



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Amigos de Jesús y María

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**Florida Center for Peace**

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Dear Brothers & Sisters:

The school year begins in many countries in September. Let motivate the children, to dedicate time to learn about the sacraments the important in our life. Encourage the children to visit the Blessed Sacrament and listen daily Mass.

**Enclosed you will find some feast and saints of this month:**

- September 08 Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
- September 21 Saint Matthew
- September 24 Our Lady of Mercy
- September 27 Saint Vincent of Paul
- September 29 St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels

**Enclosed Materials:**

- 1) Calendar & Gospel of the month
- 2) Letter of September
- 3) Activity –Special Baby
- 4) Blessed Mother's birthday
- 5) Triumph of the Cross
- 6) With our hands together
- 7) Our Lady of Sorrows
- 8) Flyer of the IX Congress

**Videos recomendados:**

- 1) The Eucharist
- 2) Moisés
- 3) The Sacraments

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

God Bless you,

Friends of Jesús and Mary

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| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
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|  |   | 1<br><br>1TH 5, 1-6.9-11<br>Psalm 26<br>Luke 4, 31-37   | 2<br><br>Col 1, 1-8<br>Psalm 51<br>Luke 4, 38-44  | 3<br>ST GREGORY THE GREAT<br>POPE, DOCTOR<br><br>Col 1, 9-14<br>Psalm 97<br>Luke 5, 1-11 | 4<br>FIRST FRIDAY<br><br>Col 1, 15-20<br>Psalm 99<br>Luke 5, 33-39        | 5<br>FIRST SATURDAY<br>BT TERESA OF CALCUTTA<br><br>Col 1, 21-23<br>Psalm 53<br>Luke 6, 1-5 |
| 6<br>23RD SUNDAY IN<br>ORDINARY TIME<br><br>Isaiah 35, 4-7a<br>Psalm 145<br>James 2, 1-5<br>Mark 7, 31-37        | 7<br>LABOR DAY-USA<br><br>Col 1, 24-2,3<br>Psalm 61<br>Luke 6, 6-11                       | 8<br>BIRTH OF BLESSED<br>VIRGIN MARY, FEAST<br><br>Col 2, 6-15<br>Psalm 144<br>Luke 6, 12-19        | 9<br>ST. PETER CLAVER<br><br>Col 3, 1-11<br>Psalm 144<br>Luke 6, 20-26                            | 10<br>ST. NICHOLAS OF<br>TOLENTINE<br><br>Col 3, 12-17<br>Psalm 150<br>Luke 6, 27-28     | 11<br><br>1Ti 1, 1-2.12-14<br>Psalm 15<br>Luke 6, 39-42                   | 12<br>MOST HOLY NAME<br>OF MARY<br><br>1Ti 1, 15-17<br>Psalm 112<br>Luke 6, 43-49           |
| 13<br>24TH SUNDAY IN<br>ORDINARY TIME<br><br>Isaiah 50, 5-9a<br>Psalm 114<br>James 2, 14-18<br>Mark 8, 27-35     | 14<br>EXALTATION OF THE<br>HOLY CROSS, FEAST<br><br>1Ti 2,1-8<br>Psalm 27<br>Luke 7, 1-10 | 15<br>OUR LADY OF SORROWS<br><br>1Ti 3, 1-13<br>Psalm 100<br>Luke 7, 11-17                          | 16<br>STS CORNELIUS, POPE &<br>CYPRIAN, BISHOP<br><br>1 Ti 3, 14-16<br>Psalm 110<br>Luke 7, 31-35 | 17<br>ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE<br>BISHOP<br><br>1Ti 4, 12-16<br>Psalm 110<br>Luke 7, 36-50  | 18<br>ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO<br><br>1Ti 6, 2c-12<br>Psalm 48<br>Luke 8, 1-3 | 19<br><br>1 Ti 6, 13-16<br>Psalm 99<br>Luke 8, 4-15   |
| 20<br>25TH SUNDAY IN<br>ORDINARY TIME<br><br>Ws 2, 12.17-20<br>Psalm 53<br>James 3, 16-4, 3<br>Mark 9, 30-37     | 21<br>ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE<br><br>Esdras 1, 1-6<br>Psalm 125<br>Luke 8, 16-18              | 22<br><br>Esdras 6, 7-8.12b.14-20<br>Psalm 121<br>Luke 8, 19-21                                     | 23<br>ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA<br><br>Esdras 9, 5-9<br>Psalm/Tobit 13, 2-5.8<br>Luke 9, 1-6         | 24<br><br>Hg 1, 1-8<br>Psalm 149<br>Luke 9, 7-9  | 25<br><br>Hg 2, 1-9<br>Psalm 42<br>Luke 9, 18-22                          | 26<br>STS. COSMAS & DAMIAN<br><br>Zec 2,5-9.14-15a<br>Psalm/Jr 31,10-12ab<br>Luke 9, 43b-45 |
| 27<br>26TH SUNDAY IN<br>ORDINARY TIME<br><br>Numbers 11, 25-29<br>Psalm 18<br>James 5, 1-6<br>Mark 9,38-43.45-47 | 28<br><br>Zec 8, 1-8<br>Psalm 101<br>Luke 9, 46-50  | 29<br>ST MICHAEL, GABRIEL &<br>RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS<br><br>Zec 8, 20-23<br>Psalm 86<br>Luke 9, 51-56 | 30<br>ST JEROME, PRIEST<br><br>Nehemiah 2, 1-8<br>Psalm 136<br>Luke 9, 57-62                      |  |   |   |

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*Make a basket for baby Moses*

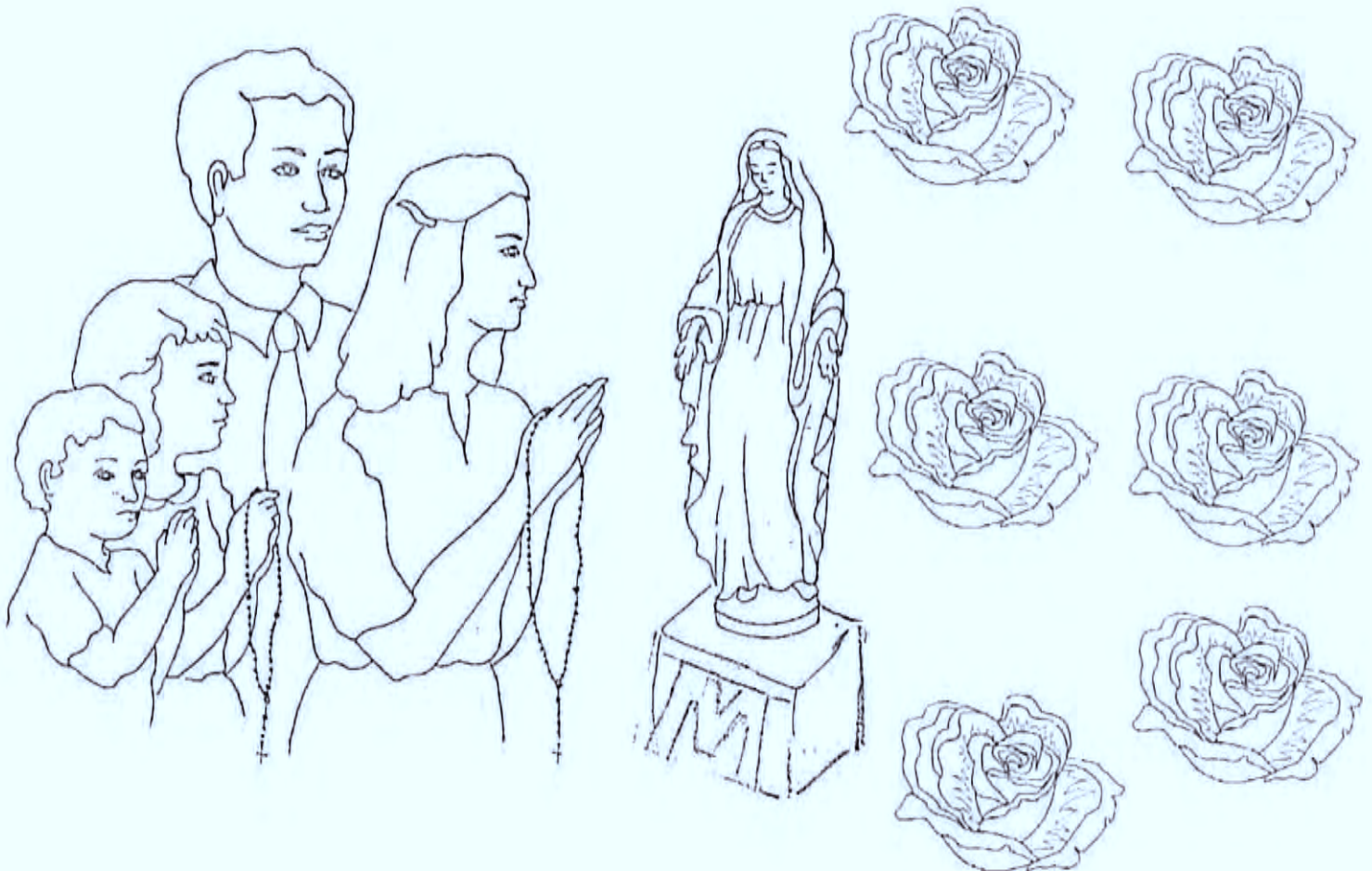


Dear Jesus, Mary, Joseph I promise to pray for this baby I have spiritually adopted during these 9 months of my school year, so he or she may be born to live a life as a child of God to love and serve Him.

**Teacher:** Prepare a small brown lunch bag for each child by cutting off the top of the bag so that the remaining bag is only about 3 1/2 inches tall. (Cutting is done most easily while the bag is still folded.) Then help the children follow these directions: 1) Open the bag. 2) Carefully fold down a one-inch rim. 3) Carefully fold down a one-inch rim again. This is the basket. 4) Color the baby Moses. Cut him out along the heavy back lines. 5) Fold the piece in half along the long dotted line, keeping the baby facing out as you fold. 6) Then fold on the other dotted line, again keeping the baby out as you fold. 7) Put the baby Moses in the basket.

## *How to Prepare the Celebration of Our Blessed Mother's Birthday*

1. Before September 8, give each child an invitation to the party.
2. On the day of the Birthday Party:
  - a) Place the statue of Mary in prominent place. Place a Large M made of cardboard at the foot of the Statue. Cover the M with felt so the children can place the roses (with Velcro on back) on the M.
  - b) Place on the table a box wrapped in party paper. Have small pieces of paper and pencils ready for the children to write petitions for the Blessed Mother. Then have them place their petitions in the box.
  - c) Prepare (or have them prepare) blue and white flags to wave the moment they sing Happy Birthday.
  - d) Have pictures or medals of the Blessed Mother to give out the children.
  - e) Have refreshments for them.
  - f) Have songs ready to sing, or music to play.

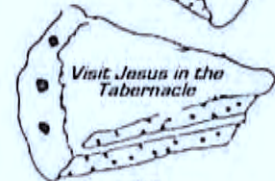
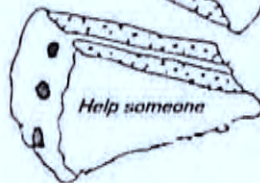
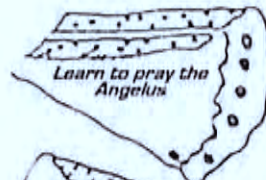
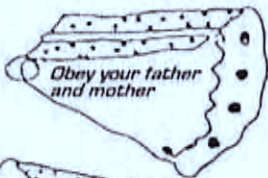
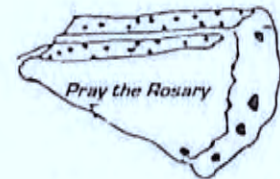
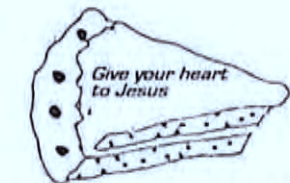
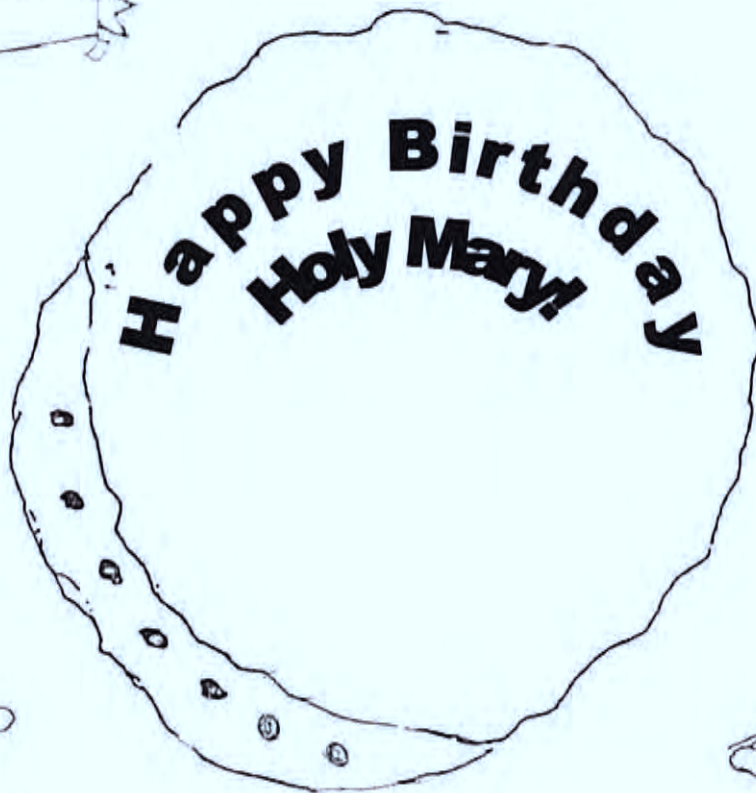




HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOTHER MARY

THE BEST PRESENTS COME FROM THE HEART

SEPTEMBER 8



We are preparing mother Mary a birthday cake.  
The best recipe is made with prayers, sacrifices and good deeds.  
Cut the pieces of cake and place them over the cake as you do them.  
MOTHER MARY IS SO HAPPY NOW!!!





***Friends of Jesus and Mary***  
***XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2015***  
***Readings: Is 35: 4-7a; Psalm 145; James 2: 1-5; Mk 7:31-37***

***Jesus heals a deaf-Mute***

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak. (Mk 7:31-37)

***Reflection***

The worst "deafness" we encounter is when someone doesn't want to hear what we have to say. What daily obstacles to communication do we encounter? Do they feel that their families and teachers listen to them? Are they too busy to listen to their concerns and joys? How well do they listen to their friends? Do you sometimes pretend not to hear? How do you feel if your parents or others in your family do not listen to you? Do you know someone who is deaf or hearing impaired? How do you communicate with that person?

***Activity***

Take several musical instruments to the group. Hide them from the children and ask them to guess what instrument you are playing. Next say certain things that they are likely to hear often, such as "Tidy up your room," "You're so smart," or "Do your homework." Ask them which phrases they would like to hear more often. **Share.**

***Prayer***

Jesus, we thank you for the gift of sound, music and beautiful words. We ask you to open our ears so that we may listen to one another and to the needs of our community. **Amen.**







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

***XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2015***

***Readings: Isaiah 50, 5-9a Psalm 114; James 2, 14-18 Mark 8, 27-35***

#### ***Peter's Declaration about Jesus***

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." (Mark 8, 27-35)

#### ***Reflection***

Do you find Jesus words difficult to understand? Jesus says that there are things that are more important than thinking of ourselves and our needs. What could you do to make others happy and know Jesus? Jesus tells us that if people say that they believe in him but then turn around and don't help others, they aren't true followers. How can you help others more often? Do you feel happy when you do something for others even if it has been difficult?

#### ***Activity***

Prepare and bring to the group some cardboard crosses. Ask them to write in it something difficult that they would do this week, to show Jesus they love him and want to follow him. Place a large poster board in front and ask them to place on it their cross. As they place the cross they say: "I want to follow you, Jesus."

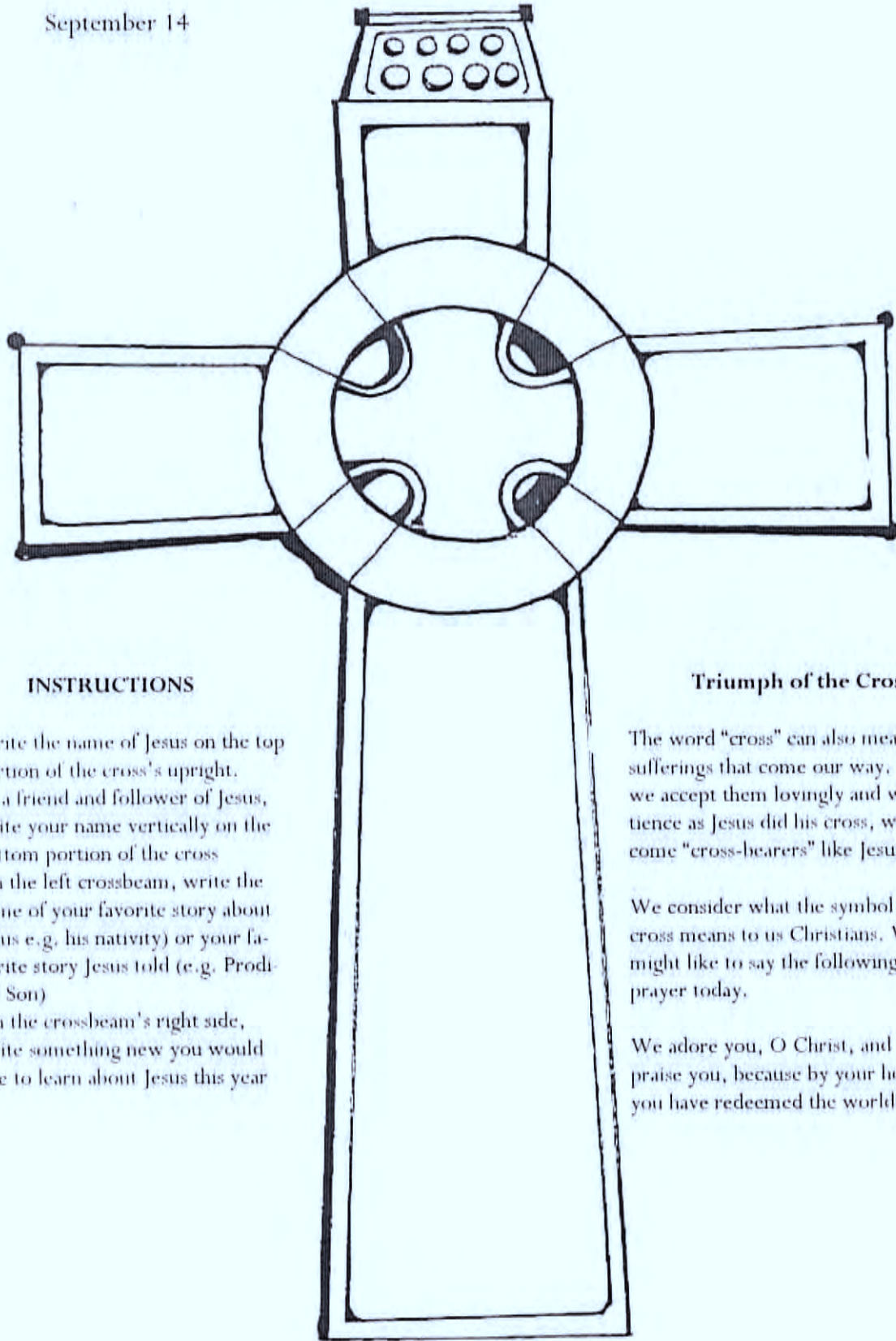
#### ***Prayer***

Lord, sometimes we reject your cross because we don't recognize it as ours. Help us to see the needs of others and teach us how to serve them. Help us to recognize you in the daily small crosses and problems we encounter. Help us to create lives of love, so that we may receive your joy. **Amen.**



# My High Cross

September 14



## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write the name of Jesus on the top portion of the cross's upright.
2. As a friend and follower of Jesus, write your name vertically on the bottom portion of the cross.
3. On the left crossbeam, write the name of your favorite story about Jesus (e.g., his nativity) or your favorite story Jesus told (e.g., Prodigal Son).
4. On the crossbeam's right side, write something new you would like to learn about Jesus this year.

## Triumph of the Cross

The word "cross" can also mean the sufferings that come our way. When we accept them lovingly and with patience as Jesus did his cross, we become "cross-bearers" like Jesus.

We consider what the symbol of the cross means to us Christians. We might like to say the following short prayer today.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.



# With our hands together

Many times when we pray we place our hands together.

## **Do you know where this gesture comes from?**

The Middle Ages!

It is possible that people used to pray in this way before, but in this time period, the vassals (those at the service of a lord) got on their knees and promised fidelity before their lord by folding their hands in his hands. In exchange for the fidelity of the vassal, the lord offered them his protection.

**In his way, very soon, the gesture moved to express, in christian prayer, the desire to be faithful to the Lord. That is to say, to God, to abandon oneself to Him, trusting in His divine protection.**



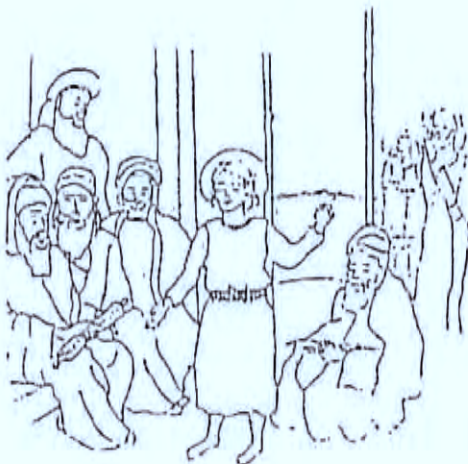
**"As for me, however, I will boast only about the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for by means of His cross, the world is dead to me, and I am dead to the world." -Gal. 6:14**



# OUR LADY OF SORROWS

## The Seven Sorrows of Mary

SEPTEMBER 15



### INTRODUCTION

Mary, the Mother of Christ suffered with Him since He was a child. As a child, there were three sorrowful moments: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight to Egypt and the loss of the child for three days. As an adult, there were four sorrowful situations during His Passion; meeting Jesus on His way to Calvary, the crucifixion and death of Jesus, being taken down from the cross, and Jesus laid in the tomb.

### Dramatization:

#### Scene 1. The prophecy of Simeon

**Narrator:** When the day came to present Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem, they consecrated Him to the Lord and offered up two turtle-doves, according to the law of the Lord. Simeon, inspired by Holy Spirit, went to the temple and took baby Jesus in his arms and blessed God with these words.

**SIMEON:** Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, for my eyes have seen the Savior of the World.

**Narrator:** Then he said to Mary.

**SIMEON:** Behold this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Characters: narrator, Joseph, Mary, Jesus and Simeon

#### Scene 2: The flight to Egypt

**Narrator:** The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him...

**Angel:** Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.

Characters: Narrator, Angel, Joseph, Mary and Jesus

#### Scene 3: Jesus lost and found in the Temple

**Narrator:** Each year His parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when He was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After Passover was over, and they were returning home, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They returned to Jerusalem to look for Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who hear Him were astounded at His understanding and answers. He returned with them to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother kept all these things in her heart

Characters: Narrator, Joseph, Mary, Jesus, teachers of the law, people in caravan

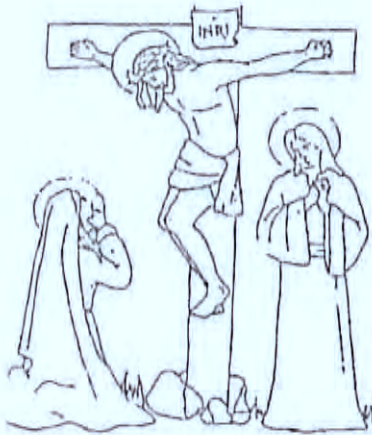




#### Scene 4. *Mary meets Jesus on the way to Calvary*

**Narrator:** Jesus carries His cross. The soldiers have already scourged Him, humiliated Him and tortured Him beyond recognition. The heavy cross is tied to His arms and He stumbles to Calvary. The Virgin Mary comes to His side and with Her heart filled with sorrow, accompanies Him to His final mission.

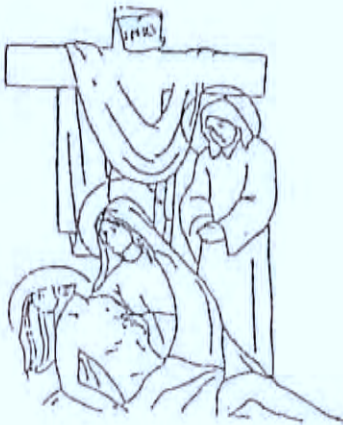
Characters: Soldiers, Jesus, Mary



#### Scene 5: *Jesus dies on the Cross*

**Narrator:** From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, and gave up His spirit. Mary, His Mother, suffered with Him at the foot of the cross.

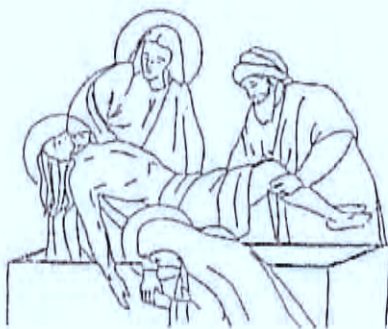
Characters: Mary and Jesus on the Cross



#### Scene 6: *Jesus being taken down from the cross*

**Narrator:** Mary received the body of Jesus in her arms. John, the beloved disciple, accompanies Mary when she receives His body, her heart filled with sorrow.

Characters: Mary, John the disciple, Jesus



#### Scene 7: *Jesus laid in the tomb*

**Narrator:** None of His disciples dared claim His body. Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to Him at night also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. They laid Him in a tomb and rolled a boulder to seal the opening. Mary suffers intensely to see her Son trapped by King of Darkness. But relying on her faith in Jesus' words and supported by His spirit, she keeps hope of a reunion. She passes from the pain, the fear, the doubt, the uncertainty of the cross to a joyous and brave conviction announcing His resurrection.

Characters: Mary, John, Jesus, Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus





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

***XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2015***

***Readings: Wisdom 2, 12. 17-20 Psalm 53; James 3, 16-4, 3 Mark 9, 30-37***

### ***Jesus Speaks Again about His Death***

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." **(Mark 9, 30-37)**

### ***Reflection***

In all our communities of family, work, friends and church, problems start where there is jealousy or extreme ambition. Saint James warns us about this in the readings of this week. He invites us to live a life of peace, kindness, and patience. How do we express this kind of wisdom in our home, community and friends? Simplicity leads to peace, but arrogance leads to quarrels. Jesus alters the order of things. In our society, those who own more are often more valued. Jesus, however, says that those who serve others are really those who come first. Who do you think is most important? (Share with the group)

### ***Activity***

Let us tell the children all the qualities that you must have to show true love. Example patience, sincerity, kindness, goodness, etc. The one who loves is the one who serves. Share why these qualities are important.

### ***Prayer***

Jesus, when we feel tempted to be controlling or self-important, be with us and teach us to listen to you. Help us to create peace in our home by treating one another with kindness and understanding. Help us to appreciate the many gifts you have given each of us.  
**Amen.**





***Friends of Jesus and Mary***

***XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27 2015***

***Readings: Numbers 11, 25-29; Psalm 18; James 5, 1-6; Mark 9, 38-43, 45, 47-48***

***Whoever is not against us is for us***

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'" (Mark 9, 38-43, 45, 47-48)

***Reflection***

There are people who might be doing well, even if they are not with us. Jesus tells us to appreciate them and work with them. What are their experiences of collaboration or working in teams? Do they have opportunities at school to participate in projects that help others? Do they like team work? What did they like about team effort? What did they dislike? Do we trust that there are people who do good even if they don't belong to our community or political party? Each of us has a great treasure to share. We can create beautiful things with our talents. Our Mission, to place our talents at the service of others so that, together, we can build a better world in the image and likeness of our God.

***Activities***

Prepare flash cards with different types of service to others. Example: Help at home, play with your smaller brothers and sisters, listen to someone that needs your help, teach a classmate, help your teacher and more. Make two teams. By turns each team pick up a card and dramatize the service that appears in it. The other team try to guess. If it guesses, it gets one point. The one with more points is the winner. Make sure to let them know that when you help and share, you serve Jesus.



***Prayer***

Lord, you call us to faithfully follow you and to work with others to build a better world. Show us the ways we can serve you by serving one another. **Amen.**

# Amigos de Jesús y María

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