



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Amigos de Jesús y María

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**Florida Center for Peace**

April 2019  
Miami, Florida

Dear Guides:

This is the most important month of the year with Holy Week, the Resurrection of Jesus, and then Divine Mercy Sunday. Let us try to communicate to our children the importance of these events in our lives.

**The following are important dates for the month of April:**

April 02	St. Francis of Paula
April 04	St. Gema
April 07	St. John Baptist of La Salle
April 11	St. Estanislao de Ostka
April 17	St. Kateri Tekakwitha
April 14	Palm Sunday
April 18-20	Easter Triduum
April 21	The Resurrection of Jesus
April 25	St. Mark
April 27	New Guide Workshop (Our Lady of Charity, Félix Varela room)
April 28	Divine Mercy Sunday
April 29	St. Catherine of Sienna
Abril 30	St. Pio V, Pope

**Materials included this month:**

Calendar  
Meditations and activities for the Sunday gospels  
Holy Thursday: The New Covenant and The Old Covenant and the Holy Eucharist, coloring  
Good Friday: Stations of the Cross, craft, movie, songs  
Easter Triduum, activity  
The Resurrection of Jesus, craft, and cards for giving  
The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, movie and coloring  
St. Catherine of Sienna, coloring and history

Wishing you an Easter filled with love and happiness.

**God bless you always,**

**Committee Friends of Jesus and Mary**



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# April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 St. Francis of Paula	3	4 Saint Gema	5	6 St. Juliana de Mont Cornillon
7 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent St. John Baptist of La Salle  Isaiah 43, 16-21 Psalm 125, 1-6 Phil. 3, 8-14 John 8, 1-11	8	9	10	11 St. Estanislao de Cracovia, Bishop & Martyr	12	13
14 Palm Sunday  Isaiah 50, 4-7 Psalm 21, 8-9, 17-2 Phil. 2, 6-11 Luke 19, 28-40 (entrada) y 22, 14-23, 56	15	16	17 St. Kateri Tekakwitha	18 Holy Thursday  Éxodo 12,1-8,11-14 Salmo 115,12-18 1Co11,23-26 Juan 13, 1-15	19 Good Friday  Isaías 52,13-53,12 Salmo 30 Hebreos 4,14-16;5,7-9 Juan 18,1-19,42	20 Holy Saturday  Génesis 1,1-2,2 Salmo 103 Génesis 22,1-18 Lucas 24,1-12
21 Resurrection Sunday  Acts 10, 34a, 37-43 Psalm 117 Col 3, 1-4 John 20:1-9	22	23	24	25 St. Mark	26	27
28 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy  Acts 5:12-16 Psalm 117 Rev. 1, 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31	29 St. Catherine of Sienna	30 St. Pio V, Pope				

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V Sunday of Lent, April 7, 2019

*Isaiah 43, 16-21; Psalm 125, 1-6; Philippians 3, 8-14; John 8, 1-11*

## The Adulterous Woman

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."

### Reflection

It is easy to criticize and condemn others, but when we are faced with our own sin, we must turn to God's mercy and wait for forgiveness. Nothing in the world compares with the grace and happiness of being with Jesus. Imagine the scene. What could Jesus be writing on the ground? What would you do if you had a stone? Do you think the woman should have been punished? How did she feel when she left? Do you think she will sin again? Jesus always forgives us and invites us to stop disobeying. What things do we need Jesus to forgive? Are we willing to not do them again?



### Activity

Prepare a box with the inscription "New Beginning". Place on it the verse from the Our Father, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us". Cut a small opening on top. Ask the children to write on a paper the name of a person that they need to forgive. Each child prays, "Jesus, help me to forgive \_\_\_\_\_, and forgive me my sins", then puts the paper in the box. After everyone has a turn, pray the Our Father together.

### Prayer

Lord, sometimes we judge others harshly, yet we cannot see our own errors. You want to forgive us and save us no matter what we do. Give us light and strength to start a new path. Amen.

**Song:** You Forgive Me, Lifetree Kids

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VI Sunday of Lent, April 14, 2019

*Isaiah 50, 4-7; Psalm 21, 8-9. 17-24; Phil. 2, 6-11; Luke 19, 28-40 (entrance) and 22, 14-23, 56*

### Palm Sunday – Jesus enters Jerusalem

Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem. As he drew near to Bethphage 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!"

#### Reflection

Jesus entered Jerusalem to complete His mission to suffer and die on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins and to open the gates of Heaven for us. How did Jesus know that a donkey was waiting for Him and that his owner would lend him out? (He is God and knows everything) What did the people yell? (Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!) What did the Pharisees say and why? (Rebuke your disciples! They were afraid to lose their power over the people who loved Jesus so much and Jesus did not approve all they did.) Is Jesus the King of your heart? How do we demonstrate it daily?

#### Activity

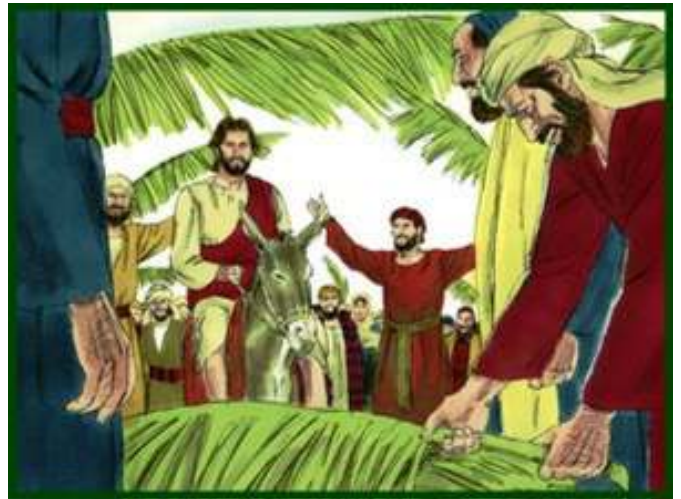
Act out the scene of Jesus entering Jerusalem. Take palm leaves and dress up a child as Jesus and put headpieces (scarves) for the crowd. Make two lines and have Jesus walk through the middle as they wave the palm leaves and sing. On the next page, make palms and glue or write words on how to honor Jesus.

#### Prayer

Lord, thank you for loving me so much! Being King of the universe, you humbled yourself unto death on the cross for me. Help me to honor you always as King of my heart and of the world. May my words and actions always give you glory. Amen.

**Song:** Shout Hosanna, TheRealDonutMan

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## JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM.

In the bible story, as Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people waved palms and shouted out: **¡Hosanna! ¡Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**



Can we praise Jesus daily if He enters our heart and our lives? Make a fan in the form of a palm branch to remember how Jesus enters your life every day. Cut the leaf on this page and make many copies, in green, if possible. On both sides of each leaf, write or glue the following phrases of things you will do to honor Jesus. Glue "Blessed is the King!" On the first leaf. Make a fan and staple together.

## ¡BLESSED IS THE KING!

### Ways I can honor Jesus:

Thank God for all He gives me.

Forgive someone who hurts me.

Respect and obey my parents.

Visit the sick.

Pray every day.

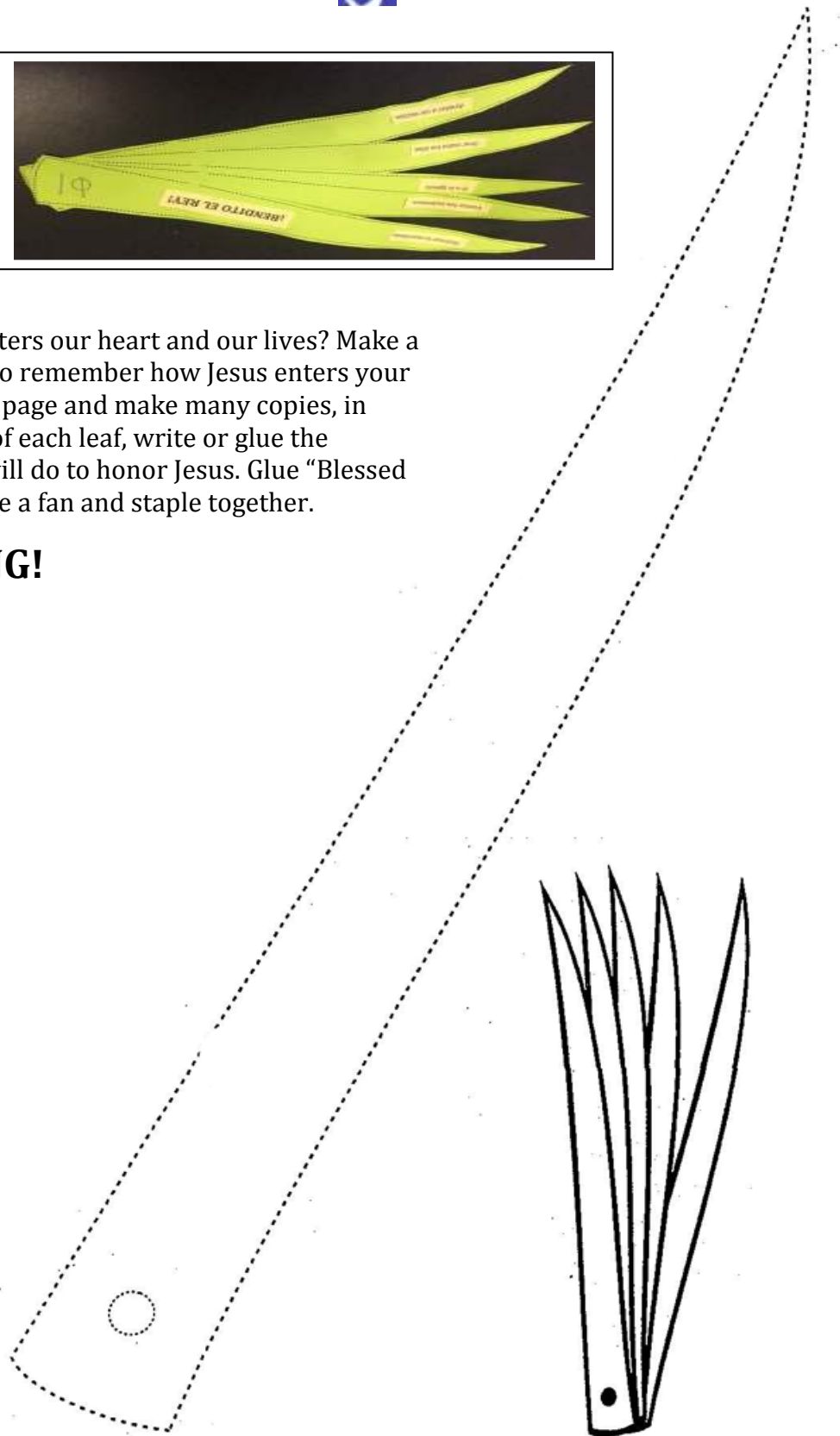
Help a neighbor.

Be happy.

Share my toys.

Enjoy nature.

Participate in the Mass.





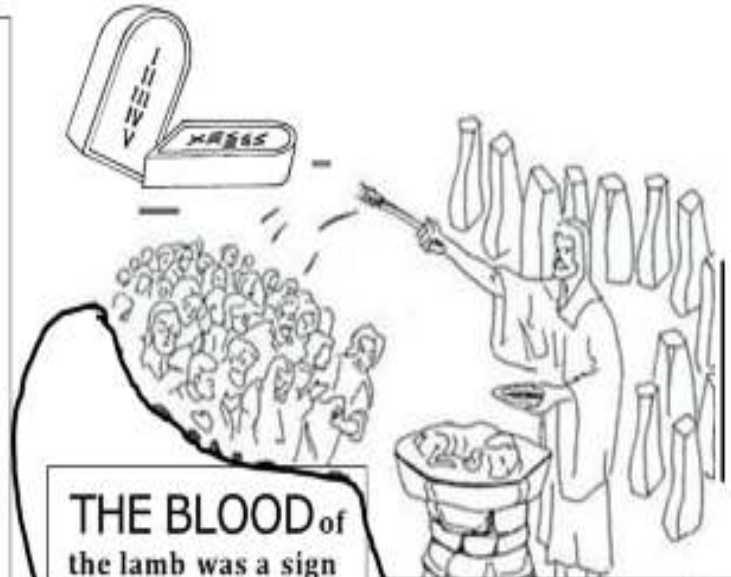
**HOLY THURSDAY WE COMMEMORATE THE LAST SUPPER WHEN JESUS ESTABLISHES THE NEW COVENANT WITH GOD'S PEOPLE, PREFIGURED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.**

**THE NEW COVENANT**

**THE OLD COVENANT**



Jesus took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you." He took the chalice and, once more giving thanks...saying: "Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me."



**THE BLOOD of the lamb was a sign of life.**

Moses sprinkled the altar and the people with the blood of the lamb, the blood of the covenant.



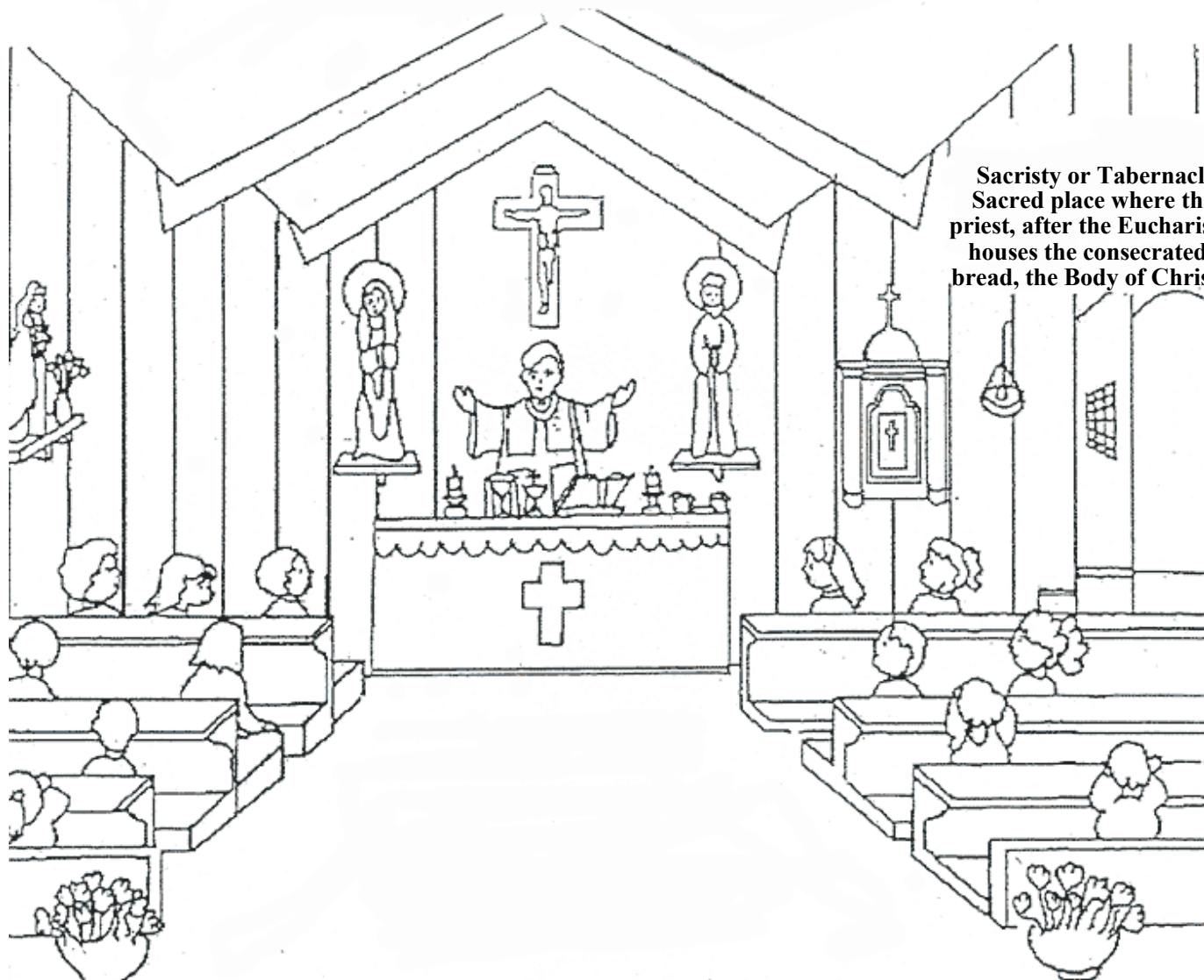
**God sent the 10th plague to Egypt: the first-born children would die.**

**But the angel saved the LIVES.**

...of the families of Israel that had the mark of the **BLOOD OF THE LAMB** on their doors.



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**



**Sacristy or Tabernacle**  
Sacred place where the  
priest, after the Eucharist,  
houses the consecrated  
bread, the Body of Christ.

**THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS**

*The **CONSECRATION** is when the priest repeats the words Jesus said at the Last Supper. Jesus took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.” He took the chalice and, once more giving thanks....saying: “Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.”*

*Jesus becomes truly present in the **EUCCHARIST**: what appears as bread and wine is the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We call this change, **TRANSUBSTANTIATION**.*

*In the Eucharist, Jesus relives the sacrifice at the cross. We remember that Jesus died for all people and resurrected to give us life and salvation.*





**GOOD FRIDAY WE REMEMBER THE PASSION OF JESUS.**

See craft instructions on next page.

*V*  
*I*  
*C*  
*I*  
*S*



-1- <b>Jesus is unjustly condemned.</b>	-2- <b>Jesus receives the cross.</b>	-3- <b>Jesus falls the first time.</b>	-4- <b>Jesus meets His mother.</b>
-5- <b>Simon, the Cyrene, helps Jesus carry the cross.</b>	-6- <b>Veronica wipes Jesus' face.</b>	-7- <b>Jesus falls the second time.</b>	-8- <b>Jesus meets the crying women.</b>
-9- <b>Jesus falls the third time.</b>	-10- <b>Jesus is stripped of His clothing.</b>	-11- <b>Jesus is nailed to the Cross.</b>	-12- <b>Jesus dies on the Cross.</b>
-13- <b>Jesus is taken down from the cross and placed in His mother's arms.</b>	-14- <b>Jesus is placed in the tomb.</b>		



**Station of the Cross instructions:** Cut crosses, labels, and circle. Glue labels behind corresponding cross. On a small plate (7" diameter), glue crosses on the border of the plate. Glue the circle with the Lamb of God in the middle of the plate. With box tape, tape string on back to hang it up. Pray the Stations of the Cross.

## Lamb of God



We adore you oh Christ and we bless you,  
because by your Holy Cross,  
you have redeemed the world.







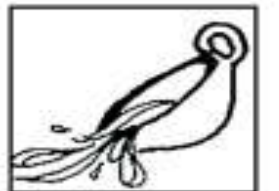





**YouTubeVideo:** The Way of the Cross, for kids (EWTN)  
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### EASTER BANNER

The Three Days that speak of our Success are Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. Color and cut out each square with the picture and glue it under the day when it happens. Then cut the whole Easter Banner and hang.

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		<p style="text-align: center;">THIS IS MY BODY</p>				
						
		<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD</p>				

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**Resurrection Sunday, April 21, 2019**

Acts 10, 34<sup>a</sup>.37-43, Psalm 117, Colossians 3, 1-4, John 20, 1-9

## THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

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.

### Reflection

Jesus resurrected because death cannot have the last word. Opposite Adam and Eve who disobeyed God and closed the gates of Heaven, Jesus' obedience unto death on the cross opened the gates of Heaven for us. A woman who was marginalized and mistreated first received the news of the Resurrection. Mary Magdalene greatly loved Jesus which is why she searched for Him, despite the persecution of Jesus' friends. Do you search for Jesus every day in your life, even if your friends don't? Imagine going to a friend's tomb and finding it empty. What would you do? Would you be afraid, worried, or happy? Are you grateful for what Jesus did for you? Share.

### Activity

On the following page, color, cut, decorate, and glue the cross onto a colored paper and hang with a ribbon. Also, choose a group of people who have been forgotten by others, or are sick or alone. See on the following page cards to color and give to someone who needs love.

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, Your obedience conquered death and opened the gates of Heaven for us. Thank you for giving us new life and happiness each day in the midst of the difficulties of life. Help us to be a reason for hope and happiness in the world. Amen

**Song:** Jesus Messiah, Brentwood Benson

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**RESURRECTION SUNDAY**

**JESUS**



**IS RISEN!**



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**We love Him, because He loved us first.  
(1 John 4:19)**

**May the Love of Jesus  
fill your heart this Easter!**

**Love,**



**But God proves his love for us  
in that while we were still sinners  
Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)**

**May the Love of Jesus  
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**Love,**





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II Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy Sunday/ April 28, 2019

Acts 5, 12-16; Psalm 117; Revelations 1, 9-11<sup>a</sup>.12-13.17-19; John 20, 19-31

## 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." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

## Reflection

After the crucifixion, the disciples were scared and hid in a room. Why? On the 3rd day, Jesus resurrected appeared to them saying, "Peace be with you." When Jesus enters our heart, He brings peace and fear disappears. He sends them to be His messengers and to forgive sins, but with help: He breathes on them saying: "Receive the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit gives us courage, wisdom... and all the graces we need to be witnesses of Jesus. Only Thomas was missing in the room and he did not believe them because he needed to see for himself. Would you have believed them? Jesus appears to him saying, "blessed are they who believe without seeing." Have you seen Jesus? Do you believe He resurrected and is alive? This is having **Faith**; to believe without seeing. Blessed are you.

## Activity

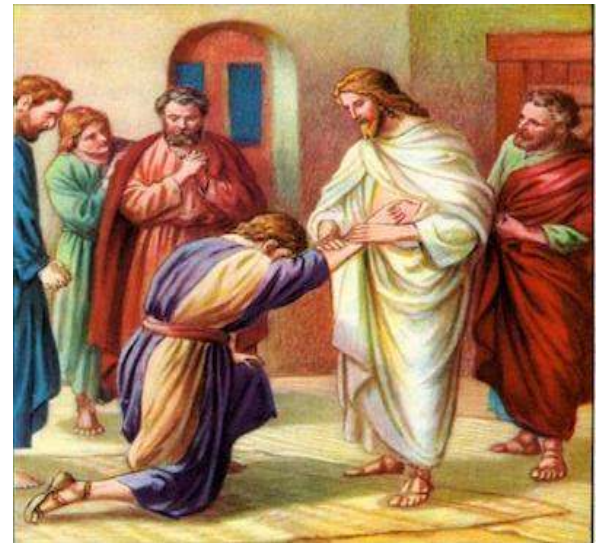
On the following page, copy glasses onto card stock, cut, color and glue words and legs of glasses. Put on glasses and sing following song with hand movements.

## Prayer

Lord, we want our words, actions, and attitudes to show others that Your presence is peace, happiness, and forgiveness. Increase our faith and give faith to those who don't believe in You. Amen.

**Song:** Open the Eyes of My Heart, Cedermont Kids

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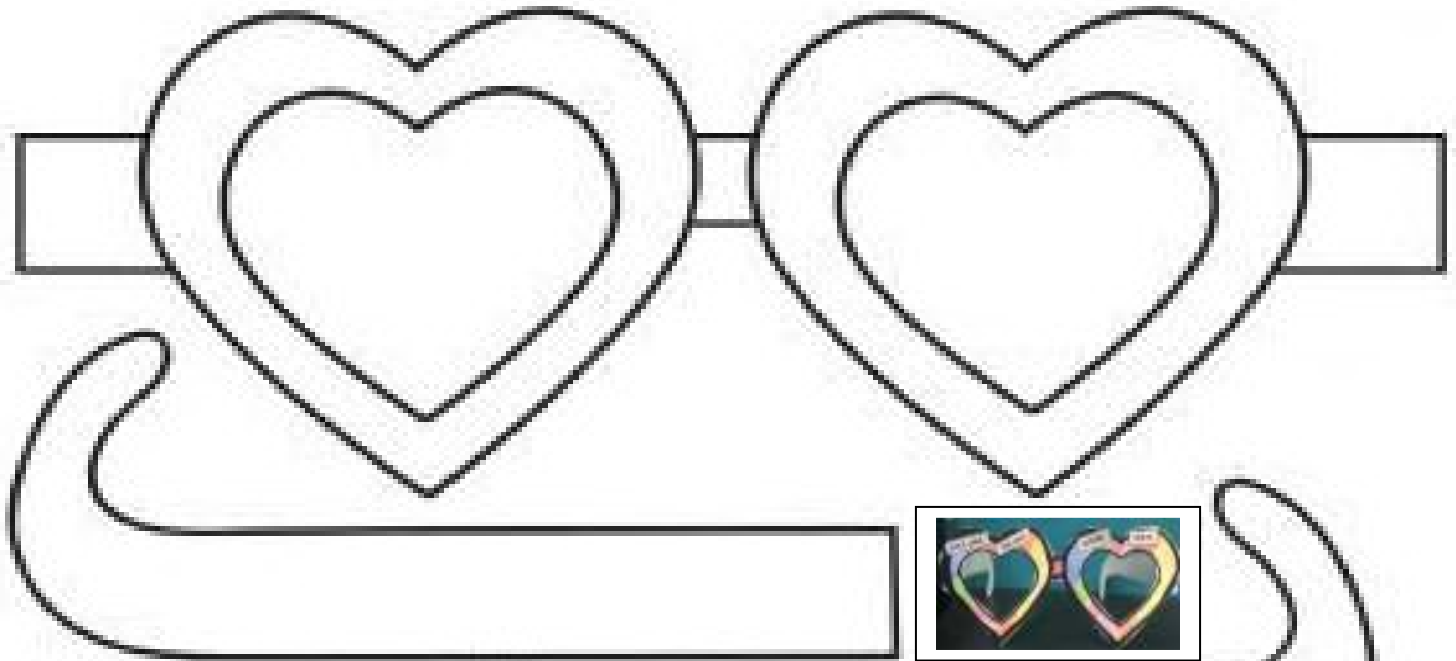




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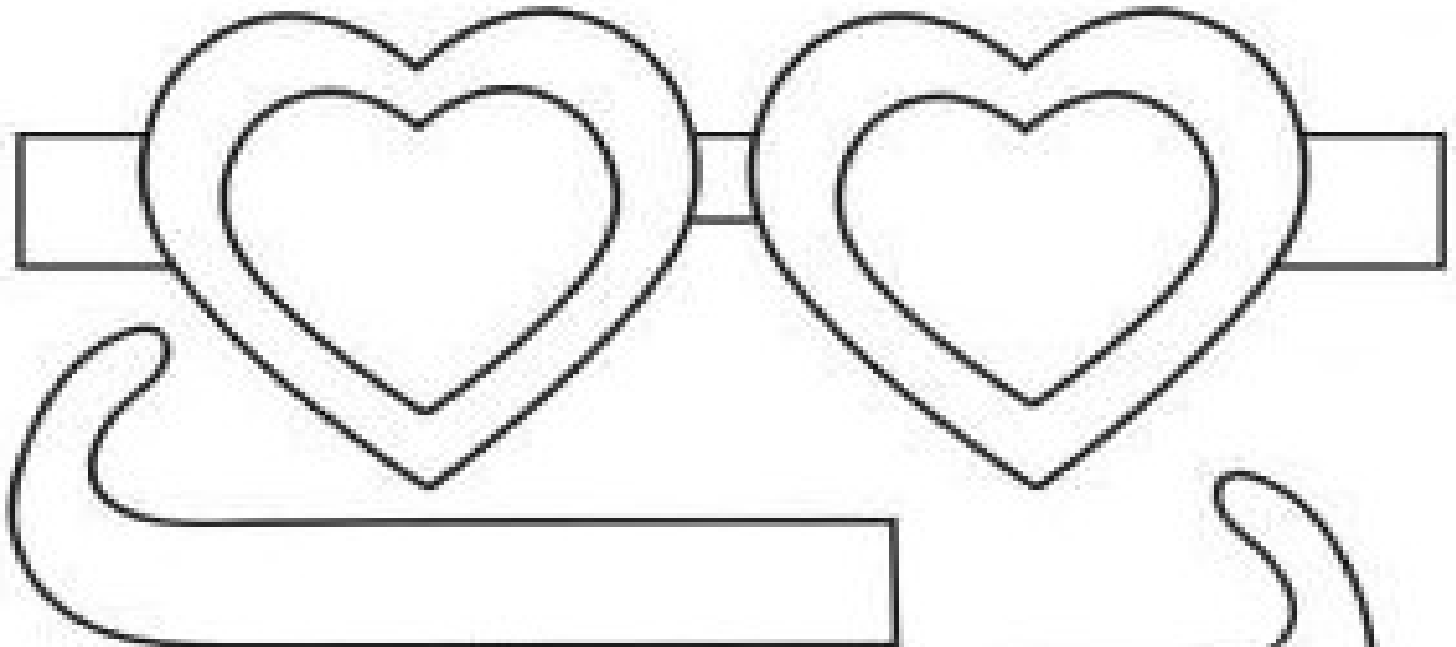


JESUS, OPEN

MY EYES

I WANT

TO SEE YOU.



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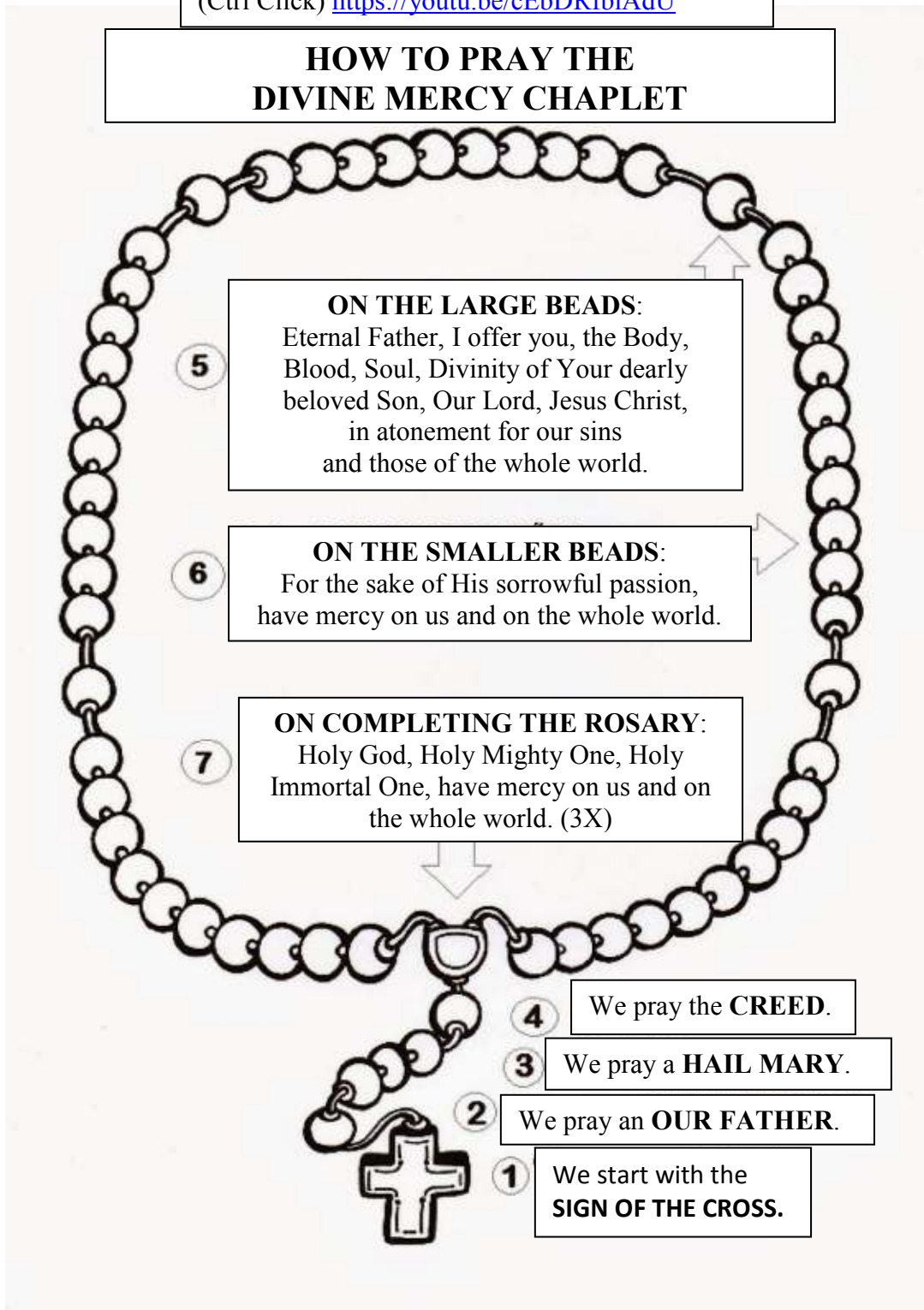
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YouTube Video: Divine Mercy Chaplet for kids  
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## HOW TO PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET





### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA

(March 25, 1347 - April 29, 1380) was a saint. She was born in Sienna and died in Rome. She promoted peace in Italy and is one of the two patron saints of Italy; the other being Saint Francis of Assisi

She was born Katerina de Benincasa in western Italy, the 23rd of 24 children. She was born at the time of the Black Death, or Bubonic Plague. Although it probably killed many she knew, she herself did not contract the disease and survived the epidemic. She had a twin sister, who died several months later. Her family was part of the lower classes and she did not become literate until 1378.

At the age of six, Catherine had a vision of Jesus Christ. She continued to receive many visions throughout her life. At age 12, Catherine cut off her hair and was obligated to serve her family, living in small quarters in the basement. At the age of 16, she entered the Third Order of Saint Dominic and later became a Dominican nun.

She wrote a book called Dialogue, which taught that if you love your neighbors it is loving God. She also devoted her life to improving the Catholic church, helping the ill, poor, and spiritually underprivileged. Catherine moved the pope from Avignon, France and back into Rome. She also began

the Crusades to the holy land, Jerusalem. She died of “holy anorexia”, as she ate very little in the name of God. She was later made a Doctor of the Church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI and a patron of Europe in 1999.