



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

January 2016,
Miami Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Let us begin this year 2016 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 03 Epiphany of the Lord
January 06 The Tree Wise Men
January 10 Baptism of the Lord
January 21 St Agnes
January 22 Blessed Laura Vicuña
January 24 Saint Francis de Sales
January 27 Saint Henry de Osso

Enclosed Materials and Activities:

1-Monthly calendar & Meditations on the Sunday Gospel:
2- Mary Mother of God
3- World Day of Prayer
4- Friends and Enemies
5- Baptism of the Lord
6-Jesus gives us a very special wine
7- Life of Saint Henry de Osso
8- Saint John Bosco

Suggested DVD's:

1. Saint Henry de Osso 2. Saint John Bosco 3. Nativity Three Wise Men

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.

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

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January 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 FIRST FRIDAY Mary, Mother of Nu 6, 22-27 Psalm 66 Ga 4, 4-7 Luke 2, 16-21	2 FIRST SATURDAY St Basil the Great 1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98 John 1:19-28
3 Epiphany of the Lord Isaiah 60, 1-6 Psalm 71 Eph 3, 2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2, 1-12	4 1 John 3:22-4:6 Psalm 2 Mt 4:12-17,23-25	5 St John Neumann 1 John 4:7-10 Psalm 16 Mark 6: 34-44	6 St Andre Bessette 1 John 4:11-18 Psalm 72 Mark 6:45-52	7 1 John 4:19-5:4; Psalm 72 Luke 4:14-22a	8 1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147 Luke 5:12-16	9 St. Adrian of Canterbury 1 John 5: 14-21 Psalm 149 John 3: 22-30
10 Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 40, 1-5,9-11 Psalm 103 Titus 2, 11-14: 3, 4-7 Luke 3, 15-16.21-22	11 1 S 1:1-8; Psalm 116 Mark 1:14-20	12 1 S 1:9-20 Psalm/1 S 2: 1, 4-5 Mark 1:21-28	13 St Hilary 1 S 3: 1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40 Mark 1:29-39	14 St Malachy 1 S 4: 1-11 Psalm 44 Mark 1: 40-45	15 1 S 8: 4-7, 10-22a Psalm 89 Mark 2: 1-12	16 St Priscilla 1 S 9: 1-4, 17-19 Psalm 21 Mark 2: 13-17
17 II Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 62, 1-5 Psalm 96 1 Co 12, 4-11 John 2, 1-11	18 1 S 15: 16-23; Psalm 66 Mark 2: 18-22	19 1 S 16: 1-13; Psalm 89 Mark 2:23-28	20 St Fabian, & St Sebastian 1 S 17: 32-33,37,40-51 Psalm 144 Mark 3: 1-6	21 St Agnes 1 S 18:6-9;19; 1-17 Psalm 56 Mark 3: 7-12	22 1 S 24: 3-21; Psalm 57 Mark 3: 13-19	23 2 S 1:1-4, 11-12 Psalm 80 Mark 3: 20-21
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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

JANUARY 1



On January 1, New Year's Day, we celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, This is a special Feast and Holy Day of Obligation. At Mass that day, the priest will wear a white vestment in honor of Mary.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace; Mary, His Mother, is Our Lady, Queen of Peace. During the Mass on this Feast Day, we pray for peace. Think of the times you have needed God's help to be a peacemaker

PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE TODAY

JANUARY 1

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
DOES TV VIOLENCE HAVE ANY
INFLUENCE ON THE WAY
PEOPLE ACT IN REAL LIFE?

How to Bring Peace to Others

We can:

- Live the Law of Love and the Ten Commandments.
- Be thankful for God's forgiveness and forgive others.
- Be kind and loving members of the Church both at home and at school
- Try to help those who are not being treated justly or kindly

How can you bring the peace of Jesus to someone today?

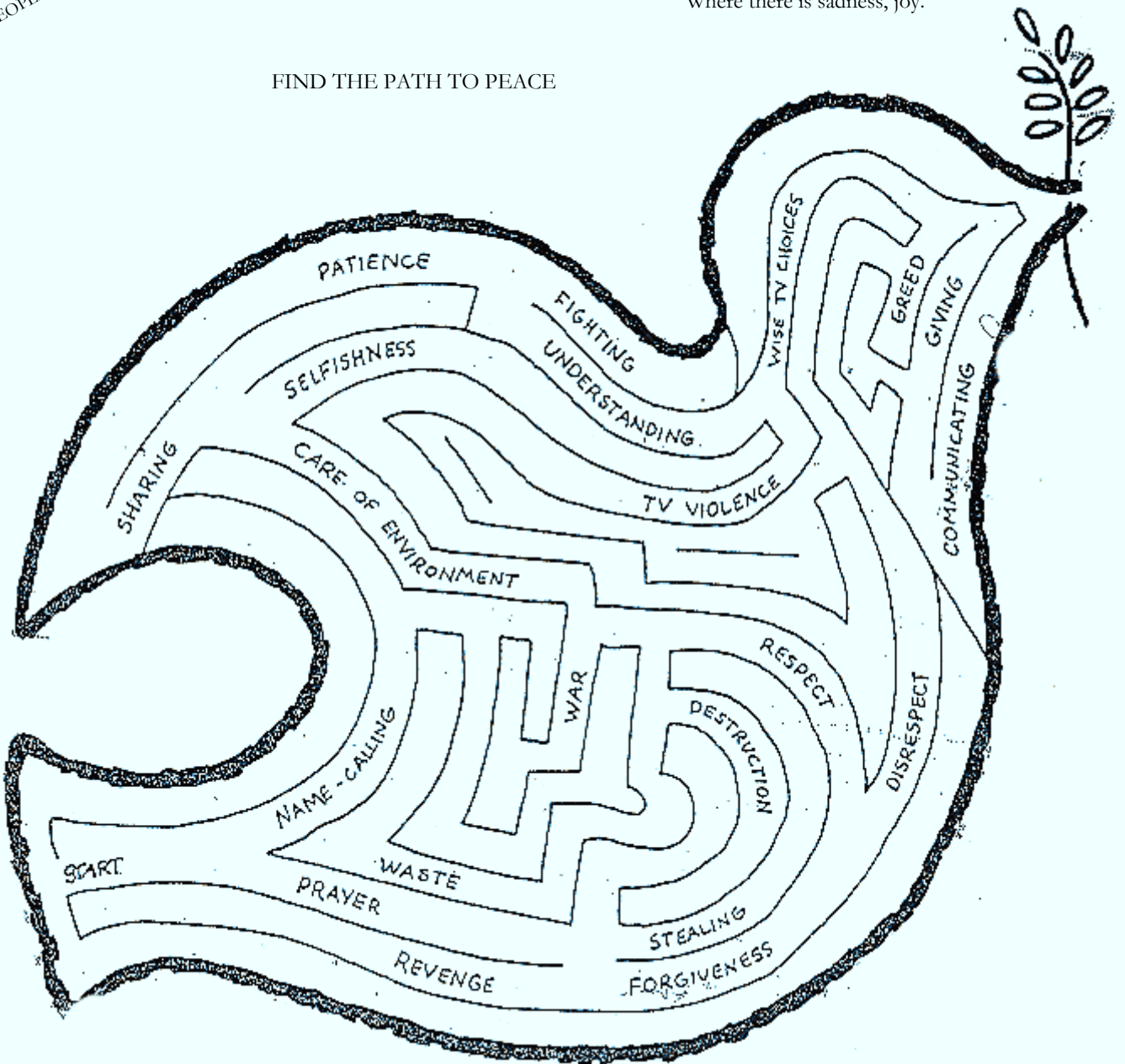
Saint Francis of Assisi was a great peacemaker. His special prayer will remind you of ways you can share the peace of Jesus with others. Join together to pray his prayer.

Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your Peace:

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury; pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

FIND THE PATH TO PEACE





Friends of Jesus and Mary

Epiphany January 3, 2016

Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72, 1-2.7-8.10-13; Ephesians 3, 2-3.5-6; Matthew 2, 1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judah, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. **(Matthew 2, 1-12)**

Reflection

Imagine the trip by camel through mountains, valleys and deserts. What dangers and difficulties might they have faced? Why would they continue walking in spite of everything? Would you do the same? The star guided the Magi to Jesus. Who guides you? Your parents, grandparents, teachers? How well do you listen and follow them?

Activity

On the next page you will find an activity on Matthew 2, 1-12. Try to do it.

Prayer

Jesus, you are the light of the nations. Sometimes we lose our way because we are interested in things that lead us away from you. Teach us to recognize you in each person of our family and in the people around us. Give us your light to seek you. **Amen.**

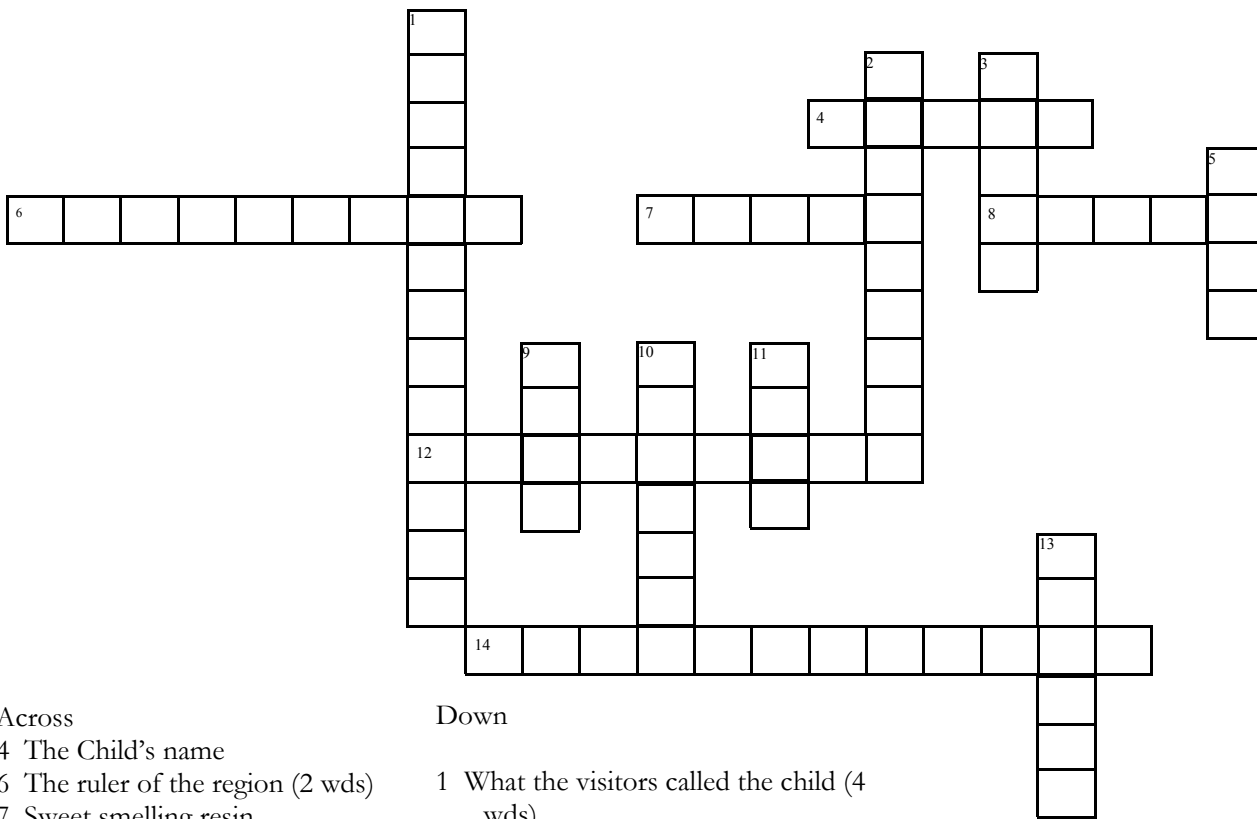


Friend and Enemies

Epiphany

On the feast of the Epiphany, we remember when the Magi visited the infant Jesus to pay homage to him and to bring him valuable gifts. They knew he was very special. From the time of Jesus' birth, there were people who loved and honored him and honored him. But there were also people who felt threatened by him. God protected Jesus against his enemies through various ways.

Read Matthew 2:1-13. Then complete the crossword below.



Across

- 4 The Child's name
- 6 The ruler of the region (2 wds)
- 7 Sweet smelling resin
- 8 The county to which they fled
- 12 The holy city
- 14 When burned, sends up aromatic smoke

Down

- 1 What the visitors called the child (4 wds)
- 2 The child's birthplace
- 3 The region of the child's birthplace
- 5 The visitors saw the rising
- 9 The child's mother
- 10 The visitors (2 wds)
- 11 A precious metal
- 13 He as warned in a dream

Has anyone ever protected you from harm? Using the back of this page, write a brief story about that event and the person or persons God sent to protect you

Friends and Enemies
 Across: 4- Jesus, 6- King Herod, 7- myrrh, 8- Egypt, 12- Jerusalem, 14- frankincense.
 Down: 1- King of the Jews; 2- Bethlehem, 3- Judea, 5- star, 9- Mary, 10- wise men, 11- gold, 13 Joseph.



Friends of Jesus and Mary ***Baptism of the Lord / January 10, 2016***

Readings: *Isaiah 42, 1-4.6-7; Psalm 29, 1-4.9-10; Acts 10, 34-38; Luke 3, 15-16, 21-22*

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." **(Luke 3, 15-16, 21-22)**

Reflection

Through our Baptism in Christ, we, too become beloved children of God, chosen to fulfill the mission God has for us. We should become God's hands and heart for others. Imagine the scene: the light, the voice, and the dove. Whose voice is it? What does the dove represent? Do you think the people standing by the river were scared? Do you think they ran away or stayed to listen to Jesus? What would you have done? What do you think God has to say to you?

Activity

On the next page you will find an activity on the Baptism of the Lord. Reflect and answer the questions and then share.

Prayer

Jesus, you know the love we feel in our hearts for each member of our family. To acknowledge that God calls us to be God's beloved children, we must show affection for one another and reach out to those who need us in the community. Stay with us Lord. **Amen.**



Baptism of the Lord

When Jesus reaches the age of thirty years, he went out of Nazareth to preach; but before he went to receive Baptism from John.

When He came to the Jordan River; He asks John to baptize him. John did not want to do it because he knew He was the Savior. Also He had no sins to be clean off. Jesus insisted saying: "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 out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and 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)

John had no doubt because in this way God had announce it to him in the desert.

When Jesus leave John said to the people: I saw the Spirit came over Him, and I witness that He is the Son of God. Repent and sin no more, because the Savior has come.

Reflection:

When you were baptized you were free of sin to receive the Savior. Try to always stay clean and God will be with you, because He loves you a lot. What are you going to do to clean your heart?

And your mind? _____

If you have no peace remember what John said: Repent and sin no more. Try to receive reconciliation doing a good act of contrition.

Baptism prepares the souls for the coming of Jesus. Prepare your soul and all of those you have near you. How could you do it?

How could you practice charity and love in your home?

How would you practice justice when you play?



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Second Sunday Ordinary Time / January 17, 2016

Readings: Isaiah 62, 1-5; Psalm 96, 1-3.7-10; 1Cor 12, 4-11; John 2, 1-11

The wedding in Cana

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from although the servers who had drawn the water knew. The headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. **(John 2, 1-11)**

Reflection

In the gospel of this week Mary tells us to do as Jesus tells us. When we listen to Jesus, we experience the miracle of bringing joy to others. Talk with the children about parties at home. Were there ever too many people and not enough food or drink? How did they solve the problem? What do they lack now? Do they know any family in need? What can they do to help? Are they ready to do what Jesus said, even if it didn't sound right? Are they ready to do whatever Jesus tells them? What do they think Jesus is asking them to do today? Share.

Activity

On the next page you will find drawings of some water jugs. Write on them what kind of "wine" or good deeds they would like to fill them with (service, sharing, comforting someone, making someone smile and many more).

Prayer

Lord, we want to change the water into wine with you. We want to change sadness into joy, hunger into shared food, loneliness into smiles and friendship. Come to our human feast, Jesus, and fill our needs with the wine of your joy and love.

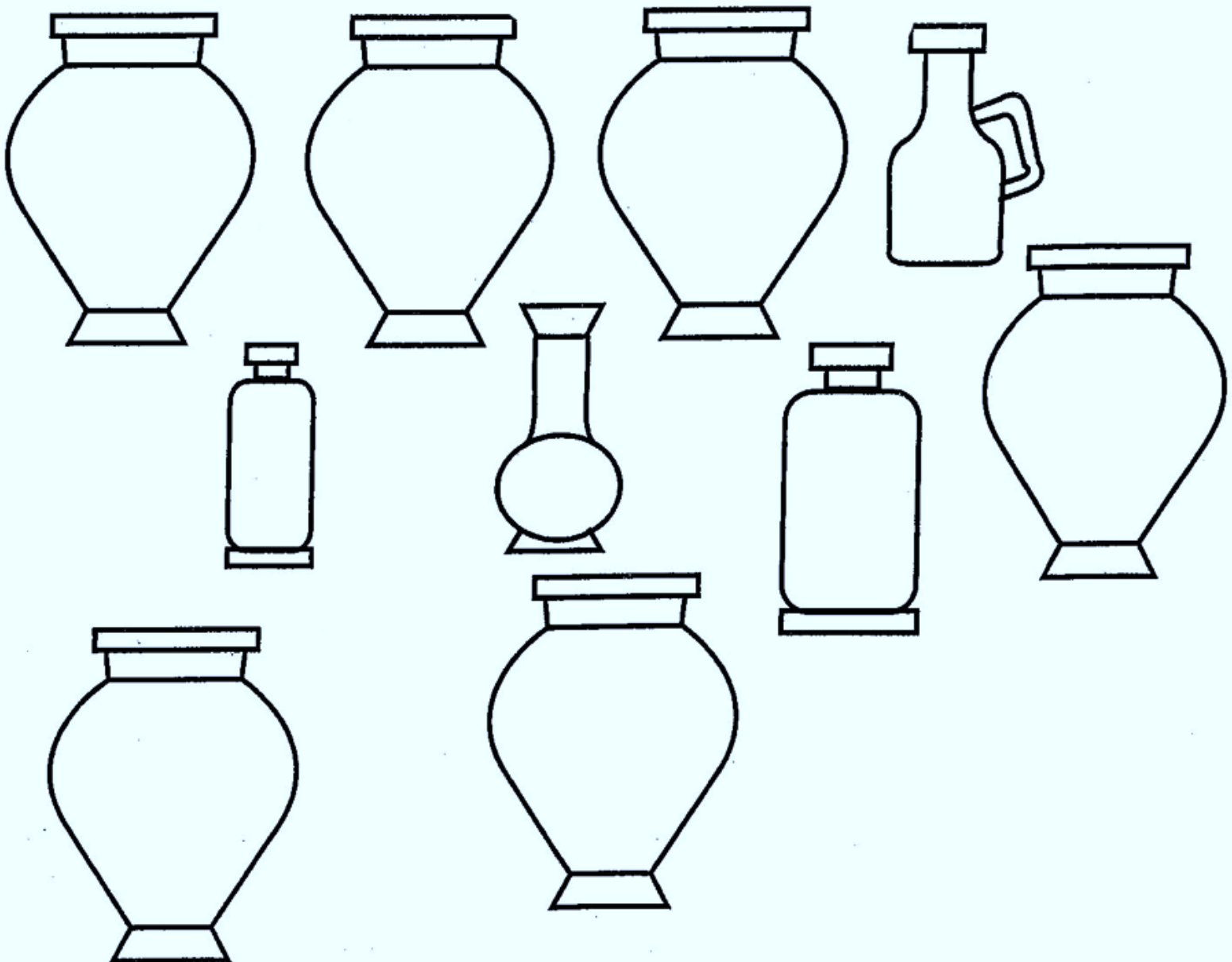
Amen.



Jesus gives us a very special wine

Write on each one of the large jars what kind of "wine" or good deeds you will like to fill it with. (service, sharing, comforting someone, making someone smile, visiting the sick, etc.)

The servants poured six jars with water. Jesus turned the water to wine.
The jars were very large. Color the six large jars purple.
Color the other jars any color.





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Third Sunday Ordinary Time / January 24, 2016

Readings: Nehemiah 8, 2-6.8-10; Psalm 19, 8-10.15; 1Corinthians 12, 12-30; Luke 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." **(Luke 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21)**

Reflection

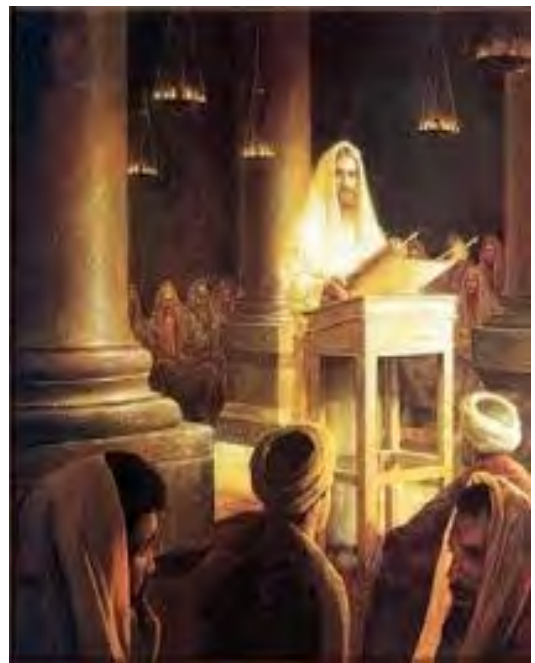
Imagine the temple full of religious people. What do you think they said when they heard Jesus, a young man, say all those things about scripture? Imagine you are poor and listening to Jesus. What would be good news for you to hear? Jesus said he came to carry out a great mission and he needs your help. What good news can you give to others? Jesus' mission to bring good news to the poor and to set the captives free is not an option but a mandate for us Christians.

Activity

Bring white paper to the group. Ask the children to write in them what they think Jesus' mission is for them. How is Jesus asking you to be good news? They make a scroll and bring it to the altar. Then they say: "Jesus you are good news."

Prayer

Lord, in times of sorrow, helps us to listen to one another with compassion. In times of estrangement, help us to build bridges. In times of disappointment, place on our lips the words that give encouragement and bring good news to others. **Amen**





Friends of Jesus and Mary
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 31 2016

Readings: *Jeremiah 1, 4-5.17; Psalm 70, 1-6; 1Co 12, 13; Luke 4, 21-30*

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, “Isn’t this the son of Joseph?” He said to them, “Surely you will quote me this proverb, ‘Physician, cure yourself,’ and say, ‘Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.’” And he said, “Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. **(Luke 4, 21-30)**

Reflection

Talk with the children about the nicknames given to classmates who behave or study a lot. Have they ever been afraid of being called those names or being excluded from the groups? Have they ever been approached by older kids to take drugs or join a gang? Do they ever do things just because everyone else does them? Do they think the power that protected Jesus could be with them, too?

Activity

Prepare a heart for each child. Read the passage from 1 Corinthians and ask the children to choose one of the characteristics of love (patience, support, forgiveness). Write it on one side and on the other side draw these qualities. Present it at the altar of the group.

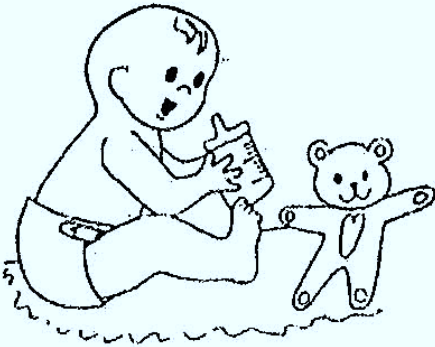
Prayer

Lord, give us strength and conviction that you will protect us. **Amen.**

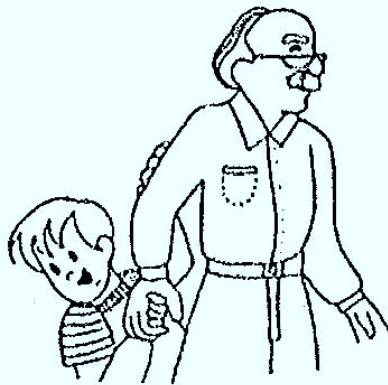


Life of Saint Henry of Osso

January 27



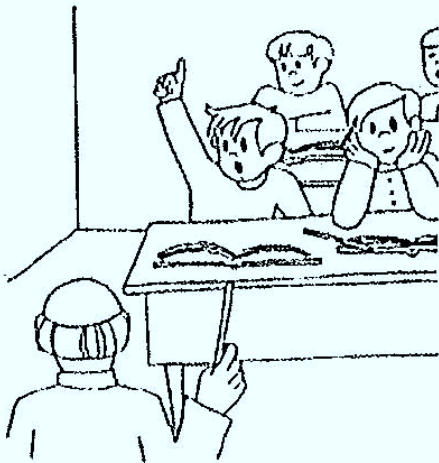
Henry was born in Vinebre, Spain



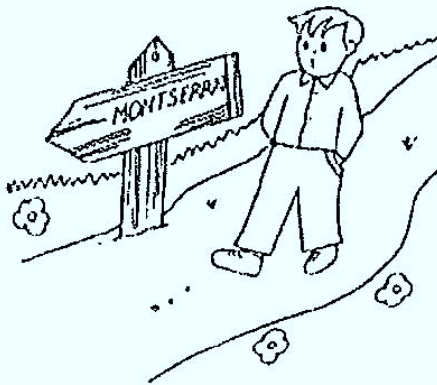
Henry went for walks with his granfather, who told Henry about the Saints



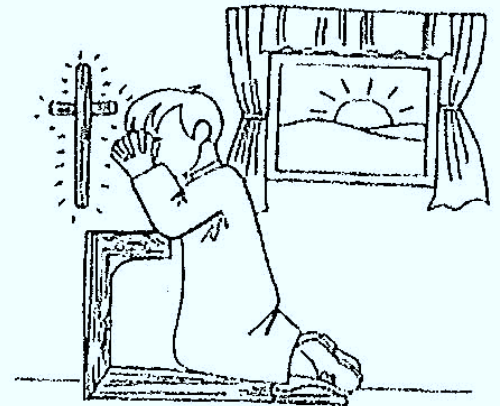
Henry read stories about St. Teresa



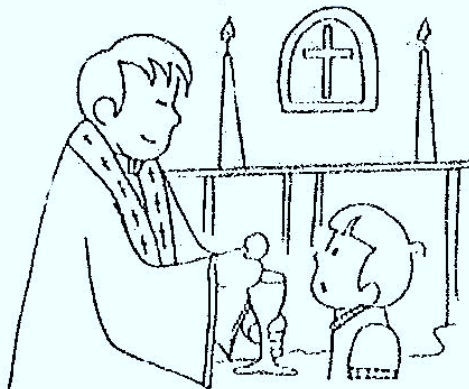
Henry likes school He learned a lot



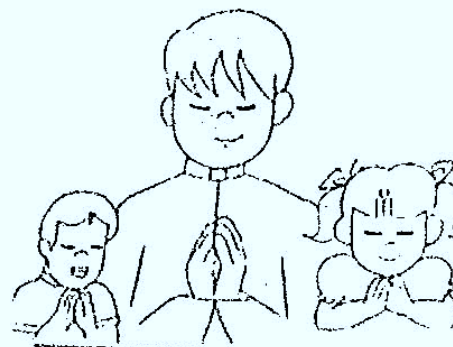
Henry loved Mary . He wanted to be a Priest



Henry loved God. He talked to Jesus a lot



Father Henry gave Jesus to children



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



SAINT JOHN BOSCO

St. John Bosco worked intensely to help the poor boys of Turin. With this goal in mind, he built an Oratory for them. He always told the story of how he had met the first boy in the Oratory.

His name was Bartholomew Garelli.

It was the feast of the Immaculate Conception and Don Bosco was getting ready to celebrate Mass, when all of a sudden he heard shouts. He turned and saw that the sacristan was beating a boy because he had come to the sacristy without knowing how to serve Mass as an altar boy.

Don Bosco scolded the sacristan and after Mass, called the boy to come and talk to him. He was 16 years old and did construction work. He didn't know how to read or write and his parents had died many years ago. He had never made his First Communion, because he was embarrassed to go to catechism class for fear that the other children would laugh at him.

So, Don Bosco told him:

- But, if I taught you the catechism class, would you come?
- Yes, as long as nobody beats me.

They spoke a bit longer and at the end of the conversation, the two knelt down and prayed a Hail Mary. Bartholomew returned the following Sunday, bringing with him a group of friends, and thus, giving way to the great work of the Oratory which would soon be filled with boys. Don Bosco said that it was all a fruit of this first Hail Mary that he had prayed with Bartholomew Garelli.



Saint John BOSCO

NAME: John.

PARENTS: Francesco Luigi Bosco and Margherita Occhiena.

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: August 16, 1815
in Becchi, Italy.

KNOWN FOR: His untiring effort to help the youth, especially those who were poor and abandoned. He founded the Salesians in order to continue this work. He is famous for his prophetic dreams.

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH: January 31, 1888
in Turin, Italy



FEAST:
January 31

PATRON OF:
the youth and
young workers

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