

Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



March, 2016

Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

March is a special month, Holy week begin with Palm Sunday and finish in Easter Sunday. Encourage all the children to visit the Blessed Sacrament, go to daily Mass and pray the Rosary with the family

Enclosed you will find the some Feast and Saints of the month:

March	03	Catherine Drexel	
March	08	St John of God	
March	15	St Louise de Marillac	
March	17	Saint Patrick	
March	19	Saint Joseph	
March	25	Annunciation of the Lord	

Enclosed Material:

- 1) Calendar & Meditations on Sunday Gospel
- 2) The Lost Son's Return
- 3) Walk with Jesus on the way of the cross
- 4) Sorrowful Mysteries
- 5) Our Church Celebrates Lent
- 6) Joseph's Life
- 7) The Annunciation
- 8) The Resurrection

Suggested videos:

1. Bernadette the Princess of Lourdes
2. St Patrick
3. Annunciation of the Lord

God Bless you, Friends of Jesus and Mary



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Florida Center for Peace

March 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Daniel 3, 25.34-43 Psalm 24 Matthew 18, 21-35	2 Dt 4, 1. 5-9 Psalm 147 Matthew 5, 17-19	3 St Katharine Drexel Jeremiah 7, 23-28 Psalm 94 Luke 11, 14-23	4 FIRST FRIDAY Obadiah 14, 2-10 Psalm 80 Mark 12, 28-34	5 FIRST SATURDAY Obadiah 6, 1-6 Psalm 50 Luke 18, 9-14
6 IV Sunday of Lent Joshua 5, 9. 10-12 Psalm 33 2 Co 5, 17-21 Luke 15, 1-3.11-32	7 SS. Perpetua & Felicity Isaiah 65, 17-21 Psalm 29 John 4, 43-54	8 St John of God Ezekiel 47, 1-9.12 Psalm 45 John 5, 1-16	9 St Frances of Rome Isaiah 49, 8-15 Psalm 144 John 5, 17-30	10 Exodus 32, 7-14 Psalm 105 John 5, 31-47	11 Wisdon 2.1.12-22 Psalm 33 John 7, 1-2.10,25-30	12 Jeremiah 11, 18-20 Psalm 7 John 7, 40-53
13 V SUNDAY OF LENT Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Phil 3:8-14 John 8:1-11	14 Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30 33-62 Psalm 23 John 8:12-20	15 Numbers 21, 4-9 Psalm 101 John 8, 21-30	16 Daniel 3, 14-20.49-50 91-92.25 Psalm 3, 52-56 John 8, 31-42	17 ST. PATRICK Genesis 17, 3-9 Psalm 104 John 8, 51-59	18 St Cyril of Jerusalem Jeremiah 20, 10-13 Psalm 17 John 10, 31-42	19 ST JOSEPH 2 S 7, 4-5.12.14.16 Psalm 88 Ro 4, 13.16-18.22 Matthew 1, 16.18-21.24
20 PALM SUNDAY Luke 19, 28-40 Isaiah 50, 4-7 Psalm 22 Phil 2, 6-11	21 Monday of the Holy week Isaiah 42, 1-7 Psalm 27 John 12, 1-11	22 Tuesday of the Holy week Isaiah 49, 1-6 Psalm 71 John 13, 21-33.36-38	23 Wednesday of the Holy week Isaiah 50, 4-9 Psalm 69 Matthew 26, 14-25	24 Holy Thursday Exodus 12, 1-8.11-14 Psalm 116 John 13, 1-15	25 GOOD FRIDAY Fast & Abstinence Isaiah 52, 13-53, 12 Psalm 31 Hebrews 4, 14-16; 5,7 John 18, 1-19, 42	26 HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL OF EASTER Genesis 1, 1-2,2 Palm 118 Exodus 14, 15-15,1 Luke 24, 1-12
27 EASTER SUNDAY Acts 10, 34.37-43 Psalm 118 Col 3, 1-4 John 20, 1-9	28 Monday within the of Easter Acts 2, 14.22-33 Psalm 15 Matthew 28, 8-15	29 Tuesday within the of Eastern Acts 2, 36-41 Psalm 32 John 20, 11-18	30 Wednesday within the Octave of Eastern Acts 3, 1-10 Psalm 104 Luke 24, 13-35	31 Thursday within the of Eastern Acts 3, 11-26 Psalm 8 Luke 24, 35-48		

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Friends of Jesus and Mary
Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 06, 2016

Readings: Joshua 5, 9a. 10-12; Psalm 33; 2Corinthians 5, 17-21; Luke 15, 1-3.11-32

The Parable of the Lost Son

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" (Luke 15, 1-3.11-32)

Reflection

The gospel of this week speak us of the merciful kindness of God, who knows our weakness and is always willing to forgive us. If you were the younger son, how would you feel when you got home? If you were the father, what would you say to your son? If you were the older brother, what would you say to your younger brother? Think of something bad for which you thought you wouldn't be forgiven. Did you ask for forgiveness? How did you feel when you were forgiven? Share.

Activity

Read and act out the story of the Prodigal son. On the next page you also will find an activity.

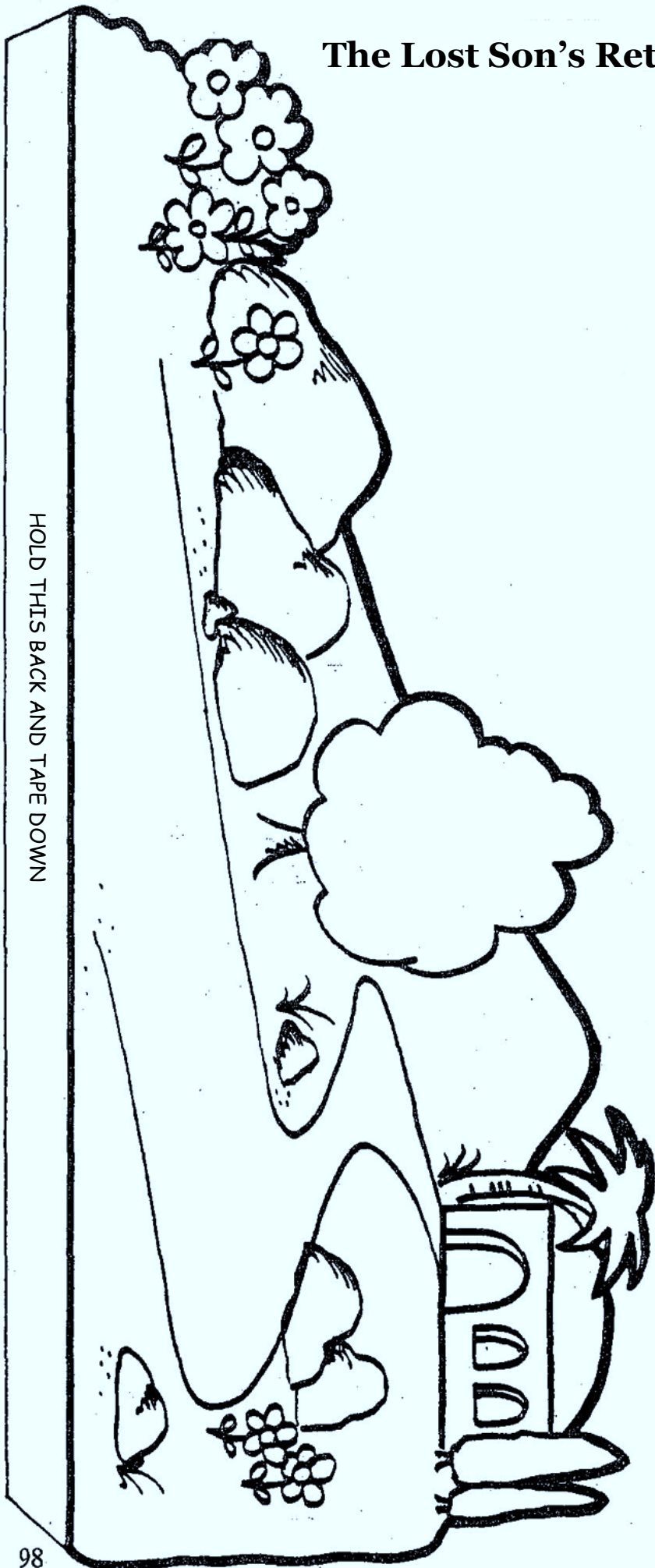
Prayer

Jesus gives us a humble heart to recognize when we are wrong. Help us to return to God. Give us a generous heart to celebrate the return of our brothers and sisters. Give us a compassionate and loving heart to welcome those who have returned to us.

Amen.



The Lost Son's Return



HOLD THIS BACK AND TAPE DOWN



Jesus told the story of the Forgiving Father (Luke 15:11-32) to show us how good and loving our heavenly Father is. You could tell the story of the son's return to others by playing the part of the son and the Forgiving Father.

Directions:

Cut out the scenery, fold back the bottom section on the straight line and tape it to the edge of a box or a desk or table.

This will serve as a front piece for your "stage".— Cut out the figures of the son and the father and firmly glue or tape a popsicle stick to the back of each, high enough to give you a firm grip.

Remember what the boy was saying to himself, approaching his father's house and what they said to each other when they met. Move your figures behind the scenery and play the part of the boy's return.

Walk with Jesus on the Way of the Cross

1 Jesus is Condemned to Death



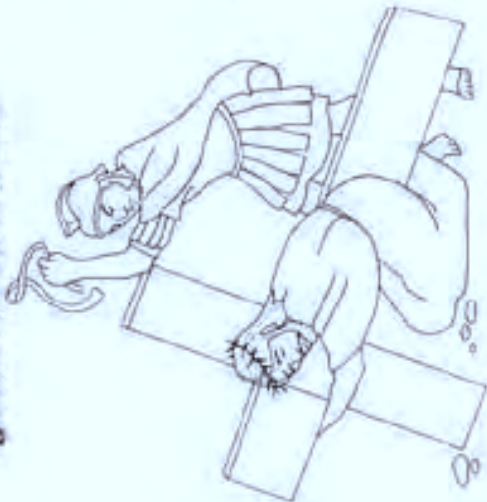
Dear Jesus, you were condemned to death due to false witnesses. Help us to be always truthful and never lie.

2 Jesus Takes Up His Cross



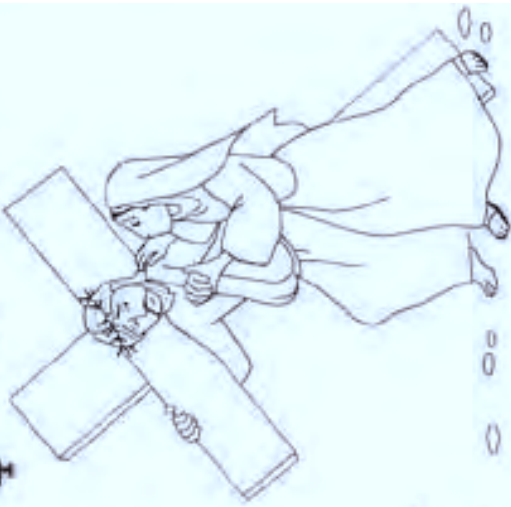
Dear Jesus, because of your great love for us you carried the cross. We want to be like you. Help us to accept our difficulties and to help one another with joy.

3 Jesus Falls the First time



Dear Jesus, help us to be always good and if we fail, forgive us and help us to try again.

4 Jesus Meets His Mother



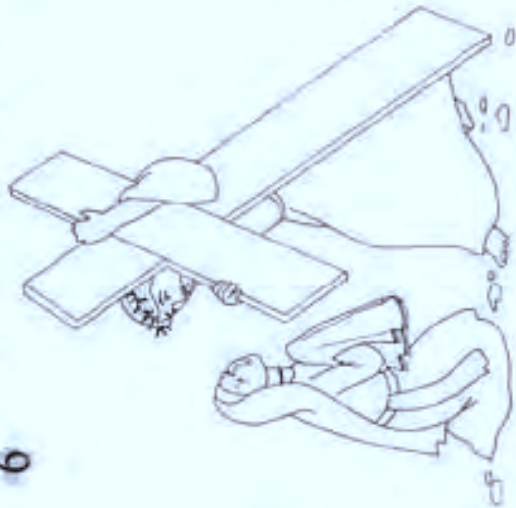
Dear Jesus, we want to always console you. Help us to console and pray for those who suffer.

5 Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus



Dear Jesus, we promise to help everyone, as Simon did, especially Mom and Dad. Give us the grace to always help the one who needs it.

6 Veronica Wipes Jesus' Face



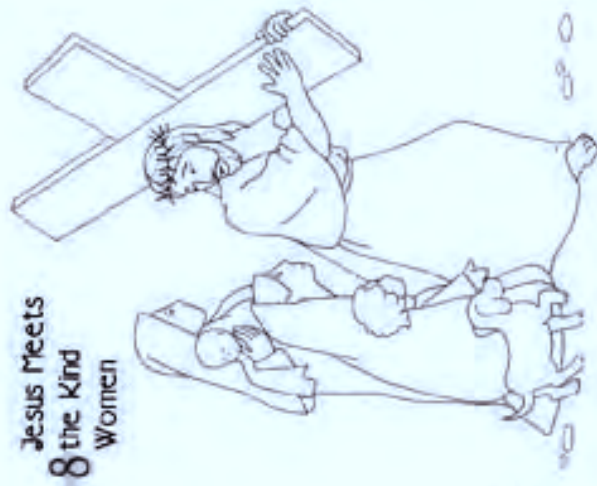
Dear Jesus, help us to have the courage to show kindness and compassion to others.

7 Jesus Falls the Second Time



Dear Jesus, our sins hurt you. Help us to be sorry every time that we misbehave.

8 Jesus Meets the Kind Women



Dear Jesus, sometimes we cry when things don't turn the way we want, and we make others feel bad. Help us not to hurt our parents again with our foolishness.

Walk with Jesus on the Way of the Cross

9 Jesus falls for the Third Time



Dear Jesus, you are teaching us that even if we fall many times, we can always start again with the help of your grace.

10 Jesus' Clothes are Torn Off



Dear Jesus, clothe us with your grace to protect our innocence.

11 Jesus is Nailed to the Cross



Dear Jesus, when you were nailed to the cross, you forgave all our sins. Help us to be obedient and good, and ready to forgive all those who offend us.

Jesus Dies

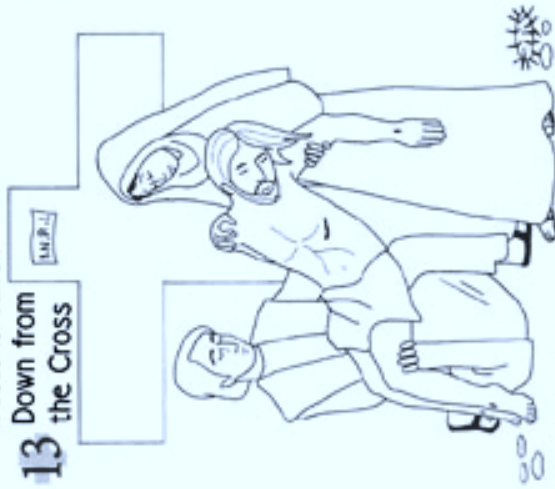
12 on the Cross



Dear Jesus, thank you for your great love, for giving your life for us. We want to love you more everyday and make our lives a source of joy for you.

Jesus is Taken

13 Down from the Cross



Dear Mother, you cleaned your son's wounds with such love! Help us to love everyone who wounds us.

Jesus is Laid in the Tomb



Dear Jesus, prepare our hearts for you, make us your home, and help us love you more.

15 Jesus Rises from the Dead



We thank you Jesus for your resurrection. May be with you in heaven one day.

Final prayer:

Jesus, you love me so much that you were willing to suffer and die on the cross. Thank you! Make my love for you and for all of my brothers and sisters grow stronger everyday. I want to always think, act, and speak as you would. Help me to spread the peace and joy of your resurrection everywhere I go! Amen.

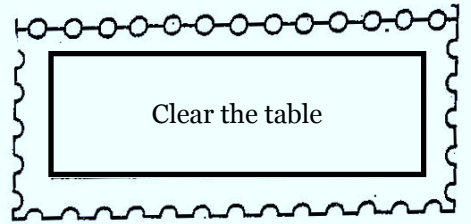
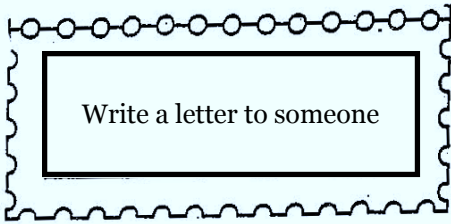
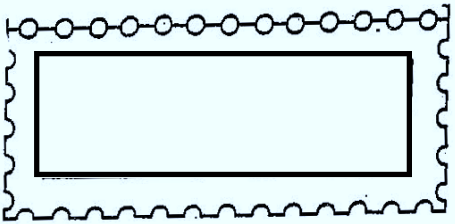
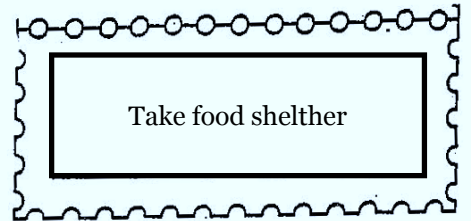
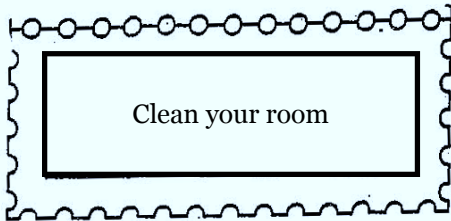
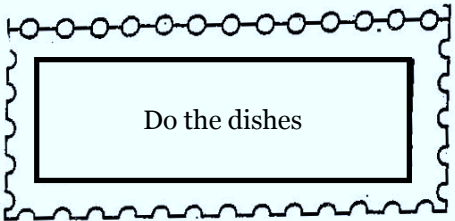
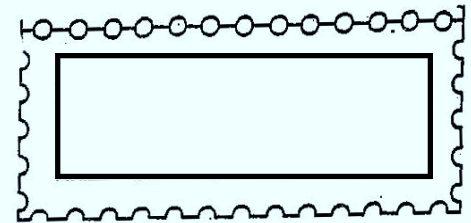
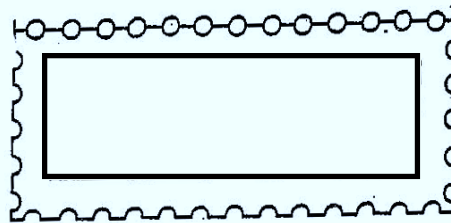
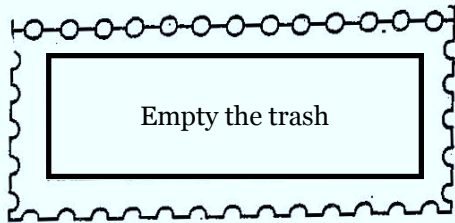
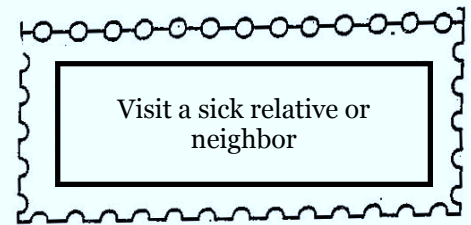
Our Church Celebrates Lent

You and your family can work together to get ready for the glorious feast of Easter.

During Lent you can help one another, forgive one another, and find ways to make each family member's life more pleasant. Use this Lenten Activity Box to help you do this.

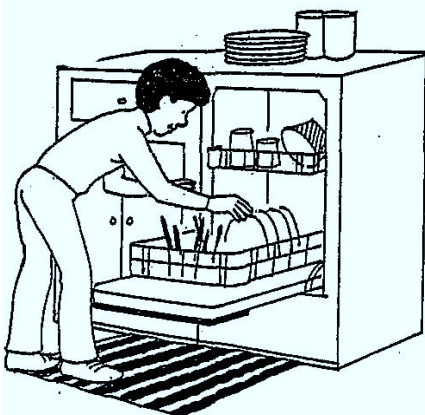
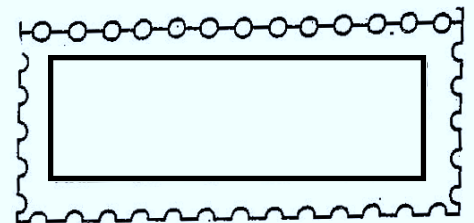
Directions for Making a Lenten Activity Box .

- 1- Cut out the coupons below. Note that some coupons are blank. With your family, fill in the blank coupons by writing loving actions that family members can do.
- 2- Find a shoe box in which to put the coupons. Use these pictures to decorate the box. You may want to add other decorations.
- 3- Put the coupons in the box.



How to Use the Lenten Activity Box

- 1- Invite each family member to open the box each day or one day each week of Lent and take out a coupon.
- 2- After drawing a coupon from the box, put the coupon back.
- 3- You may want to add other coupons during the Lenten season.



Parent Note: With your entire family, help your child make and use this Lenten Activity Box

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

These mysteries are pray Tuesday and Friday

We suggest you pray during Lent



1. *The Agony in the Garden (Lk 22,39-44)*

In His anguish He prayed with all the greater intensity, and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. Then He rose from prayer and came to His disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted with grief. One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, One Glory Be, etc.

Fruit of the Mystery: Sorrow for Sin



3. *The Crowning with Thorns (Mk 15,16-18)*

They stripped off His clothes and wrapped Him in a scarlet military cloak. Weaving a crown out of thorns they fixed in on His head, and stuck a reed in His right hand.

One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, One Glory Be, etc.

Fruit of the Mystery: Courage



4. *The Carrying of the Cross (Jn 19,16-18)*

... carrying the cross by Himself, He went out to what is called the Pace of the Skull (in Hebrew Golgotha)

One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, One Glory Be, etc.

Fruit of the Mystery: Patient



2. *The Scourging at the Pillar (Mt 27,22)*

Pilate's next move was to take Jesus and have Him scourged.

One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, One Glory Be, etc.

Fruit of the Mystery: Purity



5. *The Crucifixion (Jn 19,67-27)*

Jesus uttered a loud cry and said, "Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit.: After He said this, He expired.

One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, One Glory Be, etc.

Fruit of the Mystery: Perseverance



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Fifth Sunday of Lent March 13, 2016

Readings: Isaiah 43, 16-21; Psalm 125; Philippians 3, 8-14; John 8, 1-11

The Woman Caught in Adultery

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." (John 8, 1-11)

Reflection

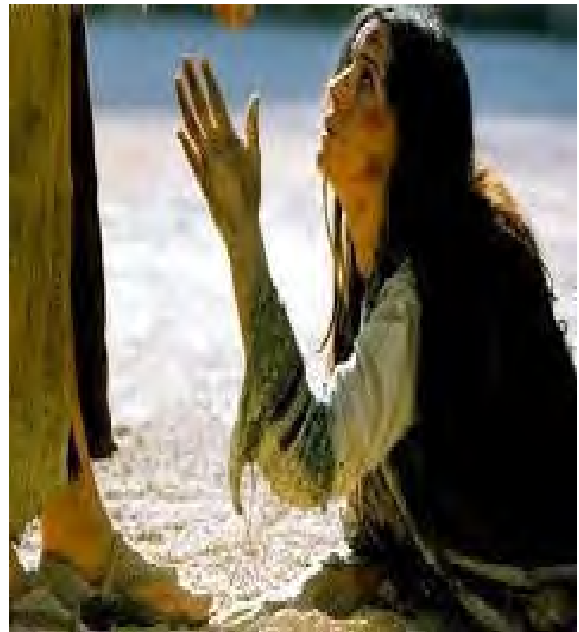
It is easy to criticize and condemn others but when we see our own sinfulness, we must take shelter in the mercy of God. All the things of the world are nothing in comparison with the great riches of being with Jesus Christ. What do you think Jesus was writing in the dirt? What would you have done if you had a stone? Do you think the woman deserved to be punished? How do you think she felt when she left? Do you think she sinned again? Jesus forgives and invites us to stop doing wrong and bad things. Do you need forgiveness for something now? Are you willing not to sin again? Share.

Activity

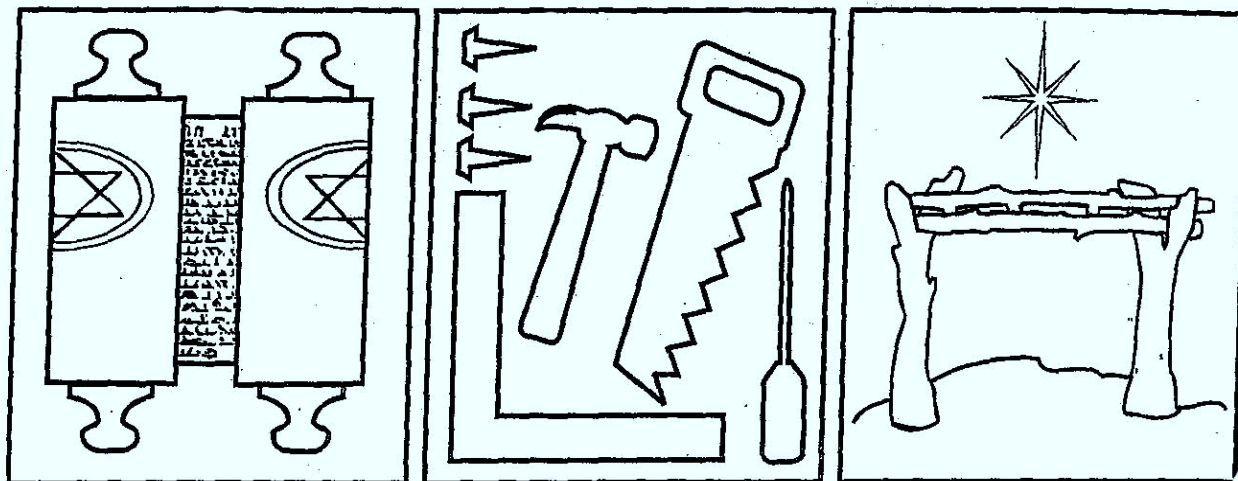
Prepare a box with a sign that reads "New Beginning." Write on it this phrase of the Our Father "Forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Cut an incision on the top. Ask them to write the name of a person they need to forgive and place it on the box. When everyone has placed the paper on the box, the Our Father is prayed for the persons whose names are in the box and for each one of them.

Prayer

Lord, sometimes we judge the people around us harshly and are not able to acknowledge our own sinfulness. But You forgive us, regardless of what we have done. Give us understanding. Give us the strength to start on a new path. **Amen**



Joseph's Life Feast - March 19



Events in the Life of St. Joseph

St. Joseph was a righteous man—a good Jew who kept the law and was generous to his neighbors.

Although he was descended from Israel's great king David, Joseph was not a ruler, nor was he rich. As a carpenter, he worked hard to provide for Jesus and Mary.

How much do you know about the life of St. Joseph? Put the events below in the correct time order by numbering them. The first one has been done for you.

___ Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, talking with the teachers. (Luke 3-46)

___ Joseph has a dream telling him to take Jesus and Mary to Egypt. (Matthew 2-13)

___ Shepherds come to worship Jesus. (Luc'3s 2: 15-16)

1 Mary, Joseph, and Jesus return from Egypt to Nazareth. (Matthew 2:19-21)

___ Joseph and Mary travel 85 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem for the census. (Lucas 2:4)

___ Herod has all the little boys killed. (Matthew 2: 16)

___ Jesus is born. (Luke 2:6)

Our Catholic Tradition: St. Joseph Table

On his feast day, Italians honor St. Joseph by setting up a display of food—specially breads and cakes—and sharing what they have with all who come to their door. Can you write two ways your family shares with others?

1. _____

3. _____



Friends of Jesus and Mary ***Palm Sunday March 20, 2016***

Readings: Luke 19, 28-40; Isaiah 50, 4-7; Psalm 21; Philipians 2, 6-11; Luke 22, 14-23, 56

The Triumphant Approach to Jerusalem

Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem. As he drew near to Bethpage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples. He said, "Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will answer, 'The Master has need of it.'" So those who had been sent went off and found everything just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying this colt?" They answered, "The Master has need of it." So they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the colt, and helped Jesus to mount. As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" (Luke 19, 28-40)

Reflection

Today we read the Passion of Jesus, which is a summary of our faith. With which character do we identify? Jesus did not seek death, but neither did he yield in his mission to proclaim the Kingdom of God: a Kingdom of love, justice and forgiveness. His life was all about loving, no matter the cost. The same people who acclaimed Jesus on Sunday wanted to kill him by Friday. Whose opinions make you lose your convictions? Jesus knew that, if he went to Jerusalem, the leaders would try to kill him. But He was determined to fulfill his mission. Jesus knew that the Father was always with him. When you are determined to do something good, how do you face difficulties? Do you give up easily? Share.

Activity

Act out the scene of the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Dress up one of the children as Jesus. Bring palms to the group and make a procession and ask them to wave the palms and shout: "Bless be the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" Everyone then writes on a piece of paper how they wish to accompany Jesus in Holy Week and place it in the altar.

Prayer

Lord you know our good desires. Give us strength to continue walking in spite of the difficulties, persecutions and fears. Thank you for helping us to carry our cross. Give us strength to be faithful to you.

Amen.



THE ANNUNCIATION

This year will be celebrated on Monday—March 26, because the 25 is a Sunday

Color Mary and the angel



And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior ...”

Luke 1:46-47



Friends of Jesus and Mary ***Easter Sunday - March 27, 2016***

Reading: 1 Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; 1Cor.5:6B-8; John 20, 1-9

The Resurrection of the Lord

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (John 20, 1-9)

Reflection

God raised Jesus because death can never have the last word. A woman, an outcast in that society, is the one who receives the announcement of the new life of Jesus. Mary Magdalene really loved Jesus, and that's why she went to see the tomb, although those who killed Jesus might still be looking to kill his friends. Imagine that you go to the cemetery to see the tomb of someone you knew and it is empty. What do you do? How do you feel? Afraid? Concerned? Happy? Would they like someone to come back to life? Share.

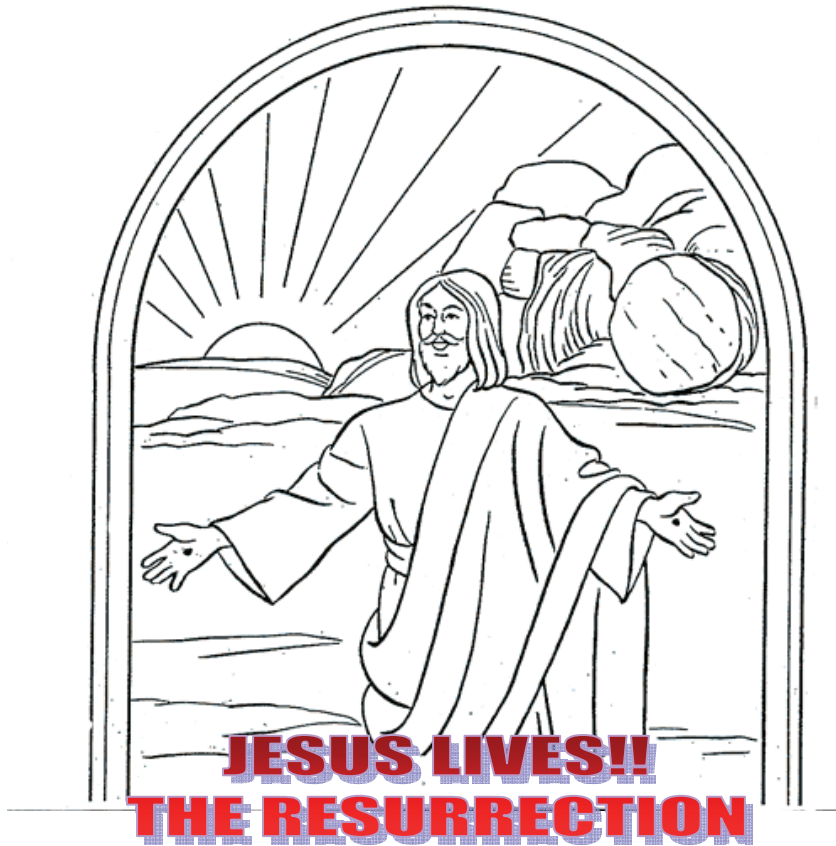
Activity

Prepare a basket with Easter eggs that are symbol of life and decorate them as a group. Choose a group of persons that no one remembers and bring them the basket. Prepare cards with messages of the bible that show us the love and presence of God in our lives. Place these cards in the baskets you prepare for the persons to be visited.

Prayer

Lord, you conquer death and in spite of our difficulties and pain, you always give us new life and joy. Help us to be reasons of joy and hope for others, signs of your resurrection for the world. **Amen.**





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