



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

November 2015

Miami, Florida,

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We begin this month of November with the Feast of All Saints. And All Souls.

Our nation celebrates Thanksgiving on November 26, pray for unity among all our brothers and sisters and to give thanks for all the good things they gave this great nation.

Important feast and Saints:

November 1 all Saints day

November 26 Thanksgiving

November 2 Day of All Souls

November 30 Andres Apostol

November 3 Saint Martin de Porres

November 17 Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Enclosed materials:

Monthly Calendar & Sunday Gospel

Saint Martin de Porres

The Presentation of Virgin Mary

Thank You, God – Prayer of Thanksgiving

Saint Catherine Laboure & the Miracles Medal

Holy Week Activity

Advent Wreath

We Celebrate Advent-The Waiting Time

Our IX Congress will be on February 18 – 21, 2016 please try to come and enjoy with us this beautiful experience.

God Bless you,

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ALL SAINT'S DAY Dt 6, 2-6 Psalm 17 He 7, 23-28 Mark 12, 28b-34	2 ALL SOULS'S DAY Ro 11, 29-36 Psalm 68 Luke 14, 12-14	3 SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES Ro 12, 5-16a Psalm 130 Luke 14, 15-24	4 ST. CHARLES BORROMEO Ro 13, 8-10 Psalm 111 Luke 14, 25-33	5 Ro 14, 7-12 Psalm 26 Luke 15, 1-10	6 FIRST FRIDAY ST. LEONARD Ro 15, 14-21 Psalm 97 Luke 16, 1-8	7 FIRST SATURDAY ST. ERNEST Ro 16, 3-9.16 22-27 Psalm 144 Luke 16, 9-15
8 32ND SUNDAY IN ORD. ORDINARY TIME 1 Kings 17, 10-16 Psalm 145 He 9, 24-28 Mark 12, 38-44	9 DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN Ws 1, 1-7 Psalm 138 Luke 17, 1-6	10 ST. LEO THE GREAT Ws 2, 23-3,9 Psalm 33 Luke 17, 7-10	11 ST. MARTIN OF TOURS Ws 6, 1-11 Psalm 81 Luke 17, 11-19	12 ST. JOSAPHAT Ws 7, 22-8,1 Psalm 118 Luke 17, 20-25	13 ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI Ws 13, 1-9 Psalm 18 Luke 17, 26-37	14 Ws 18, 14-16;19,6-9 Psalm 104 Luke 18, 1-8
15 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Dn 12, 1-3 Psalm 15 He 10, 11-14.18 Mk 13, 24-32	16 ST. GERTRUDE, VIRGIN Macc 1, 10-15.41-43 54-57.62-64 Psalm 118 Luke 18, 35-43	17 ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY Macc 6, 18-31 Psalm 3 Luke 19, 1-10	18 DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST PETER & PAUL Macc 7, 1.20-31 Psalm 16 Luke 19, 11-28	19 Macc 2, 15-29 Psalm 49 Luke 19, 41-44	20 Macc 4, 36-37.52-59 Psalm/1 Cro 29, 10.11ab Luke 19, 45-48	21 PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Macc 6, 1-13 Psalm 9 Luke 20, 27-40
22 CHRIST THE KING , SOLEMNITY Daniel 7, 13-14 Psalm 92 Rev 1, 5-8 John 18, 33b-37	23 Daniel 1-1.6.8-20 Psalm/Dn 3, 52-56 Luke 21, 1-4	24 Daniel 2, 31-45 Psalm/Dn 3, 57-61 Luke 21, 5-11	25 ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN Daniel 5, 1-6.13-14.16 17.23-28 Psalm/Dn 3, 62-67 Luke 21, 12-19	26 ST. PETER OF ALEXANDRIA Daniel 6, 12-28 Psalm/Dn 3, 68-74 Luke 21, 20-28	27 Daniel 7, 2-14 Psalm/Dn 3, 75-81 Luke 21, 29-33	28 ST CATHERINE LABOURE Daniel 7, 15-27 Psalm/Dn 3, 82-87 Luke 21, 34-36
29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Isaiah 63, 16b-17.19b, 64, 2b-7 Psalm 79 1Co 1, 3-9 Mark 13, 33-37	30 ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE Isaiah 2, 1-5 Isaiah 4, 2-6 Psalm 121 Mt 8, 5-11					

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Friends of Jesus and Mary ***All Saints November 01, 2015***

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

The Sermon on the Mount

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” (Matthew 5:1-12a)

Reflection

The saints we celebrate are not just those on our altars, but all those people, past and present, who are generous, peace makers, just and prayerful. Do they know people who seem holy to them? Who is their favorite saint? Talk with them about the saints. Do they know anyone who does some of the things that Jesus says we need to do to be happy? How do you feel when you are kind, generous, or a peacemaker? Do they possess any of the qualities that Jesus lists? Give an opportunity to everyone to share.

Activity

Bring books of life of saints to the group. Let them pick one and give them time to read it. Then share why that person was happy and holy. Who would you like to have as a role model?

Prayer

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





Saint Martin de Porres

"Saint of the Broom"



The sacristan of the Dominican convent was very angry at the mice that were eating all the candles and clothing in the sacristy. "This must come to an end," the monk thought. So, he made such a good mousetrap that he caught one right away. Just as he was about to kill him, Brother Martin walked in. "Don't kill him, Brother," the saint pleaded, filled with compassion.



He carefully picked up the mouse and began giving him a serious explanation of how he had to respect the things in the sacristy, because they were for the Lord. "Now go and tell your friends not to bother the brothers anymore."

He promised that if they stayed out of the house, he would take them food every day in the garden.



The sacristan was amazed to see how the mouse listened to Brother Martin.

But he was even more surprised to see how in the days to come, the mice were obedient to his words.

Not one mouse was ever spotted again in the house!

Every day, Saint Martin brought them food in the garden.

Saint Martin de Porres

Name: Martin.

Last Name: de Porres Velázquez.

Place of Birth: Lima, Peru.

Date of Birth: December 9, 1579

Parents: Juan de Porres, from Spain Ana Velázquez, from Panama

Known for: his great humility and charity with everyone, especially with the poorest of the poor.

He was also known for the many miracles he performed in service to the most needy.

Date and place of death: November 3, 1639; Lima, Peru



Name: St. Martin, also known as the Saint of the Broom-

Feast: November 3



Friends of Jesus and Mary

XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time November 8, 2009

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

Jesus warns against the teachers of the law

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." **(Mark 12: 38-44)**

Reflection

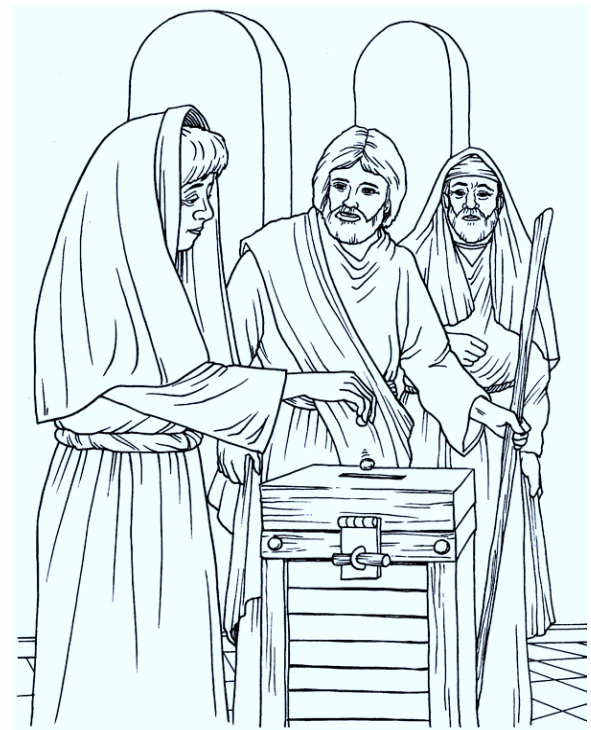
What do their families, schools, and the society around them teach them about generosity? Do they generously give of their material possessions, talents and time? Jesus says that the poor woman has given more than others because the others gave what they did not need. What do you have that you could share with others? Is it difficult for you to give what you have? Do you give from what is not necessary or needed, or do you sometimes give something important to you? Have they ever seen a member of the community or a friend give up something that was very valuable to them? Share.

Activity

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

Prayer

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





Friends of Jesus and Mary
XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2015

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." **(Mark 13, 24-32)**

Reflection

The end of the world will mean the final victory of Jesus. We don't know when it will come, but we have to trust in Jesus. Talk with the children about what they know about astrologers or psychics and their predictions. Compare those visions with Jesus' words that promise victory. How do they prepare for a trip? What do they enjoy about traveling? Explain how sometimes our life is like a journey: if we prepared we will be able to enjoy it, despite some of the difficulties. How can we prepare for the journey of life? Share.

Activity

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

Prayer

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





Friends of Jesus and Mary ***Christ the King November 22, 2015***

Readings: Daniel 7: 13-14; Psalm 92; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." **(John 18:33b-37)**

Reflection

Christ loves us. Jesus freed us from our sins and built a new kingdom for us. The reign of God is not one of power, dominion or violence, but of truth, justice and love. What do they know about kings and queens other than the stories from the fairy tales? How does the role of kings, queens and other rules, compare and contrast with that of Jesus? Which kingdom do you think is better? Why?

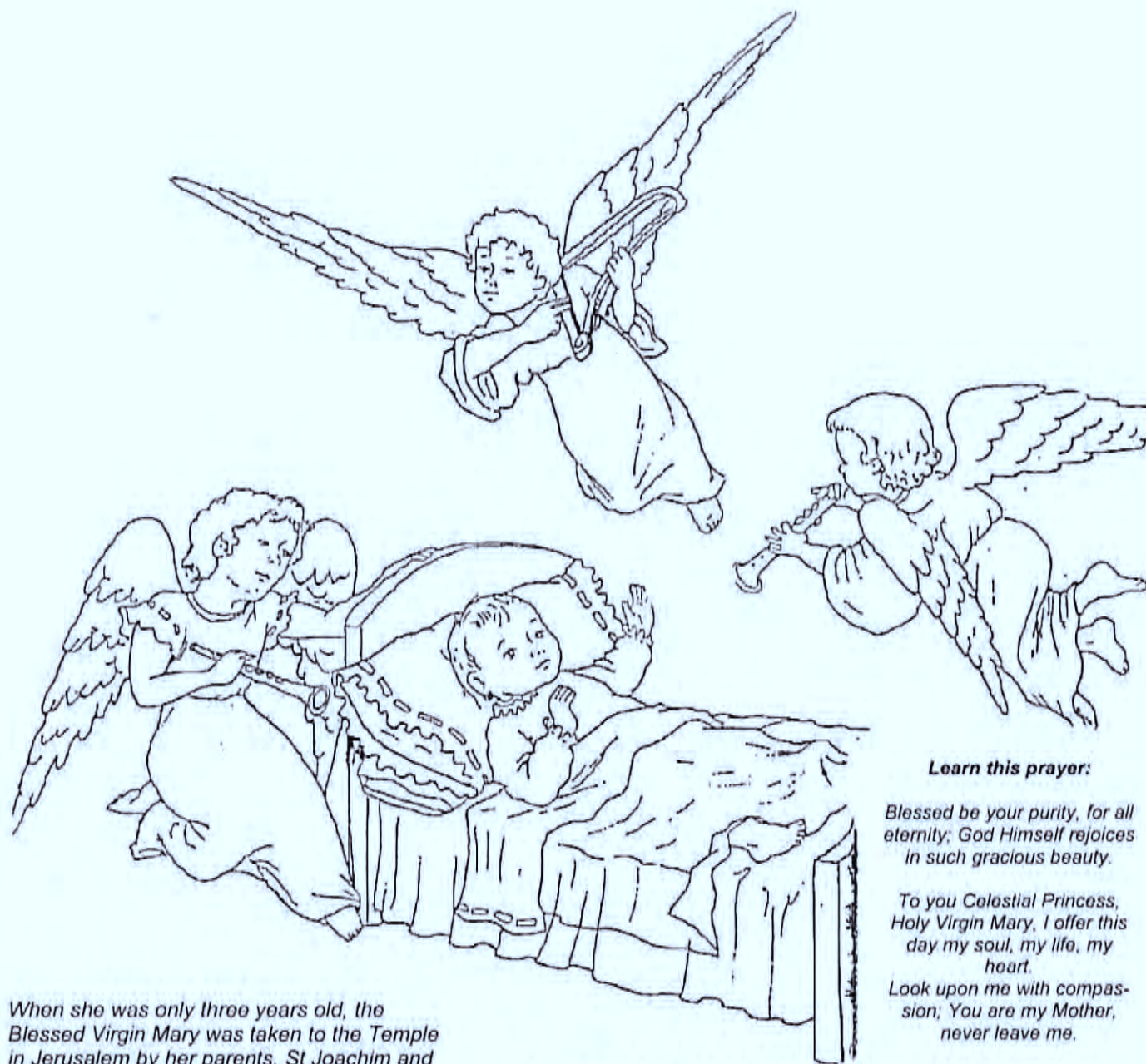
Activity

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

Prayer

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





When she was only three years old, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem by her parents, St Joachim and St Anne. (We celebrate their feast day on July 26). Mary's whole life was to belong to God. He had chosen her to be the Mother of his Son, Jesus. The Blessed Virgin was happy to begin serving God in the Temple. And St Joachim and St Anne were pleased to offer their saintly little girl to God. They knew that God had sent her to them.

In the Temple, the high priest received the child Mary. She was placed among the girls who were dedicated to prayer and Temple service. The high priest kissed and blessed the holy child. He realized that the Lord had great plans for her. Mary did not weep or turn back to her parents. She came so happily to the altar that everyone in the Temple loved her at once.

Learn this prayer:

Blessed be your purity, for all eternity; God Himself rejoices in such gracious beauty.

To you Celestial Princess, Holy Virgin Mary, I offer this day my soul, my life, my heart.

Look upon me with compassion; You are my Mother, never leave me.

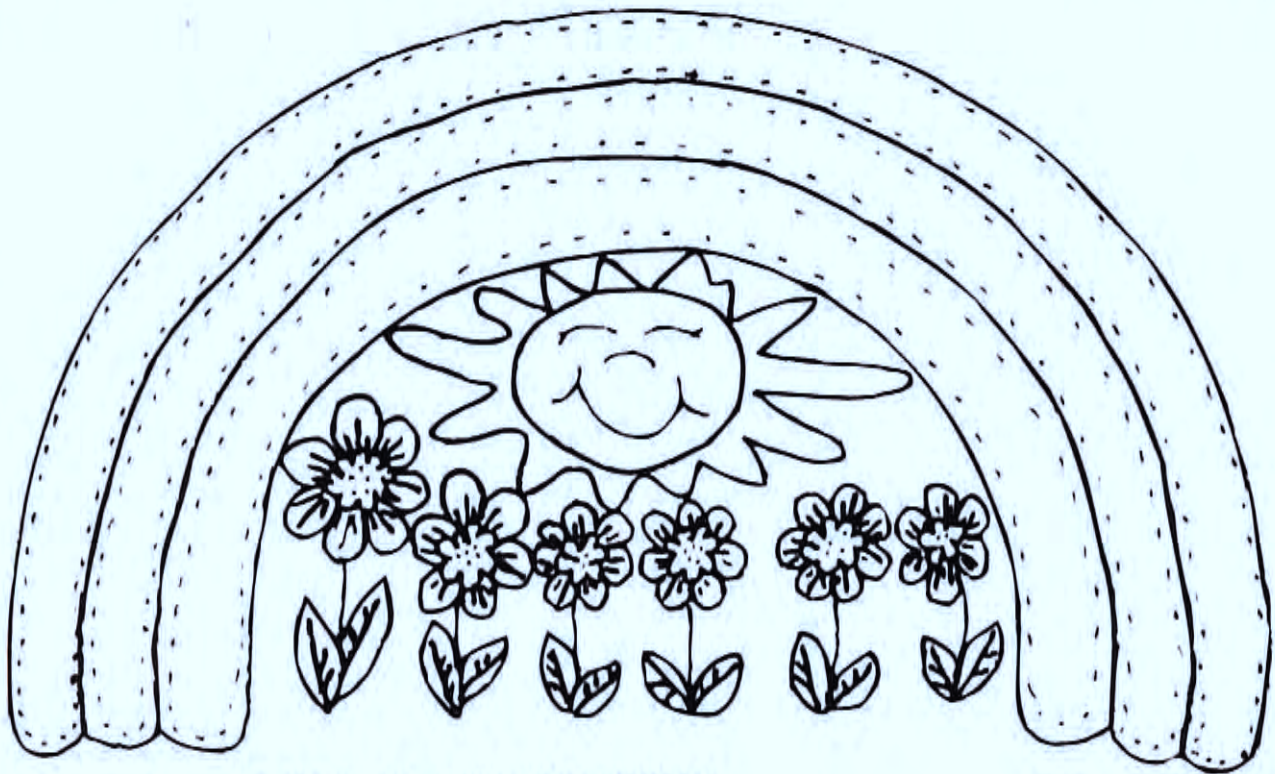
St Joachim and St Anne went back home. They praised God for their blessed daughter. And Mary remained in the Temple, where she grew in holiness. She spent her days reading the Bible, praying and serving the Temple priests. She made beautiful linens and splendid vestments. Mary was loved by all the other girls because she was so kind. Mary tried to do each of her duties well, to please God.

Mary lived her life to please God. She was aware of his divine presence. We can ask Our Heavenly Mother Mary to teach us how to please Jesus every day.

Thank You, God

Name _____

Read Psalm 104. Then read the prayer below. Color and cut out this prayer and hang it in your room to help you remember to thank God for the wonders of creation and of God's everlasting love.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, God, for the beauty and glory of your creation.

Thank you for the gifts of walking and running, for the beauty of the earth, for the wind and the rain, for the sound of a newborn baby.

Thank you for the beauty of the sun, moon, stars, rainbows, trees, flowers, and all the wonderful creatures that share this earth with us.

Thank you for your everlasting love and forgiveness.

Help us to remember to care for this wonderful earth and all the animals, plants, air, water, ourselves, and one another.

Amen

Saint Catherine Laboure and the Miraculous Medal

At the age of twenty-four, Saint Catherine Laboure became a Daughter of Charity of St Vincent of Paul. One night when Catherine was still a novice, The Blessed Mother appeared to her in the convent chapel. The Blessed Mother showed herself standing on a globe with streams of light coming from her hands. Under the globe were the words "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who turn to you"

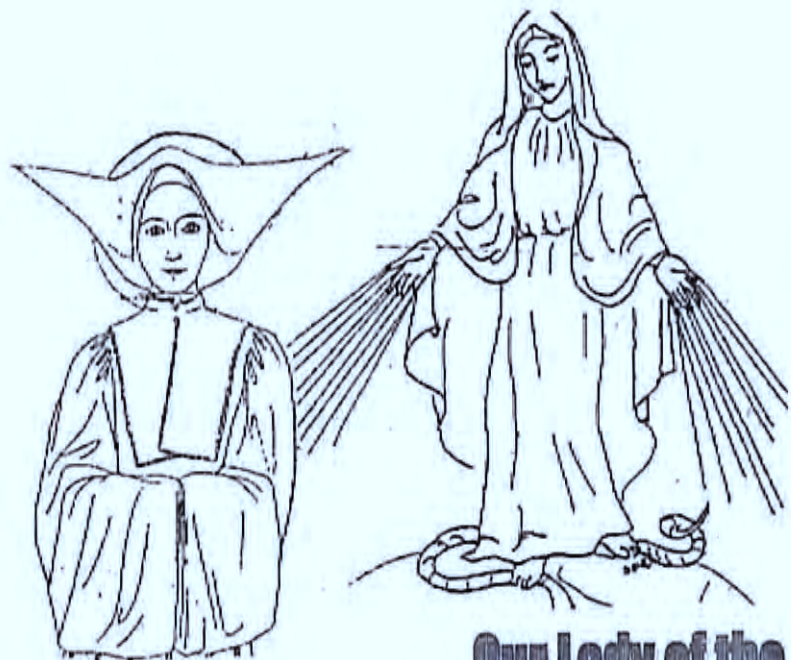
Sister Catherine was told that a medal was to be made of this picture of our Lady and that people who wore the medal would receive many graces from Jesus through his Mother's prayers.

Soon because of all the wonderful graces obtained by those who wore the medal. It was called "Miraculous".

I can wear the "Miraculous Medal" and repeat the prayer, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who turn to you."



The Miraculous Medal



Saint Catherine Laboure

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal



Friends of Jesus and Mary
First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2009

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

“There will be strange things happening to the sun, the moon, and the stars. On earth whole countries will be in despair, afraid of the roar of the sea and the raging tides. People will faint from fear as they wait for what is coming over the whole earth, for the powers in space will be driven from their courses. Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in a cloud with great power and glory. When these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your salvation is near. Be careful not to let yourselves become occupied with too much feasting and drinking and with the worries of this life, or that Day may suddenly catch you like a trap. For it will come upon all people everywhere on earth. Be on watch and pray always that you will have the strength to go safely through all those things that will happen and to stand before the Son of Man.” **(Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36)**

Reflection

Luke explains the signs of the coming of Jesus not as a threat of catastrophes, but as the fulfillment of God’s promise of liberation for all. What do they expect this Christmas? Are their families busy and anxious about buying gifts and spending money? Do they know what is being celebrated this Christmas? Good actions and sacrifices are the things Jesus likes. Meditate and share what they will offer in this Advent Season.

Activity

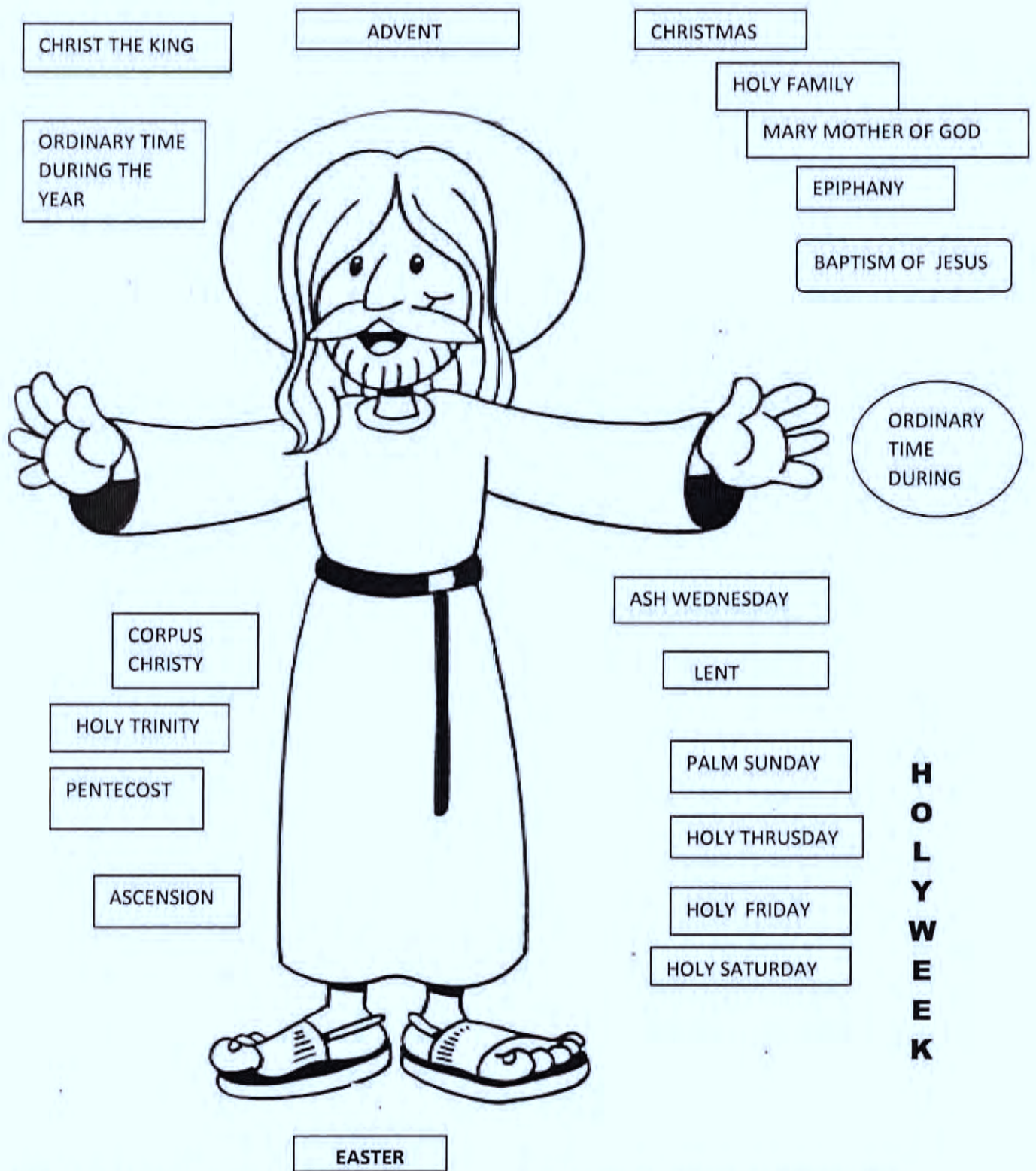
Explain the children the meaning of the Advent Wreath. There is information on the next page. Encourage them to do good deeds to prepare a manger for Jesus. Prepare a small basket to place the good deeds. This is a simple way to instruct them to grow in virtue. They will feel very happy to prepare with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

Prayer

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

Amen.





Liturgical colors and their meanings

- WHITE: Joy and purity
- PURPLE: Penance
- RED: Fire of the Holy Spirit and Martyrdom
- GREEN: Hope and Growth
- PINK: Happiness

WHICH COLOR IS USED ACCORDING TO ITS LITURGICAL TIME?

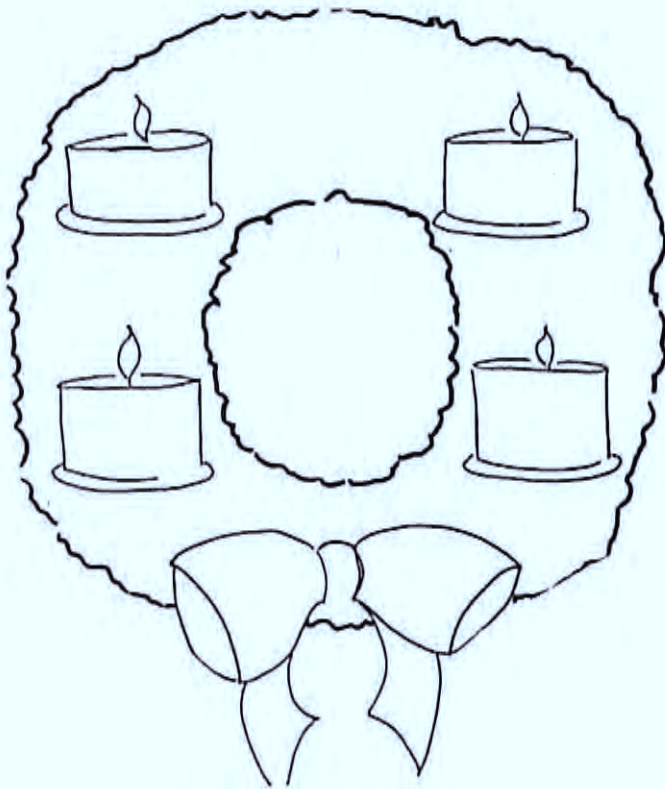
- PURPLE 1st, 2nd, 3rd, week of Advent
- 1ST, 2nd, 3rd, 5th week of Lent
- PINK 3rd Week of Advent
- 4th Week of Lent
- WHITE Christmas, Easter, Holidays
- RED Holy Friday, Pentecost, Martirs
- GREEN Ordinary Time

ADVENT WREATH

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

Circular Shape

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



Evergreen Branches

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

Candles

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

Opening Prayer

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

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

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

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

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

Make an Advent Wreath

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

Materials needed:

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















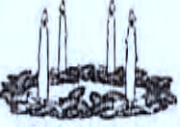













How to prepare it:

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

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

We Celebrate Advent: The Waiting Time

Color the heart when you do the activity.

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

Formulario de inscripciones – Para participantes internos
IX Congreso Internacional “Amigos de Jesús y María”
Del 18 al 21 de febrero 2016

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