



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The season of lent continues in March. Lent is a time to grow in the love for Jesus. The devotions most use in Lent are the Stations of the Cross, Bible reading, and Daily Mass.

The Fridays of Lent are special, they remind us, of Jesus death for us. For this reason we fast and do abstinence. Try to pray and explain the children two stations of the Cross each week. At the end of Lent we will have finish all the Stations of the Cross

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

March 17 Saint Patrick
March 19 Saint Joseph
March 20 Holy Thursday
March 21 Good Friday
March 22 Holy Saturday
March 23 Easter Sunday
March 31 Leader's Workshop
March 31 Annunciation of the Lord

Enclosed materials and activities:

- 1) Calendar of the month
- 2) Meditation of the Sunday Gospel
- 3) Game on the works of mercy
- 4) Game on the Passion of Christ
- 5) The chaplet of mercy

Suggested Videos (All available in the Video Club)

1. Easter Story
2. Saint Patrick
3. Penance
4. Jesus dies on the Cross
5. Merciful Love of Jesus
6. The Life of Christ II (father Peyton)
7. Resisting Temptation
8. Ten Commandments
9. Lent
10. The Station of the Cross for Children

We are planning the V Congress of the Friends of Jesus and Mary for July 3,4,5,6, 2008 in Panama. We invite all to make plans to attend. It is important to share ideas and experiences. If you have a special testimony about your group , please write it and mail it to us. We will choose a number of testimonies to be read at the Congress.

May God Bless you

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>FASTING PRAYER PENANCE WORKS OF MERCY</p>						<p>1 Ho 6 1-6/Psal 50 Lk 18, 9-14</p>
<p>2 4th Sunday of Lent Is 16,1b.6-7/Psal 22 Eph 5,8-14/Jn 9,1-41</p>	<p>3 Is. 65; 17-21/Psal 29 Jn 4, 43-54</p>	<p>4 Ez 47, 1-9,12/Psal 45 Jn 5,1-3a,5-16</p>	<p>5 Is. 49, 8-15/Psal 144 Jn 4, 43-54</p>	<p>6 Ex 32,7-14/Psal 105 Jn 5, 31-47</p>	<p>7 Jn 7,1-2.10.25-30</p> <p>S. Perpetua & Felicity</p>	<p>8 Jn 7, 40-53</p> <p>S. John of God</p>
<p>9 5th Sunday of Lent Ez. 37,12-14/Psal 129 Rm 8,8-11/Jn 11,1-45</p>	<p>10 Jn 8, 12-20</p>	<p>11 Nm 21, 4-9/Psal 101 Jn 8,21-30</p>	<p>12 Dn 3,14-20/Dan 3 Jn 8,31-42</p>	<p>13 Gn 17,3-9/Psal 104 Jn 8 31-48</p>	<p>14 Jn 10, 31-42 ABSTINENCIA</p>	<p>15 Ez 37,21-28/Psal Jr 31,10/Jn 11,45-56</p> <p>S. Joseph Husband of MARY</p>
<p>16 Palm Sunday Is 50,4-7/Psal 21 Phil 2 6-11 Mt 26 14-27,66</p>	<p>17 Is 42, 1-7/Psal 26 Jn 12,1-11</p>	<p>18 Is 49, 1-6/Psal 70 Jn 13, 21-33,36-38</p>	<p>19 Is 50,4-9/Psal 68 Mt 26,14-25</p>	<p>20 Holy Thursday Ex 12,1-18.11-14/Psal 115 1Cor 11,23-26/Jn 13,1-15</p>	<p>21 Good Friday Is 52,13-53, 12/Psal 30 Heb 4,14-16;5,7-9 Jn 18,1-19.42</p>	<p>22 Holy Saturday Gn 1,1-2,2/Psal 103 Rm 6,3-11/Mt 28,1-10</p>
<p>23 Eastern Sunday Ac 10,34-37-43/Psalm 117/ Col 3,1-4/Jn 20 1-9</p>	<p>24 Ac 2,14,22-23/Psal 32 Jn 20,11-18</p>	<p>25 Jn 20,11-18</p>	<p>26 Hch 3,1-10/Psal 104 Lc 24,13-35</p>	<p>27 Hch 3,1-26/Psal8 Lc 24,13-35</p>	<p>28 Hch 4,1-12/Psal117 Jn 21, 1-14</p>	<p>29 Hhc 4,13-21/ Psal 117 Mc 16,9-15</p>
<p>30 2nd Easter Sunday Ac 2,42-47/Psalm 117 1P 1,3-9/Jn 20 19-31</p>	<p>31 IS 7,10-14/Psalm 39 He 10,4-10/Lk 1,26-38 Annunciation Of the Lord</p>					



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Dear friends:

The costs to send out the monthly activity package by mail are higher each time. Therefore we would really appreciate it, if you have access to the internet, that you go to our web page, www.fcpeace.com In the section for Friends of Jesus and Mary, you will find and be able to print the monthly activities.

In the case that you do not have access to the internet, please indicate that you are interested in receiving the activities package by mail. Please fill out the form below.

Yes, I do have internet: _____ My e-mail address is: _____

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My monthly contribution _____ Annual _____ will be \$ _____



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Readings
1 Samuel 16,1,6-7,10-13
Psalm 22
Ephesians 58-14

Saint John 9:1-41
IV Sunday of Lent—March 2, 2008

JESUS GIVES SIGHT TO A BLIND MAN

Jesus said to his disciples, "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said this He.....smearred the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the pool of Siloam.....So he went and washed and came back able to see.

Taken from John 9:1-14

YOU ARE THE LIGHT, JESUS

Act like people of the light and make your light shine. Be good and honest and truthful as you try to please the Lord.

Ephesians 5:8-9

Activity

Blindfold a volunteer. Ask him to walk around the room. What are the obstacles? What difficulties do blind people have?

REFLEXION

Just like the blind man, Jesus heals. Jesus opens our eyes so that we can see the right things to do. What are some things you need Jesus help with? How does he show you what you should do?





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Readings
Ezekiel 37, 12-14
Psalm 129
Romans 8,8-11

Gospel Saint John 11:1-45
V Sunday of Lent—March 9, 2008



JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him... Martha said to Jesus, "Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you." Jesus said to her "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him "I know he will rise in the resurrection of the last day." Jesus told her "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Taken from John 11: 1-45

JESUS YOU ARE THE LIFE

I, the Lord God, promise to open your graves and set you free. I will bring you back to Israel, and when that happens, you will realize the I am the Lord. My spirit will give you breath, and you will live again.

Ezekiel 37: 12-14

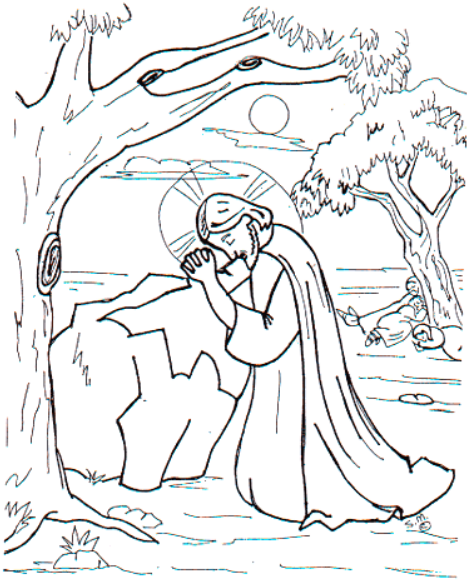
REFLEXION

Jesus is able to do the impossible. He even raises his good friend Lazarus from the dead. Do you have some problems that seem impossible to solve? Do you turn to Jesus or your family or friends for help?

Activity

Ask the children if they have experienced death in their family? How did the adults react? What words of comfort did they hear? What do they think of the story? Is that possible? Pray for the death of the family

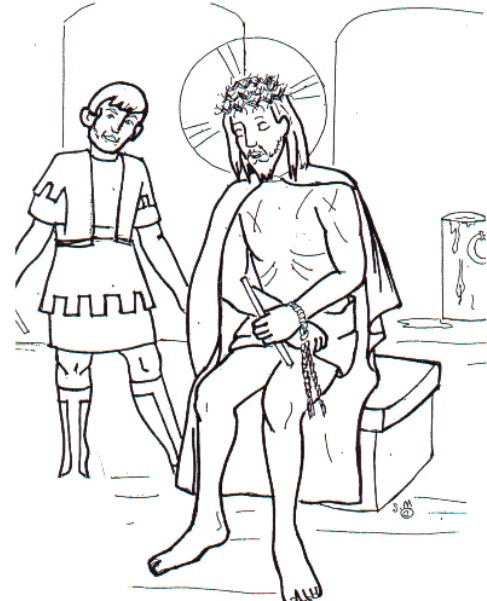
The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary



*First Mystery:
The agony of Jesus in the garden*

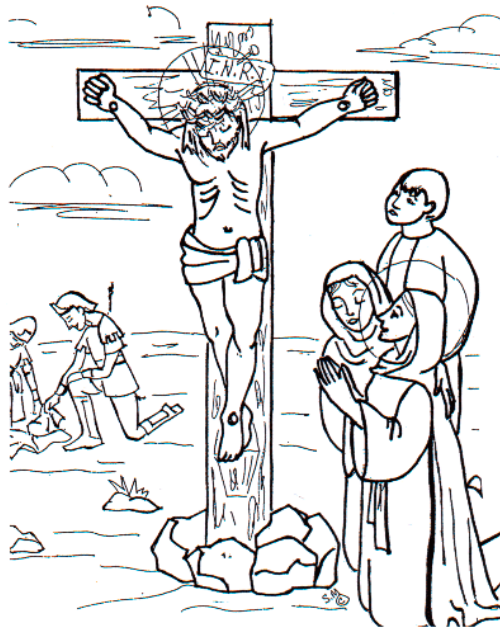


*Second Mystery:
The scourging of Jesus at the pillar*



*Third Mystery:
The crowing of Jesus with thorns*

The Sorrowful Mysteries help us to think of Mary's great sorrow when Jesus suffered for our salvation. Usually said on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the year and every day from Ash Wednesday until Easter



*Fourth Mystery:
Jesus carries his heavy cross*



*Fifth Mystery:
The crucifixion and death of Jesus*



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Readings
Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah: 50:4-7
Psalm 21
Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Saint Matthew 26:11-54
Palm Sunday — March 16, 2008

JESUS ENTERS INTO JERUSALEM



...The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. ...The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowd preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: Hosanna to the Son of David blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!
Taken from Matthew 21: 6-9

BLESSED ARE YOU, JESUS

Jesus' name is above any other name. May every tongue confess Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father
Philippians 2: 9-11

REFLECTION

Some people greet Jesus with palms as he arrives in Jerusalem; others watch Jesus because they want to kill him. Why will it be that people praise Jesus one day and then ask for his execution a few days later. Have you met people who betray their friends? Why would that be? How do you celebrate the good things Jesus has done for you? Are you ever influenced by those who do bad things?

Activity

Jesus enters Jerusalem and is praised all the scene. Dress one as Jesus and give palms to the rest. Make a procession and the children sing Hosanna.

LET'S PLAY

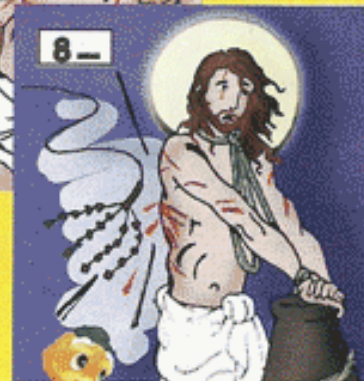
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Teo wants to accompany Jesus during his Passion. He has thought of many things to say to Him to console and encourage Him. However, a traitor and enemy of Jesus has slipped in and mixed things up. Can you find the true sentences that correspond with each drawing?

- A. - Forgive me, Jesus. My sins are like whip-lashes on your back.
- B. - What do I care how much You have suffered?
- C. - Mother Mary, help me always to follow Jesus like You even in suffering.
- D. - Don't cry, Jesus. I will keep You company in your loneliness.
- E. - Holy Virgin, go back to Nazareth and let others accompany Jesus.
- F. - I also wish to help my brothers and sisters when they suffer.
- G. - Thank You, Jesus, because You love me so much that You have died for me.
- H. - How beautiful it is to see you on Calvary. I am going to draw a picture.
- I. - Every time my head hurts I will remember You, Lord.
- J. - My Jesus, when I see I have fallen into sin, I will get up and go to Confession.
- K. - For You, Jesus, I will happily carry my cross every day.



- 1. - Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.
- 2. - Jesus meets his Mother.
- 3. - Jesus takes up the Cross.
- 4. - The Crowning with Thorns.
- 5. - Jesus falls to the ground under the weight of the Cross.
- 6. - Jesus is nailed to the Cross.
- 7. - Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry the Cross.
- 8. - Jesus is scourged at the pillar.



SOLUTION:

1-D; 2-C; 3-K; 4-I; 5-J; 6-G; 7-F; 8-A.



*Holy Thursday
Institution of the Eucharist*



Good Friday
Jesus dies in the cross



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Readings
Acts 10:34,37-43
Psalm 117
Colossians 2:6-11

Gospel Saint John 20:1-9
Easter Sunday — March 23, 2008

Jesus beats death

¡¡ Jesus is alive!!

On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning, while, I 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."

¡ Alleluia! ¡ Alleluya!

Taken from John 20: 1-9

Now I see that God does not make any distinctions among people, but he accepts and calls everyone.

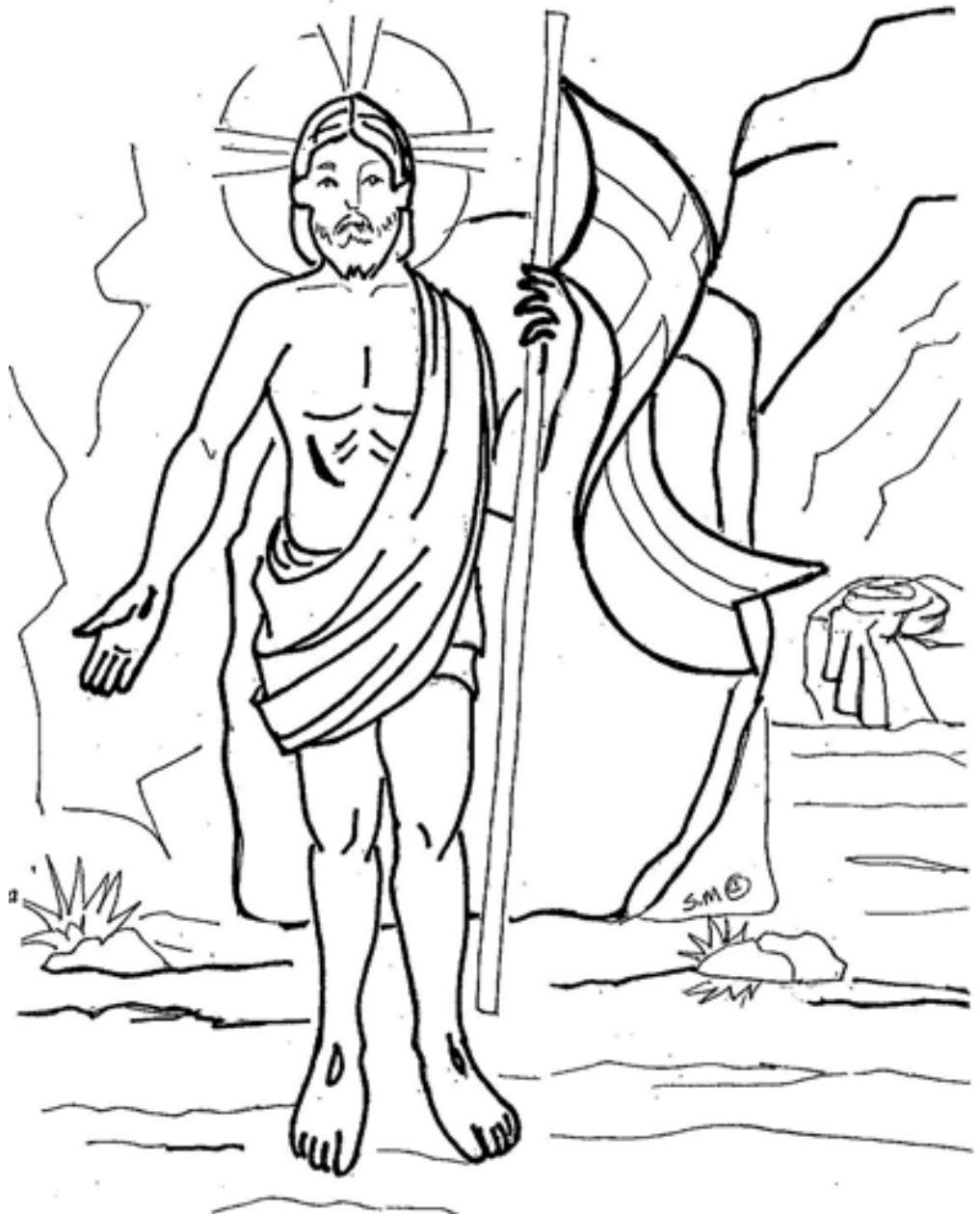
Acts 10: 34-35

Activity

*Read the gospel with the children.
Ask them to imagine the scene.
Who is the young man, waiting for the women? Why do they went alone to the tomb? Where were the others?*

Reflection

*After Jesus death, his friends were afraid of what might happen to them. What frightens you? Jesus has risen from the dead. Jesus shows that evil and death are not the end of the story. Jesus' resurrection gives us the hope and courage to go on when we have problems. What difficulties are you facing right now?
Do you trust that Jesus will help you when things seem very difficult?*



Annunciation of the Lord
March 31





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Readings
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 117
1 Peter 1:3-9

*Gospel Saint John 20:19-31
37 Sunday of Easter March 30, 2008*

Believing is not always seeing

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 is with you." When He has said this He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord....Thomas (called the Twin), one of the twelve was not with them when Jesus came so the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" He said to them, "Unless I see the marks 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...stood in their midstthen 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."

Taken from John 20: 19-31

MY LORD AND MY GOD

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's needs.

Acts 2: 44

Activity

In the same way Jesus showed his wounds to Thomas, we show others we are the friends of Jesus through the works we do with our hands, our feet, and our heart.

Let the children draw their hands, feet, and heart and say what they plan to do with them in order to show that she or he is a friend of Jesus

Reflection

Jesus friend, Thomas only believes that Jesus is risen once he touches Jesus' wounds. Is it sometimes hard for you? to believe in Jesus because you can't see him? What signs of Jesus do you see in your everyday life?





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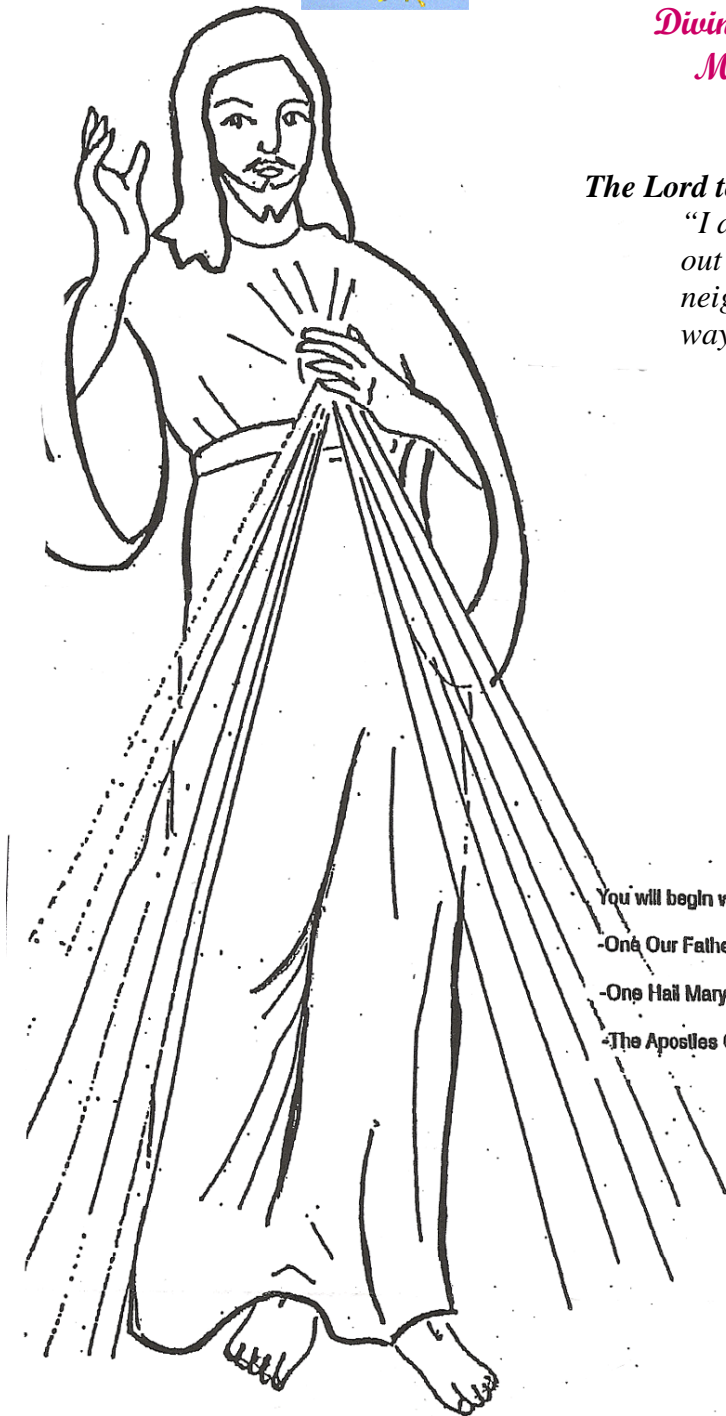
*Divine Mercy Sunday
March 30, 2008*

The Lord told to Sister Faustina:

“I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor:

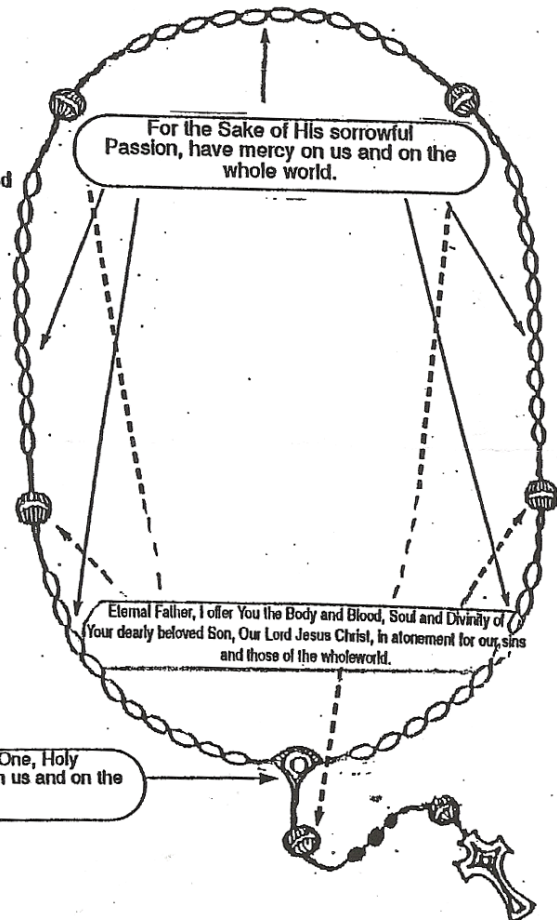
- The first by deed,*
- The second by word*
- The third by prayers”*

(Diary 742)



The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

- You will begin with
- One Our Father
 - One Hail Mary
 - The Apostles Creed



For the Sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

At the end repeat three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have Mercy on us and on the whole world.

Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with my will. (1731)

The Works of Mercy

Instructions for the game:

The works of mercy are acts of charity actions by means which we helped to the others in all its corporal and spiritual necessities.

There are 14 of them altogether, 7 corporal and 7 spiritual.

As you see there are in total 28 little cards with different pictures, come of which are repeated, 14 pictures in total. For what? You don't understand, right? I'll try to explain myself better. Three can play. One of them directs the game and the other two participate in this exciting adventure among the works of mercy. The game consists of the following: the player who directs the game places all the cards in line facing downwards (so that the pictures can't be seen). The other two players take turns choosing a card, pointing at the one they want. The director of the game, takes up the card and the player who has chosen it has to say which work of mercy. If he gets it right first time (you only get one chance) he keeps the card. If he gets it wrong, the card is replaced facing downwards, and it's the next player's turn. The player who first succeeds in getting the 7 corporal and the 7 spiritual works of mercy, wins. That is why each card is repeated twice, so that two can play at once. Understand.

If you choose a card that you already have, you must say "I don't want it" and then it's the other player's turn again. You can't have two copies of the same card. That would be cheating, which is wrong.

To begin the game you have to cut out the cards one by one and stick them to pieces of cardboard or something hard so that they won't get tattered. And on the cardboard you can write, for example, H.M. WORKS OF MERCY GAME ... Or whatever your imagination prefers.

SPIRITUAL WORKS

1. Instruct the ignorant.
2. Counsel the doubtful.
3. Correct the sinner
4. Comfort the sorrowful.
5. Forgive those who do us wrong.
6. Bear the wrongs of others patiently
7. Pray for the living and the dead

CORPORAL WORKS

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless
5. Visit the sick
6. Visit the imprisoned
7. Bury the dead



THE WORK



Drawings: Marco Giampa



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