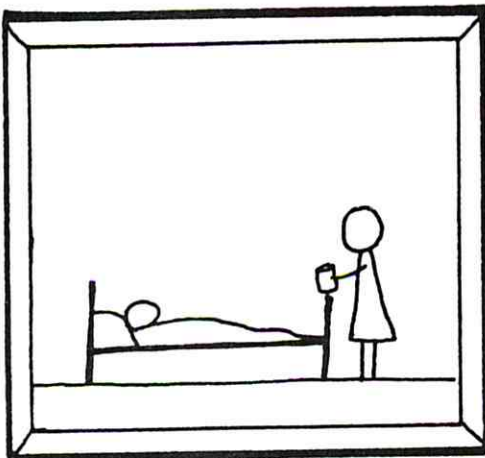
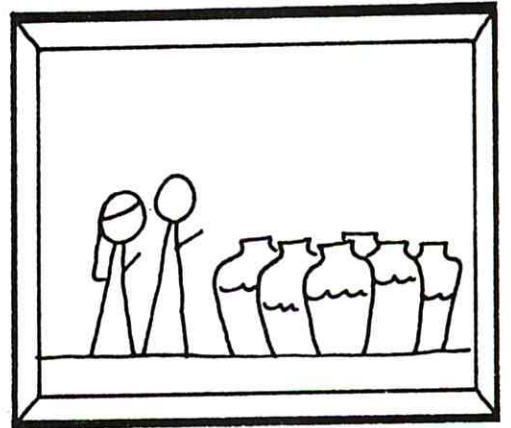
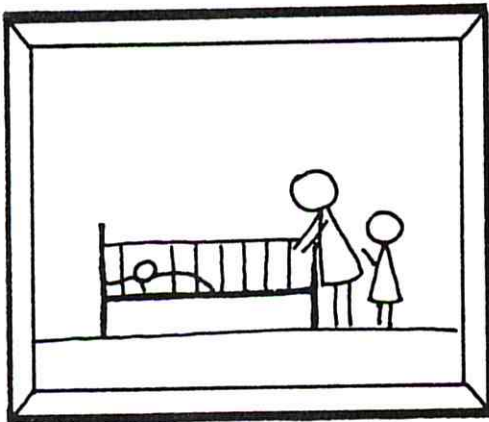
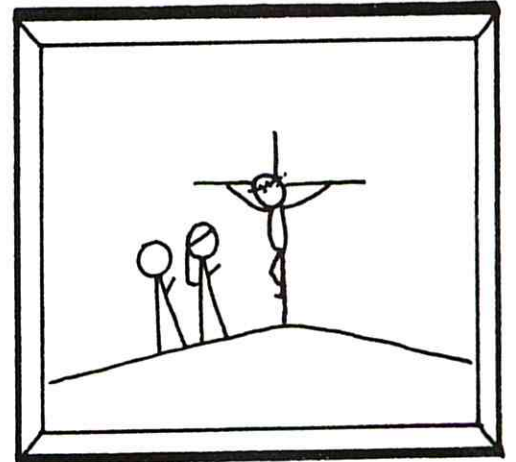
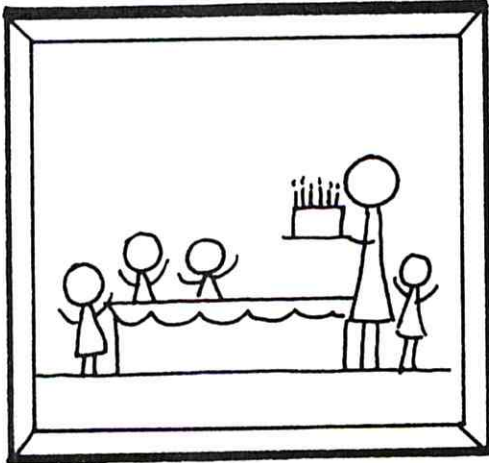
### ***Prayer***

Mary, pray to your son for me. Ask him to give me courage and wisdom. To give me a heart full of love for Him, capable of following him always in the path of life. **Amen.**



# Our Mothers Love As Mary Loves

When you like something, you want more. Mothers are so special, so wonderful, so loving, that God gave us two: the mother who takes care of us here and Mary, our heavenly Mother. — On one side there are three pictures of our Mother Mary. Find, on the other side, where your mother loves you like Mary loves Jesus and draw lines to connect them.







## Friends of Jesus and Mary

Epiphany January 4, 2015

**Readings:** Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3, 2-3a, 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 presented 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

God has been revealed to all nations without excluding anyone. The Magi set on their way to follow the will of God. The magi offered the best they had as they recognized the great gift of the Messiah come to the world. Share about what gold, frankincense and myrrh mean. The best gift is Jesus himself. Do they know the Hispanic tradition of the Three Kings? Do we keep the Hispanic tradition?

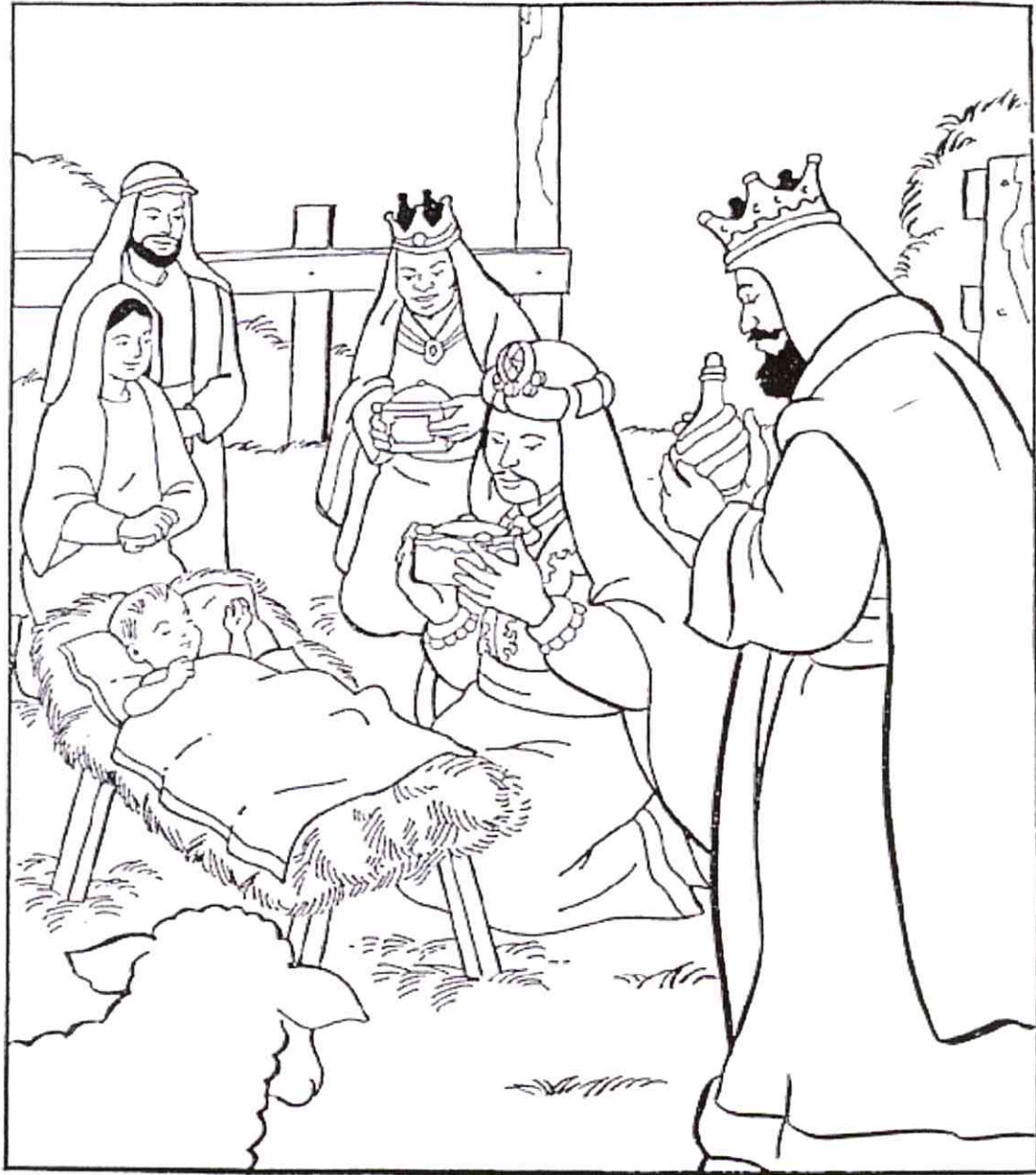
### Prayer

Lord Jesus, you came to announce to us that any person, no matter where he or she is from, is a child of God, of your family. Make us like stars to call other people and show them the way to you. May they find in us your smile of love for all people on earth. May we always look for you. **Amen.**



One night, three wise men saw a beautiful star shining in the sky. They mounted their camels and went in a long journey following the star.

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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 gifts of gold, perfumes, incense and myrrh.



**Friends of Jesus and Mary**  
**Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2015**

**Readings:** Isaiah 42, 1-4.6-7; Psalm 28, 1; Acts 10, 34-38; Matthew 3; 13-17

**The Baptism of Jesus**

At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. "I ought to be baptized by you." John said, "And yet you have come to me!" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires." So John agreed. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit lighting on him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him. Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased." (Matthew 3, 13-17)

**Reflection**

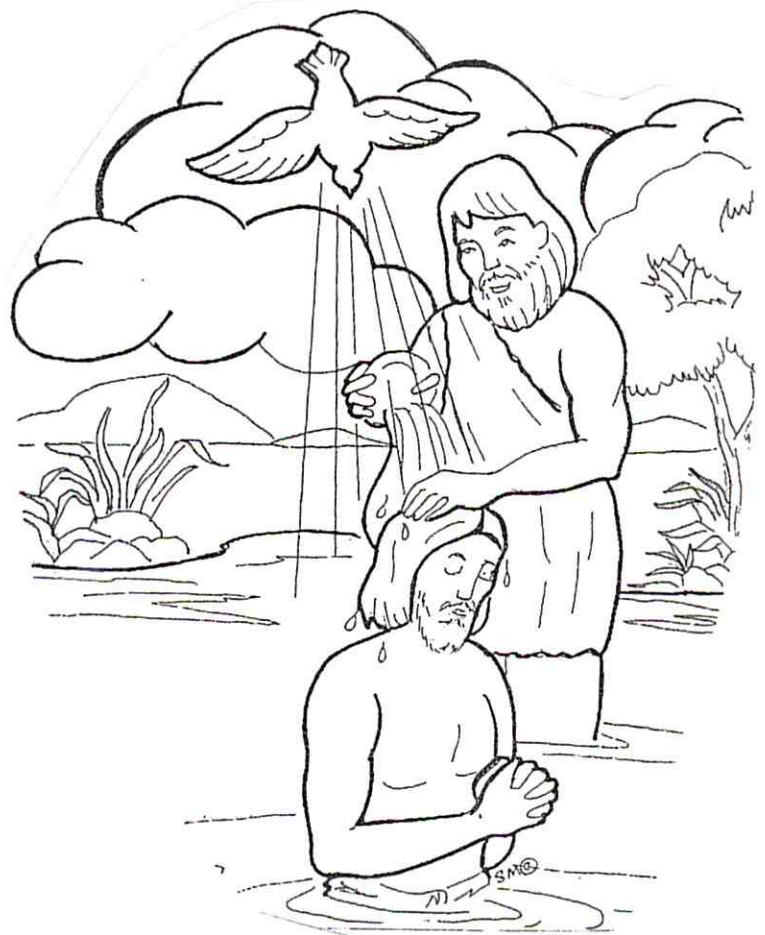
Through Baptism, we have received the same mission as Jesus: to announce peace and justice of God with our own life. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made shares of the mission; "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1213) How will we help Jesus in His mission? How can you bring comfort to someone who is sad or concerned?

**Activity**

Invite the children to share about their own Baptism. They can name their godparents and how they share time with them. Act the ceremony of Baptism. Point out each step and its meaning.

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus, you came to be part of the human family and brought to us the Good News of liberation from sin and death. Help us to be good news for each other this week. **Amen.**



# We Belong to God's Family

From the Word Bank, write the missing words of the sentences in the puzzle. Each word is numbered.

Then unscramble the letters in the darker boxes to find out the name of the Family of God.



WORD BANK		
ONE	SON	THREE
GOD'S	HOLY	CHILD
SIGN	SPIRIT	CROSS
FATHER	BAPTIZED	

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

★ **BONUS** →

We belong to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Family.  
 We become members of God's Family  
 when we are (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
 There is only (4) \_\_\_\_\_ God. But  
 there are (5) \_\_\_\_\_ persons in God.  
 They are called the (6) \_\_\_\_\_,  
 (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_. We make the (9) \_\_\_\_\_  
 of the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to show  
 that we are members of God's Family.



## ***Friends of Jesus and Mary***

***Second Sunday Ordinary Time January 18, 2015***

***Readings: 1 Samuel 3:3b -10, 19 Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8 1 Corinthians 6:13c 15c 17-20 John 1:35-42***

### ***The First Disciples of Jesus***

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold the lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" which translated means Teacher, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" which is translated Peter. **(John 1:35-42)**

#### ***Reflection***

God can call people of any age. The important thing is to answer: "Here I am Lord". The disciples wanted to see where Jesus lived. Where does Jesus live today in our families, neighborhoods, classmates, and cities?

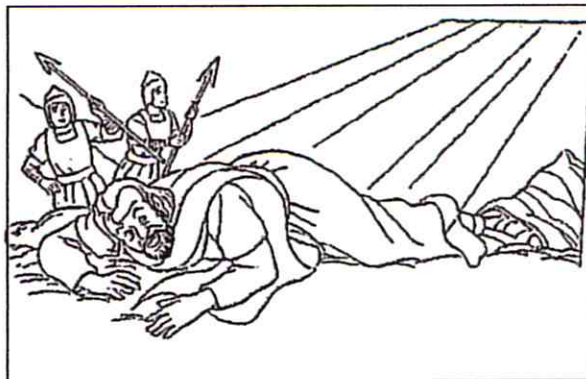
#### ***Activity***

Ask the children to draw and cut out big ears. On the back they can write what they think Jesus is telling them and wants of them. Share how they are following Jesus' call.

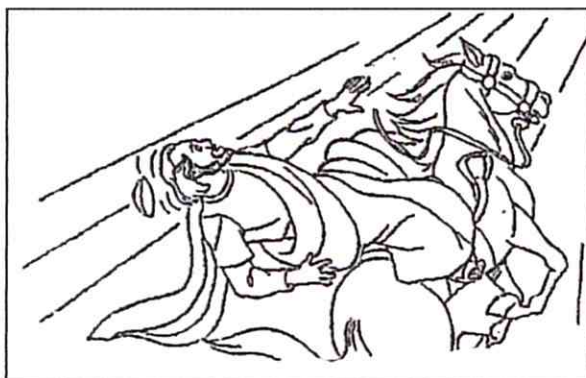
#### ***Prayer***

Here we are, Lord. Sometimes we are too busy to listen to you or to listen to one another. Give us an attentive heart to you and to others, so that we can fulfill our desires, in building the world of love and life you desire. **Amen.**





## January 25: Conversion of St. Paul

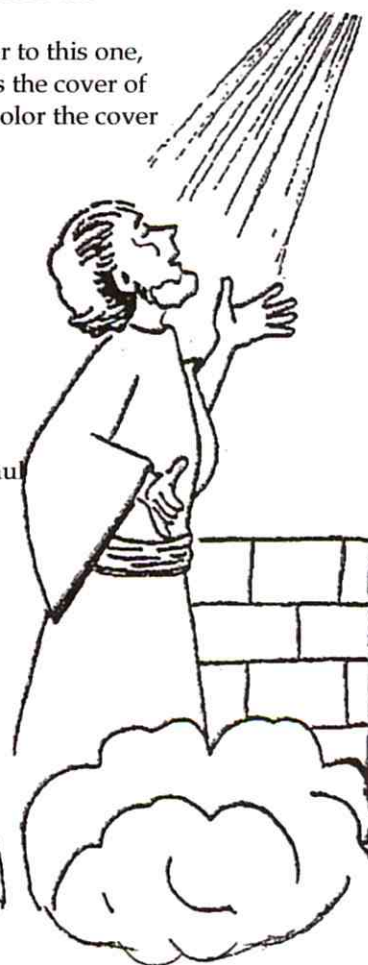


Read Acts 9,1-19 and Acts 22,6-16; 26,12-18

### 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 SEBASTIAN, MARTYR



The Emperor Diocletian had forbidden Christians in the army. St. Sebastian was a captain under the command of Maximian, who soon discovered that Sebastian was a Christian and ordered him to renounce Jesus Christ and adore the ancient gods of Rome. But Sebastian firmly denied to do so and was thus condemned to death.



They tied him to a stake and shot arrows at him. The archers were surprised to see that while they shot at him, Sebastian continued smiling. They finally left him for dead, but when the Christians came to bury him they realized that he was still breathing. They took him to the house of a woman named Irene, who took care of him. Sebastian was so valiant that he went back to Maximian to let him know that he would continue being a Christian.



Maximian almost died of fright, thinking that he was seeing a ghost, but realizing that Sebastian was still alive he decided to have him sentenced to death once more. This time, Sebastian died and the Christians buried him in the catacombs in Rome. Hopefully we can learn to be as courageous as St. Sebastian, who went to heaven because for him Jesus was more important than what others thought of him.

## SAINT SEBASTIAN

**First Name:** Sebastian  
**Last Name:** (unknown)  
**Place of Birth:** Narbonne (France)  
**Date of Birth:** around the year 256  
**Name of his Persecutor:** the Roman Emperor Diocletian Diocleciano.  
**Profession:** Captain of the Roman Army  
**Known for:** being very courageous, converting many to the Catholic faith even though it was outlawed by the Emperor.  
**Place and Date of Death:** Rome, around the year 304



**Name:** Sebastian.  
**Feast:** January 20

*Reach the  
adults through  
the children*



We are the privileged  
children of St Henry de Osso

### Leader's prayer

#### Request to Jesus

I want to bring to You, Jesus,  
those you have given to me  
so that you talk to their  
hearts, so that they may fall  
in love with Your Person and  
You keep them in your love.

The majority of them are young  
hearts who cannot live without  
loving passionately.  
Let them discover who you are,  
show them Your face, let Your  
voice resound deep in their spirit.

They will not love You, Jesus, if  
they do not know You. They will  
not know You if your grace does  
not reveal the hidden treasures  
of Your kindness and love.

You came to the world, Jesus,  
to bring fire to the earth of our  
hearts, and You do not desire  
anything but to see them kindled  
in your love. This is my desire  
also and that is why I ask You to  
give me, like You did to Paul, the  
grace to evangelize the whole  
world bringing the riches of your  
love to all. Amen

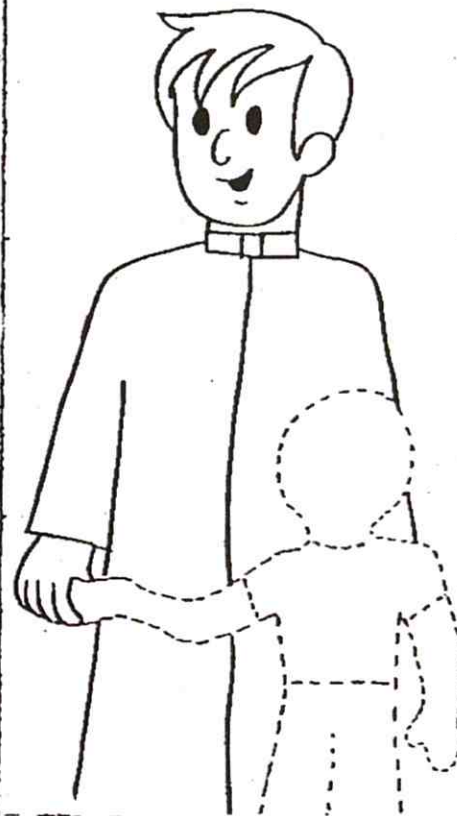
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*St Henry  
de Osso*

*Patron  
Saint  
of the  
Friends  
of Jesus  
and Mary*

*SAINT HENRY,  
DE OSSO  
ALL FOR JESUS!*



Children were Fr. Henry's  
best friends.  
He told them about Jesus.

This is me and Father Henry.  
I want to help others,  
Love Jesus as he did.

*Reach the  
adults through  
the children*





## Friends of Jesus and Mary

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 25, 2015

**Readings:** *Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1: 14-20*

### Jesus calls four Fishermen

John had been arrested; Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” As he passed by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. **(Mark 1:14-20)**

#### Reflection

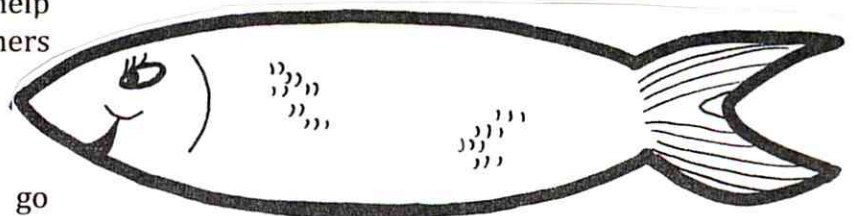
The Lord asks us to be available for the mission, even if it is difficult. We need to change our bad ways to follow Jesus. What difficulties do they encounter to follow Jesus and do well? What talents do they have to do good? How are you going to use them this week?

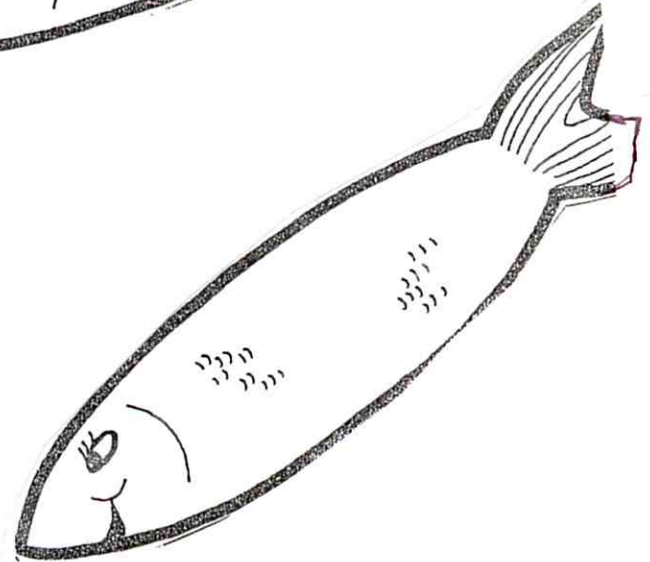
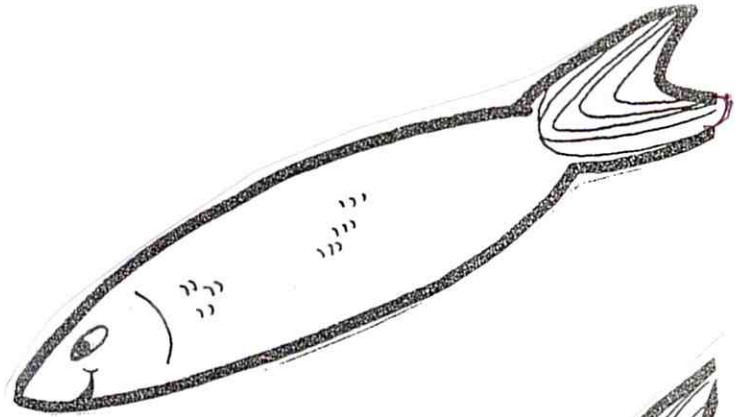
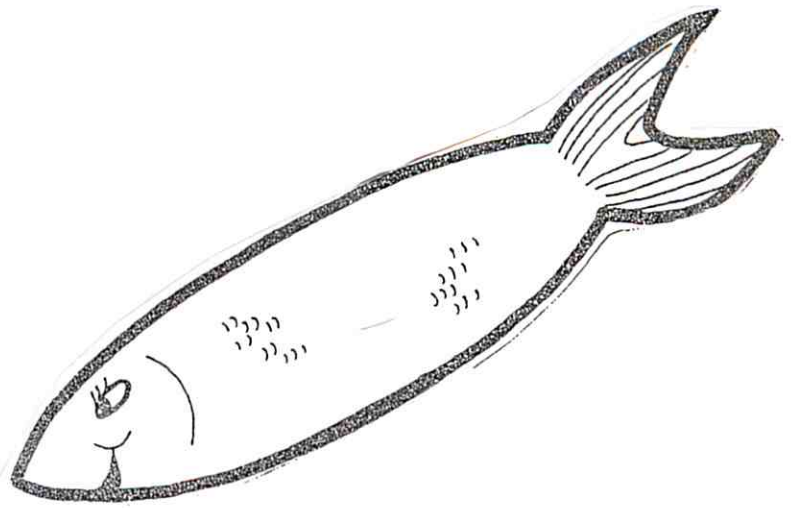
#### Activity

Act the story of the gospel. Prepare a net with cardboard fish. Let each child pick one. Ask them to write on it their name on one side and on the back his commitment to follow Jesus. Then they pick up another fish and write the name of a friend to whom are going to help follow Jesus. Jesus invites us to be fishers of souls. Let us follow His call.

#### Prayer

Lord, sometimes we are afraid to go where you lead us. Give us courage to follow your ways, knowing that you are with us. **Amen.**





### *Reflection*

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