



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

November 2016
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

We begin this month of November with the celebrations of the Feast of All Saints, and All Souls. Let's try to teach our children about them and their good examples. Also remember to pray for all our deceased relatives and friends. Our nation celebrates Thanksgiving on November 24. Encourage the importance of praying for unity among all our Brothers & Sisters.

IMPORTANT FEAST AND SAINTS:

November 01 All Saints Day
November **02** Day of All Souls
November **03** Saint Martin de Porres
November **08** Saint Ángela of the Cross
November **17** Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
November 24 Thanksgiving Day
November 30 Saint Andrew Apóstol

Enclosed Materials:

- 1) Monthly Calendar
- 2) Sunday Góspel
- 3) Activity of the Advent
- 4) Activity of Thanksgiving

Suggested Dvd's:

- 1) Saint Martin of Porres
- 2) Saints & Héroes
- 3) The Miraculous Medal

Dont forget to attend the montly workshop. It is the only way that we can learn from all of us.

God Bless you,
Comité Amigos de Jesús y Maria

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 ALL SAINTS' DAY Rev 7, 2-4.9-14 Psalm 23 1 Jn 3, 1-3 Mt 5, 1-12a	2 ALL SOULS' DAY 2Macc 12, 43-45 Psalm 129 Ro 8, 31b-39 John 11, 17-27	3 ST MARTIN DE PORRES Phil 3, 3-8 Psalm 104 Luke 15, 1-10	4 FIRST FRIDAY ST CHARLES BORROMEO Phil 3, 17-4, 1 Psalm 121 Luke 16, 1-8	5 FIRST SATURDAY STS. ZACHARY & ELIZABETH Phil 4, 10-19 Psalm 111 Luke 16, 9-15
6 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2Macc 7, 1-2.9-14 Psalm 16 2Ti 2, 16-3, 5 Luke 20, 27-38	7 ST. ERNEST Titus 1, 1-9 Psalm 23 Luke 17, 1-6	8 ST. GODFREY Titus 2, 1-8.11-14 Psalm 36 Luke 17, 7-10	9 ST JOHN LATERAN FEAST Ez 47, 1-2, 8-9.12 Psalm 45 John 2, 13-22	10 ST. LEO THE GREAT Phil 7-20 Psalm 145 Luke 17, 20-25	11 ST MARTIN OF TOURS 2 John 4-9 Psalm 118 Luke 17, 26-37	12 3 John 5-8 Psalm 111 Luke 18, 1-8
13 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mt 3, 19-20 Psalm 97 2Ti 3, 7-12 Luke 21, 5-19	14 Rev 1, 1-4; 1-5 Psalm 1 Luke 18, 35-43	15 ST. ALBERT THE GREAT Rev 3, 1-6.14-22 Psalm 14 Luke 19, 1-10	16 ST. GERTRUDE Rev 4, 1-11 Psalm 150 Luke 19, 11-18	17 ST ELIZABETH OF Rev 5, 1-10 Psalm 149 Luke 19, 41-44	18 BASILICA OF STS. PETER 7 PAUL Rev 10, 8-11 Psalm 118 Luke 19, 45-48	19 Rev 11, 4-12 Psalm 143 Luke 20, 27-30
20 CHRIST THE KING SOLEMNITY 2S 5, 1-3 Psalm 121 Col 1, 12-20 Luke 23, 35-43	21 PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Rev 14, 1-3.4b-5 Psalm 23 Luke 21, 1-4	22 ST. CECILIA Rev 14, 14-19 Psalm 95 Luke 21, 5-11	23 ST CLEMENT I Rev 15, 1-4 Psalm 97 Luke 21, 12-19	24 THANKSGIVING DAY Rev 18, 1-2.21-23;19 1-3.9 Psalm 99 Luke 21, 20-28	25 ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA Rev 20, 1-4, 11-21,2 Psalm 83 Luke 21, 29-33	26 ST. LEONARD Rev 22, 1-7 Psalm 94 Luke 21, 34-36
27 FIRST SUNDAY OF Isaiah 2, 1-5 Psalm 121 Ro 13, 11-14 Matthew 24, 37-44	28 ST. CATHERINE LABOURE Isaiah 4, 2-6 Psalm 121 Matthew 8, 5-11	29 Isaiah 11, 1-10 Psalm 71 Luke 10, 21-24	30 ST. ANDREW APOSTLE Ro 10, 9-18 Psalm 18 Matthew 4, 18-22			

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All Saints November 01, 2016

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

The Sermon on the Mount

Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them:

“Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

“Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them!

“Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised!

“Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!

“Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!

“Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God!

“Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!

“Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

“Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted. (Mathew 5:1-12a)

Reflection

The saints we celebrate are not just those on our altars, but all those people, past and present, who are generous, peacemakers, just and prayerful. Ask if they know people who seem holy to them? Who is their favorite saint?

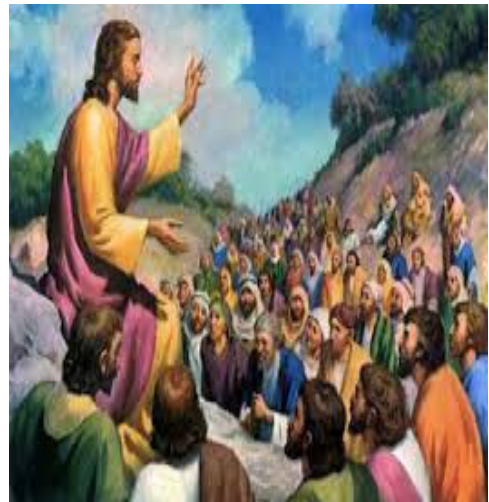
Talk with them about the saints. Do they know anyone who does some of the things that Jesus says we need to do to be happy? How do they feel when they are kind, generous, or a peacemaker? Do they possess any of the qualities that Jesus lists? Give opportunity to everyone to share.

Activity

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

Prayer

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



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All Souls November 02, 2016

Readings: Maccabeus 12, 43-46; Psalm 121; 1John 3, 14-16; John 11, 17-27

Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had been buried four days before. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Judeans had come to see Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother's death. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, Lord, my brother would not have died! But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask him for." "Your brother will rise to life." Jesus told her. "I know," she replied, "that he will rise to life on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and those who live and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord!" She answered. "I do believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." (John 11, 17-27)

Reflection

Speak with the children about the Day of the Death. For us Christians, we believe that life is changed not ended with physical death. Speak with the children about the experiences they have of people close to them who have died. How did they feel when that happened? How did the family cope with the moment? Invite the children to thank God because, despite the difficulties of dying, we have the hope and certainty that we will be with him in Heaven. Share

Activity

Ask the children to prepare cards with the names of the persons in their families who have died. Encourage them to remember all the good things they have learned from them. Tell the children to write a prayer asking them, from heaven, to intercede for them. Bring all the cards to the altar of the group and pray all together for them.

Prayer

Lord we are saddened by separation, but we know that you will always be with us. Give us faith, trust, and hope at times of difficulty and death, so that we will always be secure in you. Amen





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XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time November 6, 2016

Readings: 2 Maccabees 7, 1-2; Psalm 16; 2Thessalonians 2, 15-3, 5; Luke 20, 27-38

The Question about Rising from Death

Then some Sadducees, who say that people will not rise from death, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, Moses wrote this law for us: "If a man dies and leaves a wife but no children, that man's brother must marry the widow so that they can have children who will be considered the dead man's children. Once there were seven brothers; the oldest got married and died without having children. Then the second one married the woman, and then the third. The same thing happened to all seven, they died without having children. Last of all, the woman died. Now, on the day when the dead rise to life, whose wife will she be? All seven of them had arrived her." Jesus answered them, "The men and women of this age marry, but the men and women who are worthy to rise from death and live in the age to come will not then marry. They will be like angels and cannot die. They are the children of God, because they have risen from death. And Moses clearly proves that the dead are raised to life. In the passage about the burning bush he speaks of the Lord as 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. He is the God of the living, not of the dead, for to him all are alive.'"

Some of the teachers of the law spoke up, "A good answer, Teacher!" For they did not dare ask him any more questions. (Luke 20, 27-38)

Reflection

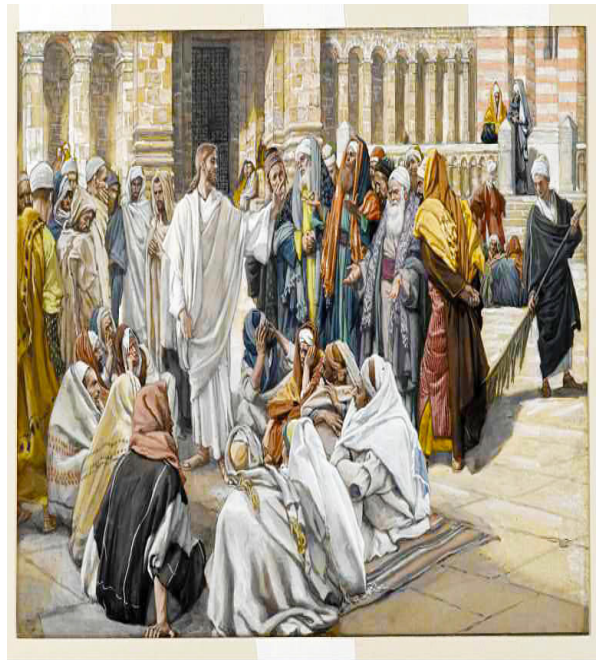
Speak with the children about how they imagine heaven. Is it boring? What would make them happy? Talk about stories of martyrs. Explain how they were calm in the face of death because they trusted that God would raise them in the last day if they were faithful and strong. What is so important to the children that they would be ready to make any sacrifice? There won't be any need to know who is whose spouse in heaven. God is not a God of the dead, but of the living. Jesus says he is always in favor of life, because God is a God of the living. He is the one who guides our heart to love him better. Share

Activity

Ask the children to share their experiences about things or people they have lost. Example: loss of a friend, a hat, a game, or the death of a dear friend or family member. Share what was your reaction when you lost something or someone you loved. Choose a bible reading to show the reaction of Jesus when his loved ones died and of His own death. Luke 7:11-16 (The widow's son in Nain) John 11,1-43 (Lazarus) Luke 8,49-56 (The daughter of Jairus)

Prayer

We have many questions about life after death. Give us strength and trust in you to understand that you call us, here and now, to a life of service, generosity and self-sacrifice. Give us perseverance, knowing that we build your Kingdom. Amen





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XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time November 13, 2016

Readings: Malachi 4, 1-2; Psalm 97; 2Thessalonians 3, 7-12; Luke 21, 5-19

Jesus Speaks of the Destruction of the Temple

Some of the disciples were talking about the Temple, how beautiful it looked with its fine stones and the gifts offered to God. Jesus said all this you see the time will come when not a single stone here will be left in its place; every one will be thrown down." Teacher," they asked, "when will this be? And what will happen to show that the time has come for it to take place?" Jesus said, "Watch out; don't be fooled. Many men, claiming to speak for me, will come and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time has come! 'But don't follow them. Don't be afraid when you hear of wars and revolutions; such things must happen first, but they do not mean that the end is near." He went on to say, "Countries will fight each other; kingdoms will attack one another. There will be terrible earthquakes, famines, and plagues everywhere; there will be strange and terrifying things coming from the sky. Before all these things take place, however, you will be arrested and persecuted; you will be handed over to be tried in synagogues and be put in prison; you will be brought before kings and rulers for my sake. This will be your chance to tell the Good News. Make up your minds ahead of time not to worry about how you will defend yourselves, because I will give you such words and wisdom that none of your enemies will be able to refute or contradict what you say. You will be handed over by your parents, your brothers, your relatives, and your friends; and some of you will be put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a single hair from your heads will be lost. Stand firm, and you will save yourselves. (Luke 21, 5-19)

Reflection

Catastrophes and calamities will always happen. Our willingness and preparation to meet God cannot be improvised; we need to live each day looking at God. Our task is to be faithful in this world. If we do the King of the universe will raise us up so that we can live with him forever. Speak with the children about what they know of current events in the world. Are they scared? What do their parents think about these things? God does not want for us to suffer or die. God wants us to live and work for justice. We must always be prepared to live with God, living each day the best that we can, doing well what we do and taking care of others. Share

Activity

Ask the children how they prepare the house when a guest is going to visit. Now ask them how they should prepare their hearts for Jesus. Draw a heart and write in it what they should do so Jesus feels happy in their hearts. When finished present their hearts to the group's altar asking Jesus to help them prepare their hearts for Jesus.

Prayer

Lord, the world is full of problems causing anguish and terror Stay with us so that we might live in your peace, taking care of each other and doing your work well and responsibly. Amen





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Christ the King November 20 2016

Readings: 2 Samuel 5, 1-3; Psalm 121; Colossians 1, 12-20; Luke 23, 35-43

The people stood there watching while the Jewish leaders made fun of him; "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah whom God has chosen!" The soldiers also made fun of him: they came up to him and offered him cheap wine, and said, "Save yourself if you are the king of the Jews! Above him were written these words: "This is the King of the Jews. "One of the criminals hanging there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" The other one, however, rebuked him, saying, "Don't you fear God? You received the same sentence he did. Ours, however, is only right, because we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong." And he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Jesus, when you come into your Kingdom!" Jesus said to him, "I promise you that today you will be in paradise with me." (Luke 23, 35-43)

Reflection

Speak with the children about kings and queens. (The king of Great Britain or Spain, the ones of the fairy tales) What do they think is the work of kings? Do any of these kings resemble Jesus? How? Why do we speak of Christ, the King? Do some of the adults at home call each other my king or my queen? What might they mean by that? Tell them the stories of some martyrs who, going to their death, proclaimed: "Long live Christ the King". Share

Activity

In the following page are steps to follow Jesus our King. Have the children read all of them and choose one that they would like to work on. Help them to write a prayer asking Jesus to help them. Color.

Prayer

Help us to remember, Lord, that the reign you desire is service to one another, and sometimes this requires sacrifice. Give us light to see how we can serve each other and reach out to others and meet their needs. Amen





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First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016

Readings: Isaiah 2, 1-5; Psalm 121; Romans 13, 11-14; Matthew 24, 37-44

No one knows the Day and Hour

The coming of the Son of Man will be like what happened in the time of Noah. In the days before the flood people ate and drank, men and women married, up to the very day Noah went into the boat; yet they did not realize what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man comes. At that time two men will be working in a field: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. Two women will be at a mill grinding meal: one will be taken away; the other will be left behind. Watch out, then, because you do not know what day your Lord will come. If the owner of a house knew the time when the thief would come, you can be sure that he would stay awake and not let the thief break into his house. So then, you also must always be ready, because the son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him. (Matthew 24, 37-44)

Reflection

What do you think Jesus means by being prepared as if a robber were coming? Have you ever been surprised by things you did not expect? How could you have been ready if you had known they were coming? Speak with the children about Advent. How do they prepare for the coming of people to their homes? What about when someone comes unannounced? What happens at home then? How are we going to prepare for the coming of Jesus? Share

Activity

Explain to the children the Advent wreath and why we should prepare for the coming of Jesus. Encourage them to offer sacrifices during Advent as a gift for Baby Jesus on Christmas day.

Prayer

Jesus, we want to walk in your light. We want to do the works of light, to say the truth to one another, to care for each other as if we were receiving you. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen



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INFORMATION ON ADVENT WREATH

The first time you gather to pray around the wreath, have someone review the meaning of each part:

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

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

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

Opening Prayer

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

Week 1 (*Light 1 purple candle*)

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

Week 2 (*Light 2 purple candles*)

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

Week 3 (*Light 3 candles, include pink candle*)

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

Week 4 (*Light all 4 candles*)

Quiet the worries and fears in our hearts, Lord. Give us your peace. Thank you for the life you share with us. **COME, LORD JESUS, COME.** (*Pause for silent prayer*)



1. Take a white paper plate and cut out the inside. Make a hole in the top and put a colored string through it to hang it up.
2. Cut out the autumn leaves. Color them if they do not have color.
3. Cut out the following things you are grateful for and glue onto the leaves or write in one of your own.
4. Glue the leaves onto the wreath.

THANK
YOU

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FOR
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FOR MY
PAREN

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WE FOLLOW JESUS OUR KING



WE LOVE

WE FORGIVE

WE SHARE

WE READ THE
WORD OF GOD

WE TAKE CARE
OF THE SICK.

WE OBEY

WE HELP THE
HELPLESS

WE LOVE OUR
ENEMIES

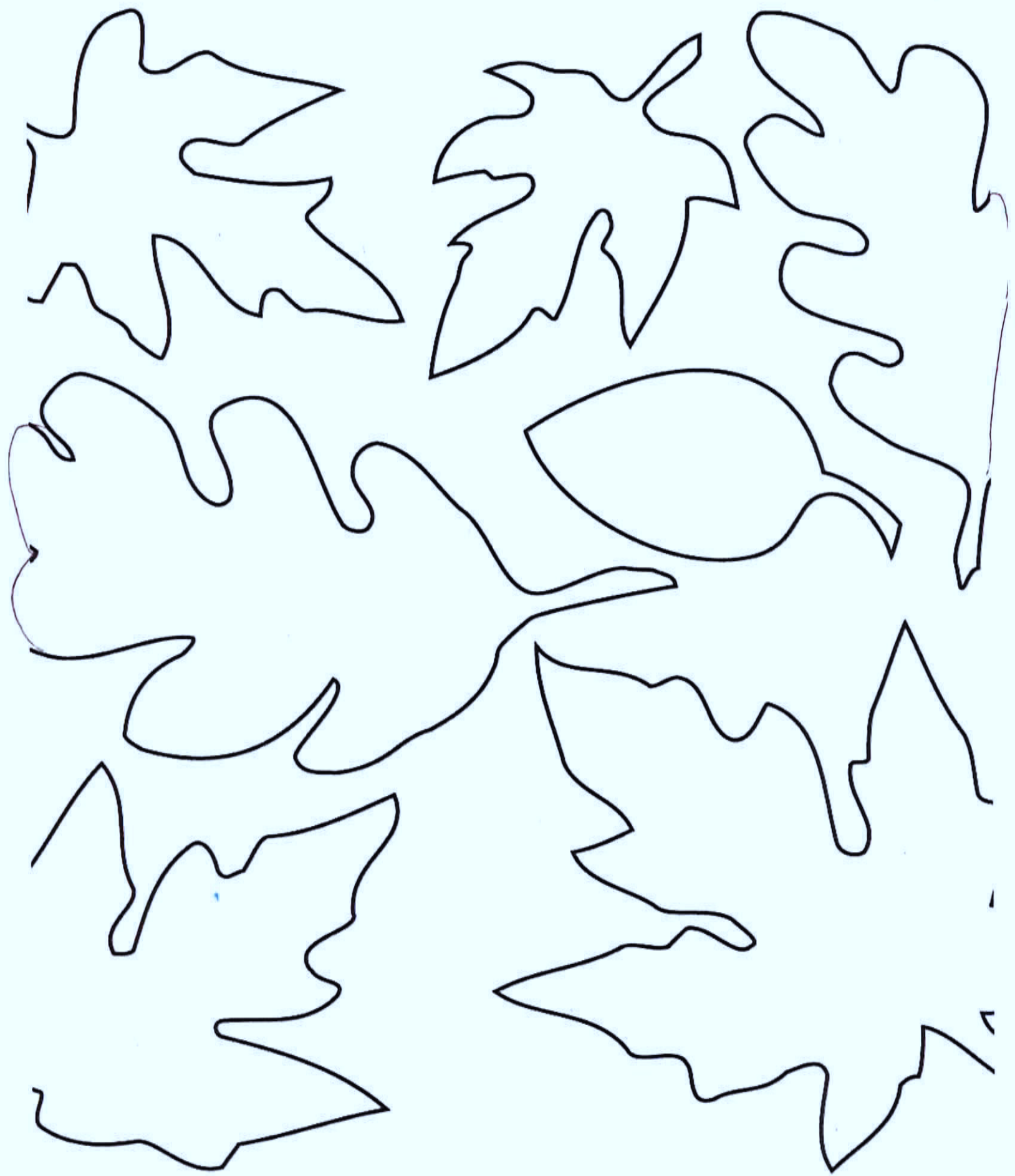
WE CARE FOR
THE POOR

WE ARE
GENEROUS

WE PRAY

WE ARE
TRUTHFUL







ST. ANGELA OF THE CROSS

She founded the Sisters of the Cross, who are mainly devoted to caring for the poor who are sick in their homes, helping them to die well so they can go to Heaven.

One day, there was an urgent call. A lady was dying and wanted to see the Sisters. Sr. Angela immediately called two sisters. **It was pouring rain** and the streets of Seville were all muddy. **The Sisters wanted to go and change into boots, but Sr. Angela told them there wasn't time.** The two, without saying a word, went out in their shoes even though it was raining hard. They hurried to the house of the sick woman and there, prepared her to receive Last Rites. They went out in search of a priest and accompanied him to the house. Afterwards, they went home. It hadn't stopped raining the whole time.

Once they got home, Sr. Angela was there waiting for them at the door and said, **"Let me see your feet."** And right then, the Sisters suddenly realized that **their shoes were still completely clean and dry!** Sr. Angela just smiled.



ST. ANGELA OF THE CROSS

NAME: Angelita.

HER PARENTS: Francisco Guerrero and Josefa González.

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: January 30, 1846
in Seville, Spain.

KNOWN FOR: Her life of complete sacrifice and poverty, as well as her caring service to the poor. She founded the Sisters of the Cross.

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH: March 2, 1932
in Seville, Spain.



FEAST:
November 5th

DISCOVERING THE GOSPEL



The four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, wrote the life, words and miracles of Jesus.

Each one of these four Evangelists are represented by a living being that, according to Ezekiel (1:10), follow the Son of man.

Do you know where each one of the Gospels was written and how many chapters it has?

Answer in page 27.

**Read Ezekiel
1:10**

THE FOUR EVANGELISTS

Did you know that each one of the Evangelists is represented with a different symbol? Connect the dots to discover the symbol that represents each Evangelist.

MATTHEW



St. Matthew is represented with an angel in a human form, because his Gospel begins with a list of Jesus' human ancestors and the narration of the angel's apparition to St. Joseph.

MARK



St. Mark is represented with a lion because his Gospel begins with the preaching of John the Baptist in the desert, where there were wild animals. The voice of the lion in the Old Testament symbolized the voice of the prophets who spoke out about the violation of God's plans.

LUKE



St. Luke is represented by a bull, because his Gospel begins with Zechariah's vision in the Temple, where bulls were sacrificed.

JOHN



St. John with an eagle, because this Gospel is the most elevated in thoughts and words, opening to the contemplation of Jesus-God.