



Florida Center for Peace

To Jesus Through Mary

May, 2018
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The month of May is dedicated to the Virgen Mary. Let's try to teach the children about the life and virtues of Mary. Also, let's teach them to appreciate our Mother's and all that our Mother's do for us.

The following are feast days and saints of the month:

May 01 St Joseph the worker
May 03 Exaltation of the cross
May 11 St John the Arc
May 13 Our Lady of Fatima and Mother's Day
May 18 Saint John Paul II's birthday
May 22 St. Rita of Casia

Enclosed material and activities:

- 1) Calendar & Meditations on the Sunday Gospel
- 2) Dogmas of the Virgen Mary, for coloring
- 4) Activity, Glue hearts to figure of Jesus
- 5) The Ascension, for coloring
- 6) Activity, Crown of flowers for Mother's Day
- 7) Pentecost, for coloring
- 8) Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Activity
- 9) The Sign of the Cross, explanation, coloring
- 10) Baptismal Promises, for coloring
- 11) Holy Trinity, for coloring
- 12) Hail Mary, for coloring
- 13) Old Testament Story, Abraham the Patriarch
- 14) The Story of Fatima, for coloring

Suggested Video: The Day the Sun Danced, Our Lady of Fatima

May God Bless You Abundantly,



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER Gn 1, 26-2, 3 Psalm 89, 2-4.12-14 Matthew 13, 54-58	2 ST. ATHANASIUS Acts 15, 1-6 Psalm 121, 1-5 John 15, 1-8	3 ST. PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES 1Co 15, 1-11 Psalm 18, 2-5 John 14, 6-14	4 FIRST FRIDAY Acts 15, 22-31 Psalm 56, 8-12 John 15, 12-17	5 FIRST SATURDAY Acts 16, 1-10 Psalm 99, 2-3.5 John 15, 18-21
6 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 10, 25-26.34-35 Psalm 97, 1-4 1 John 4, 7-10 John 15, 9-17	7 Acts 16, 11-15 Psalm 149, 1-6a.9b John 15, 26-16, 4	8 Acts 12, 22-34 Psalm 137, 1-3 -7c-8 John 16, 5-11	9 Acts 17, 15.22-18,1 Psalm 148, 1-2.11-14 John 16, 12-15	10 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Acts 18, 1-8 Psalm 97, 1-4 John 16, 16-20	11 Acts 18, 9-18 Psalm 46, 2-7 John 16, 20-23a	12 Acts 18, 23-28 Psalm 46,2-3.8-10 John 16, 23-28
13 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 1, 1-11 Psalm 46, 2-3.6-8 Eph 4, 1-13 Mark 16, 15-20	14 ST. MATHIAS APOSTLES Acts 1, 15-17.20-26 Psalm 112, 1-8 John 15, 9-17	15 ST. ISIDORE Acts 20, 17-27 Psalm 67, 10-11.20-21 John 17, 1-11a	16 Acts 20, 28-38 Psalm 67, 29-30.33-36 John 17, 11-19	17 Acts 22, 30;23, 6-11 Psalm 15, 1-11 John 17, 20-26	18 ST. JOHN I Acts 25, 13-21 Psalm 15, 1-22.5-7-11 John 21, 15-19	19 Acts 28, 16-20.30-31 Psalm 10, 5-6.8 John 21, 20-25
20 PENTECOST SUNDAY Acts 2, 1-11 Psalm 103,1.24.29-31 Galatians 5, 16-25 John 15,26-27;16,12	21 ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES & COMP James 3, 13-18 Psalm 18, 8-10.15 Mark 9, 14-29	22 ST. RITA OF CASCIA James 4, 1-10 Psalm 54, 7-11.23 Mark 9, 30-37	23 James 4, 13-17 Psalm 48, 2-3.6-11 Mark 9, 38-40	24 Isaiah 52, 13-53, 12 Psalm 39, 6-11 Hebrews 10, 12-23 Luke 22, 14-20	25 ST. MARY MAGDALENE DE PAZZI James 5, 9-12 Psalm 102, 1-4.8-9.11 Mark 10, 1-12	26 ST. PHILLIP NERI James 5, 13-20 Psalm 140, 1-3.8 Mark 10, 13-16
27 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Dt. 4, 32-34.39-40 Psalm 32,4-6.9.18-20 Romans 8, 14-17 Matthew 28, 16-20	28 1 Peter 1, 3-9 Psalm 110, 1-2.5-6.9 Mark 10, 17-27	29 1 Peter 1, 10-16 Psalm 97.1-4 Mark 10, 28-31	30 1 Peter 1, 18-25 Psalm 147,12-15.19-20 Mark 10, 32-45	31 THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Zephaniah 3, 14-18a Psalm/Isaiah 12, 2-3.4 Luke 1, 39-56		

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DOGMAS OF THE VIRGEN MARY

Mother of God

**The Virgin Mary is the true
Mother of God. She
conceived by the power
of the Holy Spirit.
(Council of
Ephesus, 431).**



The Immaculate Conception

**Mary was conceived
without original sin.
(Pope Pío IX, 1854).**



Her Perpetual Virginity

**Mary was a virgin
before, during and
after the birth of
Jesus.
(2nd Vatican Council).**



The Assumption

**Mary was elevated or
assumed into heaven
by the power
of God.
(Pope Pio XII, 1950)**





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6th Sunday of Easter, May 6, 2018

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 97: 1,2-3,3-4; 1John 4:7-1; John 15: 9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

Reflection

Make a list of the persons that love you. What do those people do for you? What would you do for them? What are you willing to sacrifice for the people you love? Jesus gave His life for us. How can we thank Jesus for what He did for us? Share.

Activity

Prepare a poster board with a big picture of Jesus. Cut one heart for each child. Ask them to write on them their name and name of the person that loves them on the front. In the back they can write what they would do for them this week. Have each child paste the heart on the poster. Before the group ends, have them pick up their heart to take to the special person? See the model on the next page.



Prayer

Lord, God asked you to give up your own life. Look with love at the sacrifices we do for our family and friends. Give us courage to surrender ourselves to others and to take your message to everyone. Amen.

Song: Love One Another, Dakota Pyle
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Ascension of the Lord- May 13, 2018

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46:2-3,6-7,8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." So, then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

Reflection

Jesus has shown great love and now He wants his friends to help him in His mission to tell others how good God is, not only with words but with actions. How can you help Jesus to proclaim the Good News?

Activity

Prepare a small box decorated with symbols of Love and a picture of Jesus. Insert index cards with a message from Jesus and a mission God asks of each of them. (Examples: I want you: to smile often, to do your homework without being asked, to help someone in school needs it, to help your mother with house work, to visit a friend/family that is sick.) Have the children pick a card from the box. Each child will promise to do the selected mission during the week.

Prayer

Lord, you send us to announce God's love for all, and the salvation that comes from you. Sometimes we don't even know how to start. Give us your light and wisdom to recognize each moment of the day in which we can be your witness through our actions of honesty, justice, love and service to all. Amen



Song: Lord I Lift Your Name on High, Church of Southland
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THE ASCENSION OF JESUS INTO HEAVEN

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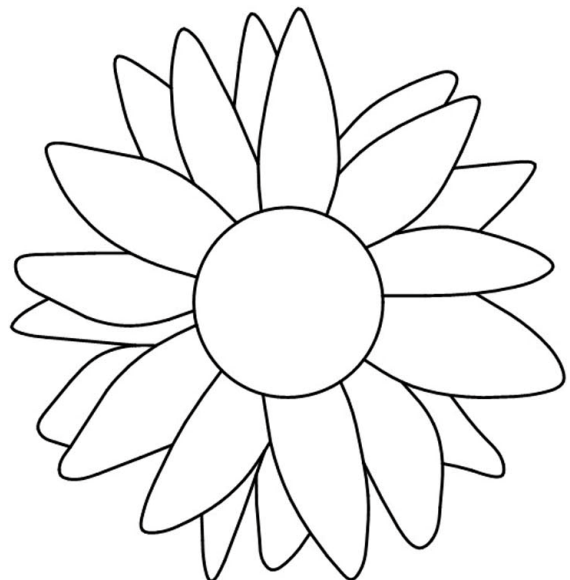
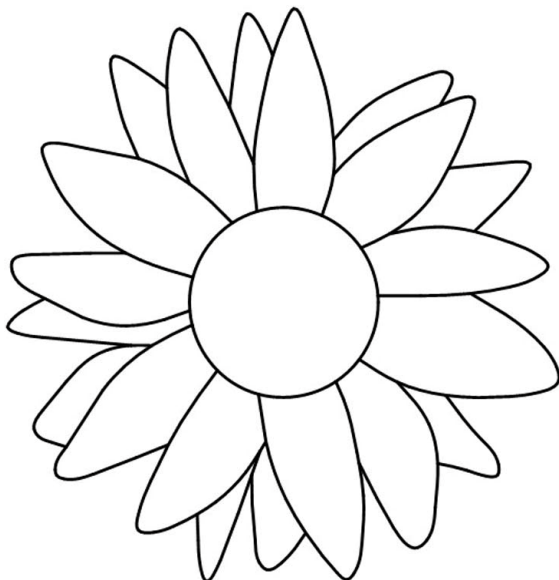
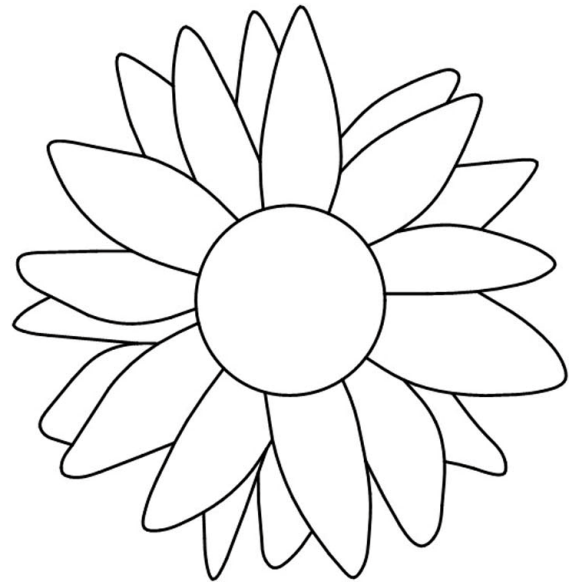
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*HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! I LOVE YOU!
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR ME!
YOUR LOVING CHILD:*

Instructions: Cut strips of green poster paper to make a crown and glue the ends together. Cut and color the flowers and glue them to the crown. Cut the message above and glue to the inside of the crown.



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Pentecost, May 20, 2018

Acts 2: 1-11; Psalm 103: 1,24,29-30,31,34; 1Corinthians 12: 3b -7.12-13; 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."

Reflection

In this week's readings Jesus brings peace and joy. Also, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit which casts out fear and turns the disciples into proclaimers of the Resurrection of Jesus and gives them the power to forgive sins. The readings explain that we each have unique gifts and talents, but we are all called to serve God. How do we know the Holy Spirit is present in us? In our families?

Activity

Act out the first reading with the children. (Acts 2,1-11) Prepare tongues of fire and write on each a different gift of the Holy Spirit. Form them in a circle and begin to pray. Place one tongue on the head of each child at the same time as the wind blows. Pray over them asking for the gift he or she has received. All hold hands in a circle and pray together.



Prayer

Lord, send us your Spirit who brings us peace and courage to face problems. Give us the fruits of generosity, kindness, love, joy, peace, and patience to lead our family and our group to harmony and to use them to serve others. Amen.

Song: Holy Spirit Fills Me Up, Brielle Lael
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THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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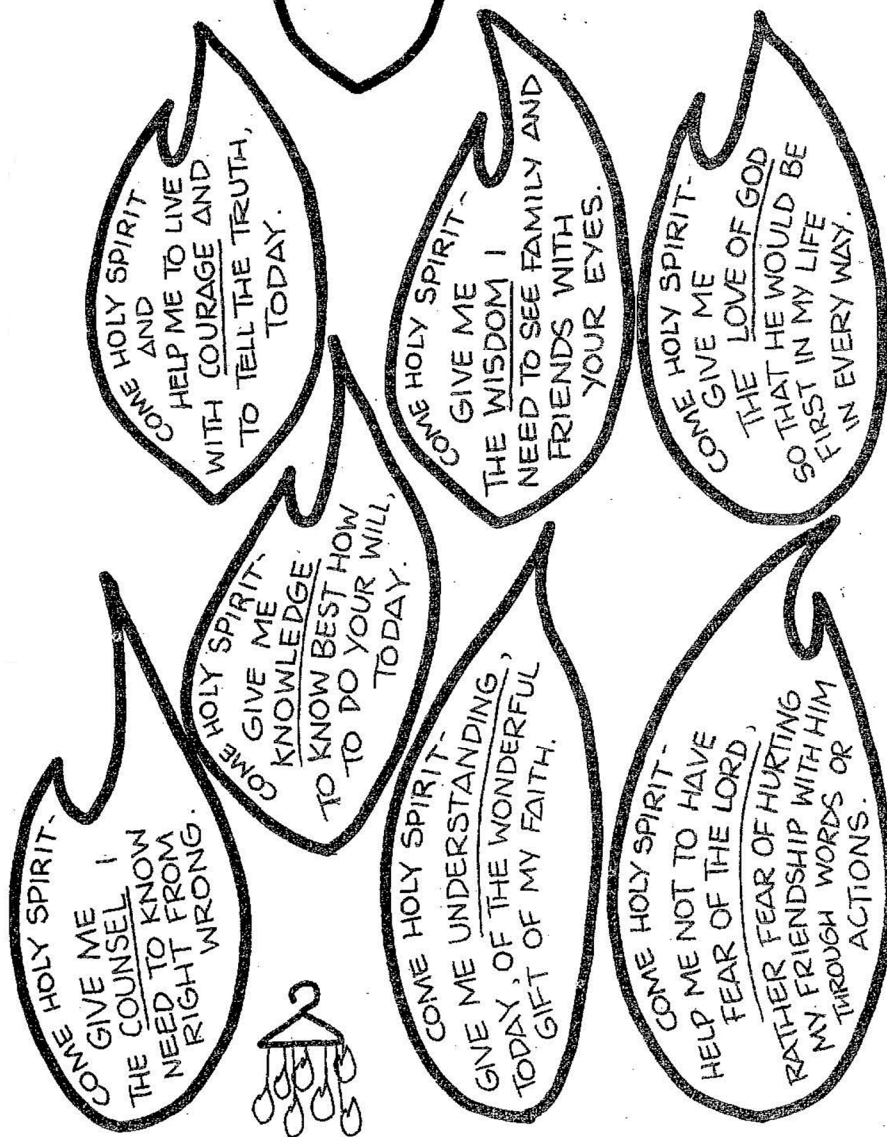


GIFTS OF
THE
HOLY SPIRIT



“Drive Winds and Tongues of Flame, these are the ways the Holy Spirit came!”

On each of the flames is a prayer asking for help to live out one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Write each word that is underlined (gift) on the other side of the flame. Cut out and color the flames. Pray for a different gift every day. You can hang these flames, too, as a mobile.



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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 27, 2018

Dt. 4:32-34,39-40; Psalm 33: 4-5,6,9,10-19,20,22; Rom.8: 14-17; Mat.28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Reflection

The Gospel reminds us that there is only one God who deserves to be adored and obeyed. Paul reminds us that through Baptism we receive a Spirit of adoption as sons/daughters of God and coinheritors with Christ. Jesus calls us to participate in His mission, making disciples of all peoples. "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore, the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the 'hierarchy of the truths of faith'... From the beginning, the revealed truth of the Holy Trinity has been at the very root of the Church's living faith, principally by means of Baptism." (Cat 234, 249)



Activity

Review how to do the sign of the cross. Do they know why Christians do the sign of the cross? Explain its significance. Why do parents do the sign of the cross before praying, before leaving the house, before doing something important, before going to sleep? This action puts us under God's protection. Renew the Baptismal promises doing the sign of the cross with holy water.

Prayer

Lord, you are a community and you show us how to be a community sharing with others with love. Thank you for your promise to be with us always. Strengthen our Family in love with each other. Amen.

Canción: Trinity Song, Ryan Folken
(Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/GnUVjLj6Kas>



THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

We make the sign of the cross on our body.

Why is this important?

Jesus extended his arms on the cross to free us and protect us from all evil in the world because of His great love for us. His suffering and dying on the cross then rising 3 days later opened the gates of Heaven so we can live with Him always. When we make the sign of the cross we remember Jesus' great love and we ask God to protect us from all evil.

We also remember that God is one in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We make the sign of the cross before we pray to set our thoughts, our heart, and our will on God; and after we pray so that all that God has given us in prayer remains with us.

The first time we received the sign of the cross was at our Baptism. It is a sign of belonging. We show Jesus and the world that we belong to Him and that we want to follow Him always.





RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS.

Do you reject Satan?

R. I do.

And all his works?

R. I do.

And all his empty promises?

R. I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

R. I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R. I do.

God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

R. Amen.





THE HOLY TRINITY

Just like the eggshell



the egg
white

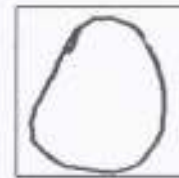


And the

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, Phillip, 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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HAIL MARY - AVE MARIA



Hail Mary, full of grace,
Dios te salve María, llena eres de gracia,



the Lord is with thee;
el Señor es contigo;



blessed art thou among women
bendita Tú eres entre todas las mujeres



and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús.



Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Santa María, Madre de Dios,



pray for us, sinners,
now and at the hour
of our death. Amen.
*ruega por nosotros, pecadores,
ahora y en la hora de
nuestra muerte. Amén.*

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OLD TESTAMENT STORY

ABRAHAM THE PATRARCH

He lived in the city of Ur, close to the rivers Tigris and Euphrates, when God asked of him a sacrifice: to leave his fertile land, and go to an unknown place, far from his family and friends. Abraham agreed and God promised that his descendants would possess that land forever.



Abraham wanted to have a son to assure descendants for his family; but his wife was sterile and was 90 years old. Despite this, God promised him that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars. Abraham believed God's promise, so God rewarded him. God appears to him as a traveler accompanied by two men (angels) and Abraham attends to them very well. God promises him that within a year he will have a son ... and he will name him Isaac.



God asks Abraham to go up a mountain and sacrifice his son to Him. Abraham agrees although it was extremely difficult. When he was about to sacrifice him, an angel called out to him saying, "Do not touch the boy. I have seen you fear God". Abraham saw a ram caught in a thicket and sacrificed it to the Lord. God said, "Because of your obedience, I will make your descendants as numerous as the sand on the shore and through them all nations will be blessed".

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The Holy Virgin Mary appeared in Fatima, Portugal, to three shepherd children named: Lucia Dos Santos, Francisco y Jacinta Martos on May 13, 1916 and on the 13th of every month until October 13th of the same year. Mary revealed herself as Our Lady of the Rosary calling God's people to conversion. She asked us to pray the Rosary and do penance for the conversion of sinners.

May is the month of the Virgen Mary and October of the Rosary.

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