

Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



May, 2016

Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sister:

In May we celebrate three mysteries that we pray in the rosary. The Visitation, Pentecost and the Ascension of the Lord. Also we celebrate the month of Virgin Mary. Let us to awake our children and help them to appreciate everything that our mothers do for each one of us.

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

May	01	St Joseph, the worker	May 22 The Most Holy Trinity
May	05	The Ascension of the Lord	May 29 Corpus Christi
May	08	Mother's day	May 31 The Visitation
May	13	Our Lady of Fatima	
May	15	Pentecost	

Enclosed material and activities:

- 1) Calendar & Meditations on the Sunday Gospel
- 2) Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 3) Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 4) Mothers of the Bible
- 5) The Saints- Paschal Baylon
- 6) In the internet you will find activities for the month of Virgin Mary

Suggest Videos:

- 1 The Day the Sun Danced
2. Fatima
3. Joan the Arc

May God bless you,
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 FIRST FRIDAY OCTAVE OF EASTER Acts 4, 1-12 Psalm 117 John 21, 1-14	2 FIRST SATURDAY OCTAVE OF EASTER Acts 4, 13-21 Psalm 117 Mark 16, 9-15
3 2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy Mercy Acts 5, 12-16 Psalm 117 Rev 1, 9-11a.12-13.17-19 John 20, 19-31	4 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Acts 4, 23-31 Psalm 2 John 3, 1-8	5 ST VINCENT FERRER Acts 4, 32-37 Psalm 92 John 3, 5a-7b-15	6 Acts 5, 17-26 Psalm 33 John 3, 16-21	7 ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE Acts 5, 27-33 Psalm 33 John 3, 31-36	8 Acts 5, 34-42 Psalm 26 John 6, 1-15	9 Acts 6, 1-7 Psalm 32 John 6, 16-21
10 3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 5, 27b.32.40b-41 Psalm 29 Rev 5, 11-14 John 21. 1-19	11 ST. STANISLAUS Acts 6, 8-15 Psalm 118 John 6, 22-29	12 Acts 7, 51-8, 1a Psalm 30 John 6, 30-35	13 Acts 8, 1-8 Psalm 65 John 6, 35-40	14 Acts 8, 26-40 Psalm 65 John 6, 44-51	15 Acts 9, 1-20 Psalm 116 John 6, 52-59	16 Acts 9, 31-42 Psalm 115 John 6, 60-69
17 4th Sunday of Easter Acts 13, 14.43-52 Psalm 99 Rev 7, 9.14b-17 John 10, 27-30	18 Acts 11, 1-18 Psalm 41-42 John 10, 1-10	19 Acts 11, 19-26 Psalm 86 John 10, 22-30	20 Acts 12, 24--13, 5a Psalm 66 John 12, 44-50	21 ST ANSELM Acts 13, 13-25 Psalm 88 John 13, 16-20	22 EARTH DAY Acts 13, 26-33 Psalm 2 John 14, 1-6	23 ST. GEORGE ST. ADALBERT Acts 13, 44-52 Psalm 97 John 14, 7-14
24 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 14, 21b-27 Psalm 144 Rev 21, 1-5a John 13, 31-33a.34-35	25 ST MARK Acts 14, 5-18 Psalm 113 John 14, 21-26	26 Acts 14, 19-28 Psalm 144 John 14, 27-31a	27 Acts 15, 1-6 Psalm 121 John 15, 1-8	28 ST. LOUIS GRIGNION MONTFORT Acts 15, 7-21 Psalm 95 John 15, 9-11	29 ST CATHERINE OF SIENA Acts 15, 22-31 Psalm 56 John 15, 12-17	30 ST PIUS V Acts 16, 1-10 Psalm 99 John 15, 18-21

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6th Sunday of Easter May 1, 2016

Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66 Revelation 21, 10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you. 'If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.'" (John 14:23-29)

Reflection

God is everywhere but seeks loving hearts where he can dwell. This is the real beauty and glory of a human city. Is God present in our family? The peace that God provides is not based on the absence of conflict and division. Jesus brings peace that is based on total trust in God, the forgiveness of others, a commitment to serve, and hope in a better future that will come from God. What difficulties, tensions, or violence affect the peace of mind of the children? How do they and their families experience and understand peace? How do you picture a family or people at peace to be? Are you at peace, for instance, when you tell lies to your parents, or when you think others have more than you do, or when you want to be superior to your siblings and classmates? What will Jesus mean when he says that leaves us a different kind of peace? Share

Activity

Bring papers divided in three columns. On them write peace, anxiety, fear. Ask them to write under each column what they feel and how they will bring this week the peace Jesus talks about to others. What will they do to correct the things they are doing wrong. Share what each one will do this week.

Prayer

Lord, be our peace when we refuse to hold grudge. When we sincerely forgive one another; when we are thankful for the good things you have given us; when, in the midst of difficulty, we help one another to trust in you. Amen





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Ascension of the Lord May 5, 2016

Readings: Acts 1, 1-11 Psalm 46, Hebrews 9, 24-48; 10, 19-23 Luke 24, 45-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God. (Luke 24,45 -53)

Reflection

Jesus goes to heaven but he promises the Spirit which will help us and give us strength to be his witness, taking his messages to others.

Jesus sends his friends to do his work; that is to serve and help others, to communicate that God loves them, to share what we have, to respect everyone as the image of God, and to strive for justice. What can each one of us do?
Share

Activity

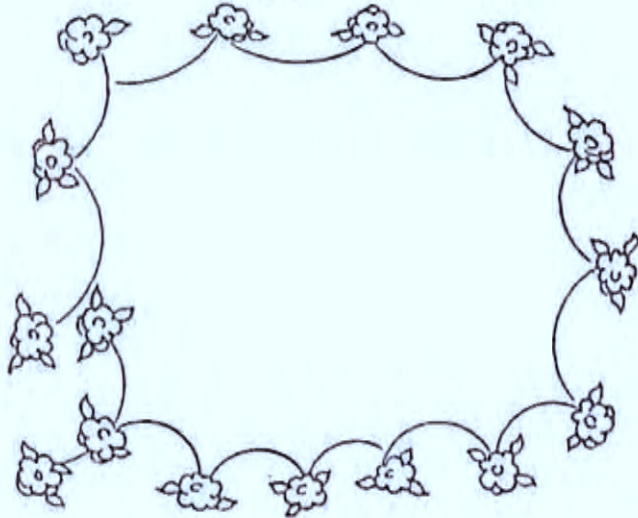
In the following page you will find a script to act the Ascension of the Lord. It is based on Acts 1,1-11.
Bring customs for the children to wear.

Prayer

Lord, sometimes when we don't get what we wished for we get frustrated. We want to believe in your promise and keep our hope placed in you. Send your Spirit upon us that with his power and light we can continue your work. Make us witnesses, Amen



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



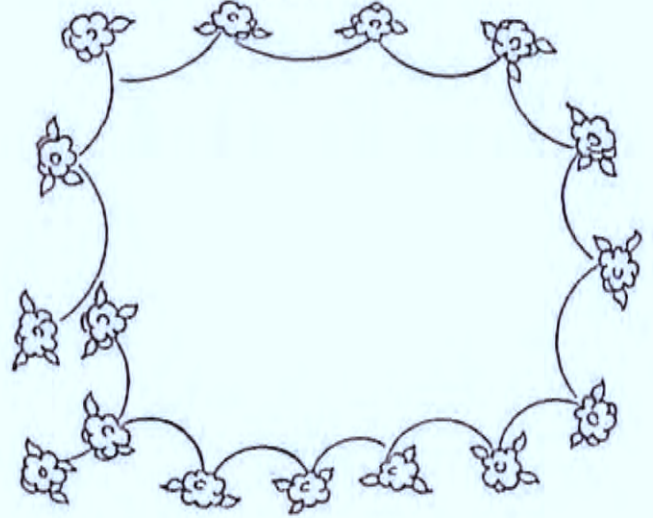
Dear: _____,

*My gift for
you is a gift
of Prayer.
Love*

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In the circle where the flowers are write a prayer for your Mom or any other special person.

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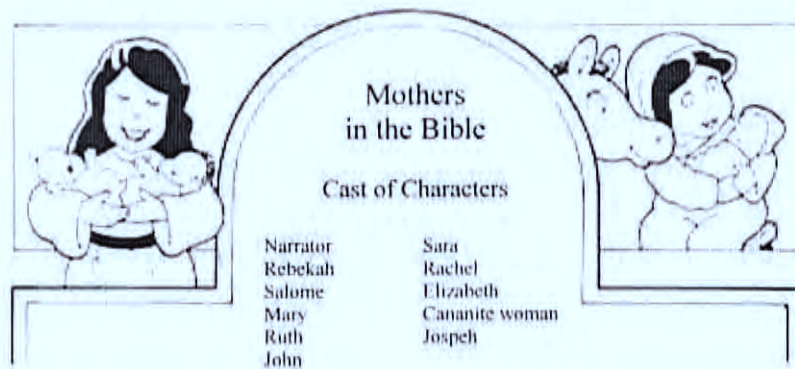


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- Narrator:** Today we honor all mothers, but specially those whose lives we read about in the Bible. Hear them as they speak for themselves.
- Sarah:** (enters carrying baby) I am Sarah, wife of Abraham, from whom all our people are descended. I was an old woman when my baby, promised by my Lord, was born. I was so overjoyed that I named him Isaac, which means laughter. (Goes to back or other side of stage before next person enters)
- Rebekah:** (Enters carrying twin babies in her arms) I am Rebekah, wife of Sara's son, Isaac and mother of the twins Jacob and Esau. Although I love Jacob more, When he was a young man, I even helped trick his father into giving him a blessing meant for Esau, but I never saw him after that. (She goes to stand beside Sarah.)
- Raquel:** (Enters carrying twin babies in her arms leading Joseph by the hand) My name is Raquel, and I was the beloved wife of Jacob. My first son, Joseph was the favorite of his father, who gave him a beautiful coat of many colors. My second son I named Ben-Oni, which means "son of my pain", but my husband rename him Benjamin, "son of the right hand" for he, too, was loved by his father. (She to stand beside Rebekah.)
- Naomi:** (Enters followed by young woman) I am Naomi, I had two sons, but I am best remembered for my daughter in law, Ruth. It is through her loving devotion, after my sons died, that all mothers-in-law are remembered. (She and Ruth move back with the others).
- Salomé:** I am Salome, the mother of James and John. I stayed close to Jesus when he was in Galilee, and I followed him to Jerusalem. After Jesus died, I even walked to the tomb with spices to anoint him .
- Elizabeth:** (Entry followed by John) My name is Elizabeth, one of the first mothers mentioned in the New Testament. I am the mother of John, ;later known as the Baptist. Like Sarah, I was old when he was born, yet I was honored and happy to be the mother of the man who later baptized Jesus. (Both move back beside the others).
- Mary:** (Enters carrying baby). I am Mary, the mother of Jesus, whose birth was announced by an angel, whose death took place on the cross, and whose kingdom will never end. My soul glorifies the Lord. (Moves back by others).
- Canaanite Women** I am the Canaanite women who begged Jesus to cure my suffering child. Even though I had great faith in Jesus, it took great courage to go to him because I was looked on as a "foreigner", someone different from others. My love for my child gave the strength not to worry about what people were saying about me.

(All characters come forward and stand together)

Narrator: Even after so many generations, we remember those mothers. They gave to the world children who later changed the world. May all mothers like these continue to teach their children how much God loves them.



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7th Sunday of Easter May 08, 2016

Readings: Acts 2,1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians' 12,3b-7,12-13 John 20,19-23
Jesus prays for His disciples

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you. "When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

(John 20,19-23)

Reflection

One of the greatest witness we as Christians can give is the unity, which is not thinking all the same, but seeking the common good, respecting diversity. Our unity and witness is based on Jesus Christ who gives us living waters and is our beginning and our end.

Jesus is the bread of life, the bread of unity. In the Eucharist we all share in the same bread, which is the body of the Lord and drink of the same cup, his blood. In doing so, we become one with Jesus and with one another as members of the Body of Christ, the church.

Explain the word martyr. Martyrs are those who, In spite of persecution, continue firm in their discipleship of Jesus, forgive those who persecute them and remain united to God and to everyone. Stephen was one of them. Do we have a strong faith like Stephen, that is not deviated from God's will by either treat or flattery? Have they ever been martyrs when they have done good even if they were criticized or laughed for it? Share

Activity

Bring a blank sheet of paper and ask the children to write in I it what have they done for the good of your family or community this week. Example: house work, forgive someone you have hurt, heard patiently someone that needs advice, help with homework to a classmate, etc.

Encourage them to make a commitment this week for the unity and wellbeing of the community. Share.

Prayer

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



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SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON



Silence!

I will never forgive!

For the love of Jesus on the Cross, forgive them."



Paschal was famous for the many miracles he performed. I'm going to tell you one of them.

Martin was a boy from Monforte. There, he lived happily with his parents and siblings. But, one day, he was told that his father had been killed. The entire town knew who the murderer was, but since there was not enough proof, they couldn't do anything.

Martin considered it his duty to kill his father's murderer when he grew up. This hatred ate away at him and as the years passed, it grew stronger in his heart. Her friends were very worried about him. They saw that he was always sad and angry.

One Good Friday, they decided to take him to listen to a sermon about Jesus' passion. The priest said that we have to forgive our enemies, like Jesus did.

Martin got angry and shouted, "Silence, all of you! I will never forgive."

Paschal was there in the sermon and grabbed his arm to tell him, "For the love of Jesus on the Cross, forgive them."

Martin was impressed by Paschal's gaze and looking downwards tears began to stream down his cheeks. And he said, "For love of God, I forgive them." After that, Martin was not the same person. His friends said that this had truly been a miracle. He was always happy, because he had learned how happy a person can be when he learns to forgive.

SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON

FIRST NAME: Paschal

LAST NAME: Baylon Jubera

PARENTS: Martin Baylon and Isabel Jubera

BIRTHDAY: May 16th, 1540, Torrehermosa, Zaragoza (Spain)

DEATH: May 17th, 1592 in Villareal, Valencia (Spain)

He is buried there.

KNOWN FOR: He was a shepherd and later became a Franciscan.

He had a great devotion to Our Lady and an immense love for the Eucharist.

PATRON OF: Eucharistic groups



NAME: Paschal

FEAST: May 16th



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Pentecost May 15, 2016

Readings: Acts 2, 1-11; Psalm 103; 1Corinthians 12, 3-7; John 20, 19-23

Jesus appears to His disciples

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (*John 20, 19-23*)

Reflection

The apostles were afraid, but when they receive The Holy Spirit everything was change. For The Holy Spirit there are no foreign languages. Everyone can understand the language of love. The apostles receive the special gift of the Holy Spirit. We receive them at Confirmation. Here Jesus is given them the power to forgive sins and in this way instituted the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Activity

Read Acts 2, 1-11 Seat the children in a circle. Darken the room. Explain them that we are going to pray like when Mary and the Apostles were gather together. Prepare tongues of fire drawn on construction paper. Behind each tongue write one of the Fruits of the Spirit. Place them on the head of each child. When the prayer is finish pray over each one for the gift they have receive. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and holy fear.

Prayer

*Lord Jesus Christ, your peace is our greatest gift. Help us to treasure this gift and to know how to use all the gifts you have given us. **Amen***





Acts 2, 1-11;

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

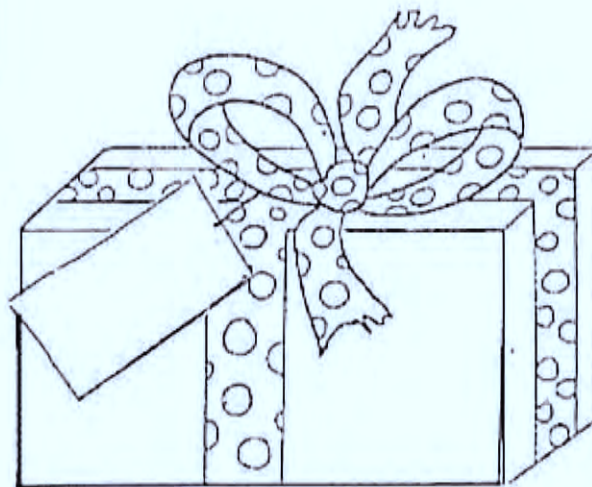
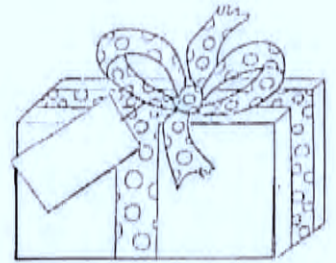
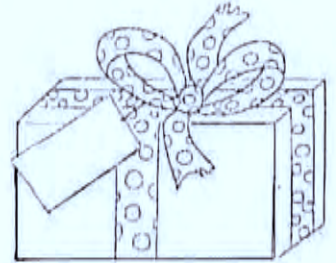
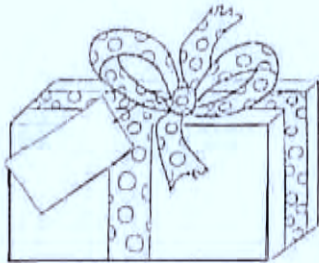
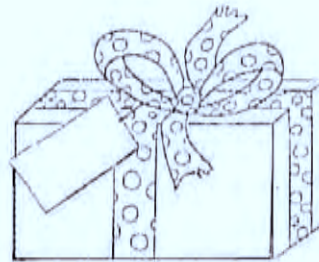
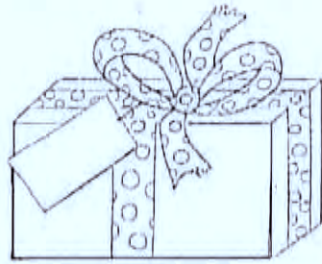
Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, “Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.”

DO YOU KNOW WHICH ARE THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

INSIDE OF THIS BOX YOU WILL FIND THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In each card of the small gift boxes write the name of the gift.

On the bottom you will find a list of words, among them are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, can you find them?



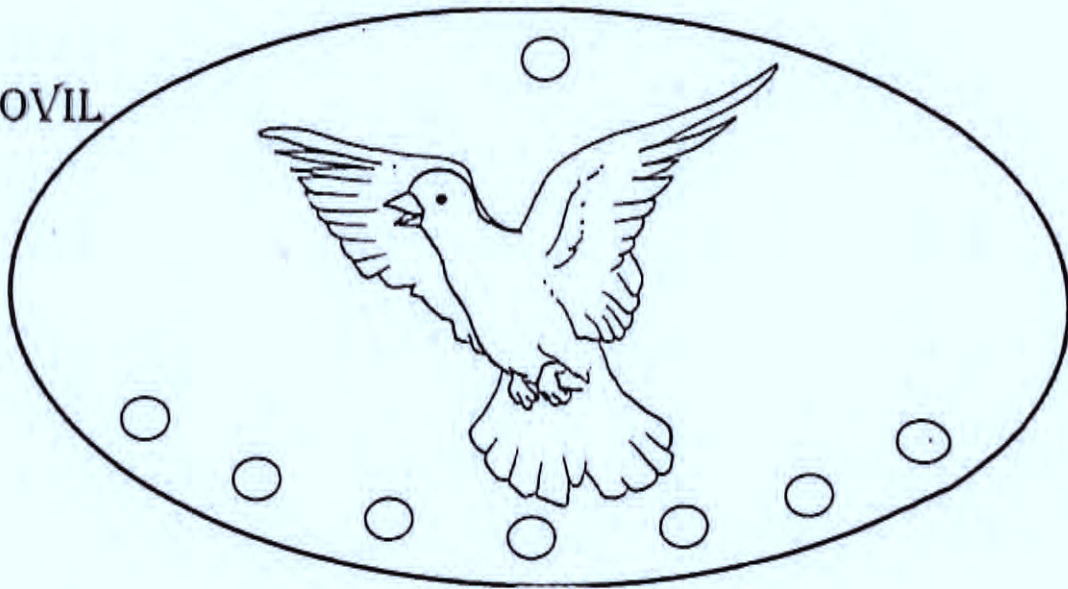
- 1- Fear of God
- 2- Eucharistic
- 3- Mass
- 4- Fortitude
- 5- Wisdom
- 6- Penance
- 7- Love
- 8- Knowledge
- 9- Pray

- 10- Piety
- 11- Confirmation
- 12- Gladness
- 13- Baptism
- 14- Love
- 15- Wisdom
- 16- Marriage
- 17- Counsel
- 18- Catechism

WHICH OF THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HAVE YOU RECEIVED?

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

MOVIL



The Fruit of the Holy Spirit are 9:
Galatians 5:22



JOY



PEACE



HUMILITY



LOVE



PATIENCE



GOODNESS



KINDNESS



FAITHFULNESS



SELF CONTROL



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Holy Trinity May 22, 2016

Readings: Proverbs 8, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5: 1-5; John 16, 12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason, I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

(John 16, 12-15)

Reflection

*Do you know what a mystery is?
It's something that's very difficult
to understand, right? That's the Most
Holy Trinity, God himself, Father, Son
and Holy spirit, three different persons
and one true God. The most important
thing for understanding this mystery is
not the reason but the faith.*

Activity

*Show an egg. It has three parts, the egg yolk,
the egg white and the egg shell. It has three
different parts but one egg. In God there are
three different persons Father, Son and Holy
Spirit but one true God.*

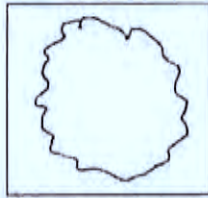
Prayer

*Each child can give thanks for his family
and also for being part of the family of
God. All respond: Glory to the Father,
to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit three
times. Amen*

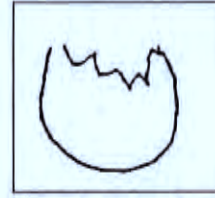


THE HOLY TRINITY

Just like the eggshell

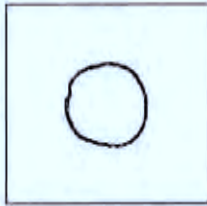


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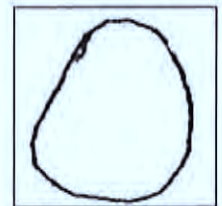


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egg yolk



are the 3 components of an egg.

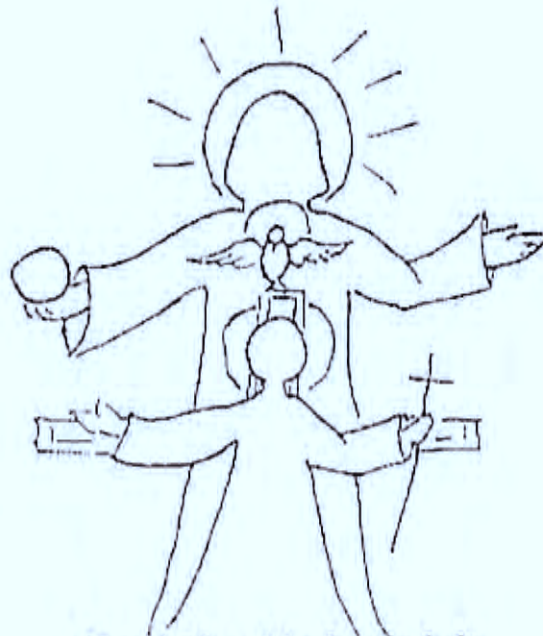


Just like that ...

**The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit are
3 person and 1 God**

Jesus said: "I am ascending to my Father and your Father..." (John 20, 17)

God The Father



God the Holy Spirit

"Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." (John 14, 9)

God the Son

"The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything" (John 14, 26)



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Corpus Christi May 29, 2016

Readings: Genesis 14, 18-20; Psalm 109; 1Corinthians 11, 23-26; Luke 9, 11b-17

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people. "Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty. "They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. (Luke 9, 11b-17)

Reflection

There are two central messages in the multiplication of loaves and fish:

- a) Jesus gives thanks for what is there, even if it is little.
 - b) When each contributes and shares, goods are multiplied.
- Sometimes we think we don't have enough belonging and we complain. But Jesus teaches us to give thanks for what we do have and teach us to share it. Are you grateful for what you have? Do you share with others? Jesus gives himself in the Eucharist. At each Eucharist, the Lord himself is present and invites us to her table, where they can receive the nourishment of the word of life. Jesus shares the Bread of his body and pours the wine of His blood to invite his friends to go out to the world and do the same with others

Share.

Activity

Prepare loaves of breads and fish cut out from white cardboard. Give them to the children so they can decorate them ask to write something they could do this week to share (time, talent, toys etc.)

Ask them to offer it as their commitment for these week and in this way fulfills our mission as Christian that Jesus gives us this week. Invite a relative that do not go to mass to go with you.

Prayer

Jesus gives us a thankful heart for the many good things you have given us, our family, friends, food, clothes and all our talents. Teach us to share your love and all that you have given us with all. Thank you for staying with us in the Eucharist. **Amen.**



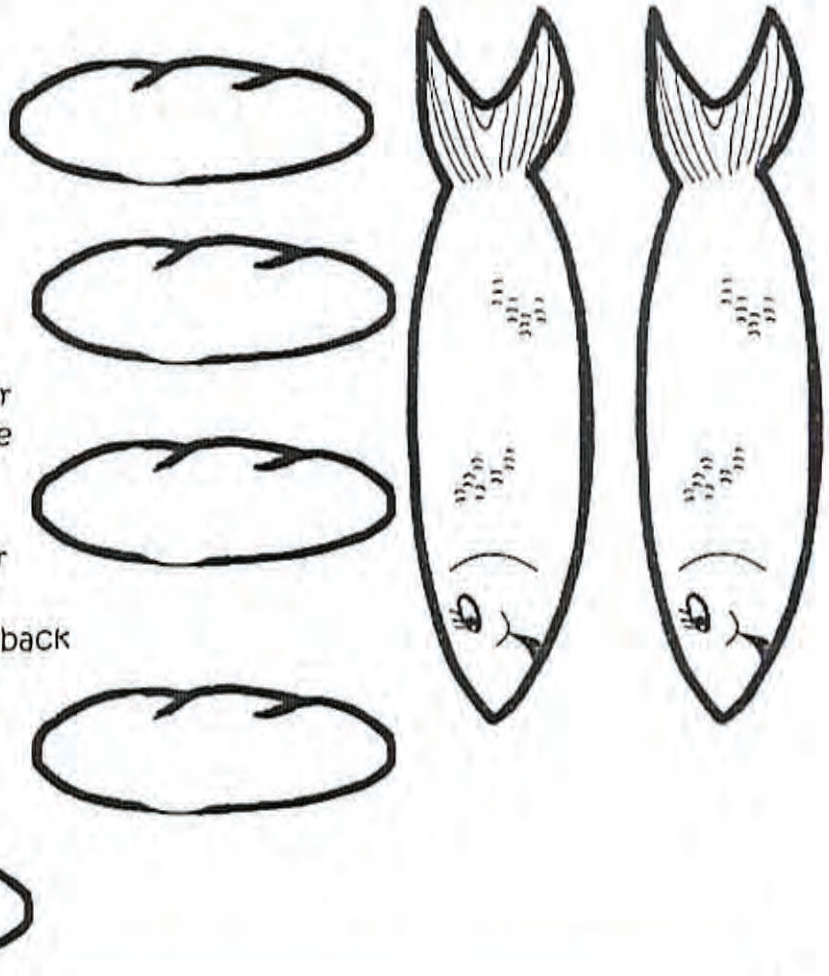


Eucharist

Look for the Miracles!

God's love works miracles. Look for the "miracles" that God works your life each day; things that turn out well or give you joy or solve a problem. Sometimes we take these for granted, and we think they "just happened".

Glue the basket cover onto a jar or can. Cut out and color each loaf and fish. Every night, write on the back of a loaf or a fish the help of God that you noticed. Place this little "miracle" in the basket.



GOD'S LOVE
WORKS
MIRACLES

