



Friends of Jesus and Mary  
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

April 2008  
Miami, Florida

**Dear Brother and Sisters:**

*April is a month of joy for all of us. We celebrated the Eastern season that reminds us of new life and beginning. Encourage all to grow spiritually meditating in the life of the saints..*

**Enclosed you will find the some feasts and saints of the month:**

April 02 St. Francis of Paula  
April 19 St. Gemma Galgani  
April 20 St. John Baptist de la Salle  
April 21 **St. Stanislaus de Kostka**  
April 22 Blessed Kateri Tejajwitha  
April 28 Leader's Workshop  
April 30 St. Mark  
April 31 St. Catherine of Sienna

**Enclosed materials and activities:**

- 1) Calendar of the month
- 2) Pages of some saints of this month
- 3) Meditation of the Sunday Gospel
- 4) Emmaus
- 5) The Church

**Suggested Videos (All available in the Video Club)**

1. The Savior III (Patrick Peyton)
2. The story of Sister Faustina
3. Eucharist
4. Stations of the Cross for Children
5. Eastern
6. The merciful love of Jesus
7. The resurrection celebration

***We are planning the V Congress of the Friends of Jesus and Mary for July 3, 4, 5 and 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 to us. We will choose a number of testimonies to be read at the Congress.***

May God bless you always,

Committee of Friends of Jesus and Mary



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# April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Acts 4,32-37 Psalm 92 John 3,7b-15	2 <b>S Francis of Paula</b> Acts 5,17-26 Psalm 33 John 3,16-21	3 Acts 5,27-33 Psalm 33 John 3,31-36	4 <b>S Isidore (Doctor of the Church)</b> Acts 5,34-42 Psalm 26 John 6,1-15	5 <b>S Vincent Ferrer</b> Acts 6,1-7 Psalm 32 John 6,16-21
6 <b>III Sunday of Easternn</b> Acts 2:14,22-33 Psalm 15 1Pe 1:17-21 Lc 24:13-35	7 <b>S John Baptist de la Salle</b> Acts 6,8-15 Psalm 118 John 6,22-29	8 Acts 7,51-8,1 Psalm 30 John 6,30-35	9 Acts 8,1-8 Psalm 65 John 6,35-40	10 Acts 8,26-40 Psalm 65 John 6,44-51	11 <b>S Stanislaus</b> Acts 9,1-20 Psalm 116 John 6,52-59	12 <b>S Gemma Gaigani</b> Acts 9,31-42 Psalm 115 John 6,60-69
13 <b>IV Sunday of Easternn</b> Acts 2,14,36-41 Psalm 22 1Pe 2:20-25 John 10,1-10	14 Acts 11,1-18 Psalm 41,42 John 10,11-18	15 Acts 11,19-26 Psalm 86 John 10,22-30	16 Acts 12,24-13,5 Psalm 66 John 12,44-50	17 Acts 13,13-25 Psalm 88 John 13,16-20	18 Acts 13,26-33 Psalm 2 John 15,1-6	19 <b>Pass Over (begins at Sunset, Ends April 27)</b> Acts 13,44-52 Psalm 97 John 14,7-14
20 <b>V Sunday of Easternn</b> Acts 6,1-7 Psalm 32 1Pe 2,4-9 John 14,1-12	21 <b>S Anselm</b> Acts 14,5-18 Psalm 113 John 14,21-26	22 Acts 14,19-28 Psalm 114 John 14,21-31	23 <b>S George S Adalbert</b> Acts 15,1-6 Psalm 121 John 15,1-8	24 <b>St. Fidelis</b> Acts 15,7-21 Psalm 95 John 15,9-11	25 <b>S Mark Evangelist</b> 1Pe 5,5-14 Psalm 88 Mc 16,15-20	26 Acts 16,1-10 Psalm 99 John 15,18-21
27 <b>VI Sunday of Easternn</b> Acts 8,5-8,14-17 Psalm 65 1Pe 3,15-18 John 14,15-21	28 <b>S Peter Channel S. Louis Mary de Montfort</b> Acts 16,11-15 Psalm 149 John 15,26-16,4 Leader's Workshop	29 <b>S Catherine de Siena</b> Acts 16,22-34 Psalm 137 John 16,5-11	30 <b>S Pius V</b> Acts 17,15-22,18,1 Psalm 148 John 16,12-15			



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

Third Sunday of Easternn, 6 de April 2008

Readings: Acts 2:14,22-23; Psalm 15; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

## The Appearance on the Road to Emmaus

Now that very day two of them were going to a Village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus; and they were conversing all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself draw near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

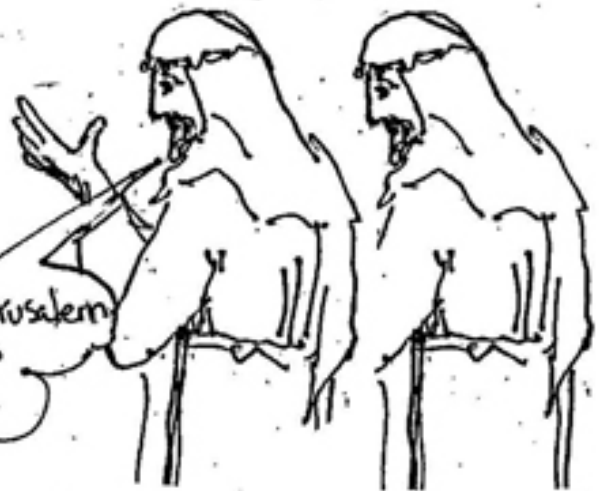
He asked them

What are you discussing as you walk along?



They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleophas, said to him in replay

Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in this day?





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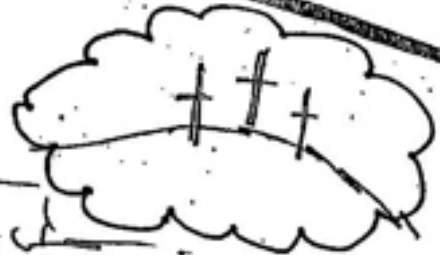
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The Appearance on the Road to Emmaus:  
And he replied to them:  
What sort of things

They said to him

"The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place."



Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they have indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.



Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women have described, but him they did not see!"



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The Appearance on the Road to Emmaus...  
And he said to them,

Oh how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke. Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted for them what referred to him in all the scriptures.



As they approached the village to which they were going he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him:

Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.

So he went in to stay with them.

And it happened that, while he was with them at the table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other,



Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?

So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying "the Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon." Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

And You?

Do you know the Word of God? Do you read it? Do you want to understand what Jesus is trying to tell you? Ask Jesus to help you and lead you in reading and understanding His Word. Treasure it in your heart and ponder it.



# The Disciples of Emmaus

*Third Sunday of Easternn, 6 de April 2008*

*Readings: Acts 2:14,22-23; Psalm 15; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35*

*Narrator: Cleopas, one of the disciples, left the cenacle to go to Emmaus with another of the disciples. They were both depressed, they thought that all the hope they had placed in Jesus had vanished. As they spoke and argued, they heard footsteps approaching. They man who was coming towards them.*

*Jesus: And what are these things you are discussing as you walk?*

*Cleopas: Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know what has happened there these last few days?*

*Narrator: The person they were talking to was none other than Jesus, though they did not recognize him. He said:*

*Jesus: What?*

*Narrator: And they said:*

*Cleopas: All about Jesus of Nazareth who proved himself to be a great prophet by the things he did and said before God and everybody and now our priests and leaders condemned him to death and crucified him. We were hoping that he would be the one to free Israel, but now it is three days since this happened.*

*Is it true, they added, that some of our women alarmed us, because they went to tomb and they did not find the body. They say they saw an apparition; some angels told them that he was alive. And some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything as the women had described it, but they did not see him.*

*Narrator: Then the stranger, quoting Moses and the prophets, explained to them what the scripture says. As they drew near Emmaus, which was where the apostles were going to stay, the stranger made as if to continue, but they asked him to stay with them.*

*They sat down at a table, and the stranger took some bread, blessed it and gave it to them. And immediately their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus. But he had disappeared.*

*The Disciples: Although it was already late, Cleopas and his companion rushed back to the cenacle to tell the rest the good news. On the way they said, "Were our hearts not burning when he spoke to us, explaining the scripture to us?"*





## ***SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE***

*APRIL 7*

*John La Salle was born in Rheims, France, in 1651. At the age of 11, he began to prepare for the Holy Priesthood and was ordained at 27. He was admired for his great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.*

*John was asked to help in two school in which the teachers were trying to educate their pupils free of charge. He directed the teachers for four years, and then decided to spend his life with them.*

*John gave away the large fortune his parents had left him. He and the young men then took vows to labor as teachers all their lives, and this was the beginning of the congregation of the Christian Brothers.*

*John started a grade and high school and a school where the boys could learn a trade.. He also started a school for teachers.*

*St. John died at Rouen in 1719 and was canonized in 1900. In 1950 Pope Pius XII named him patron of school teachers. He is often called the "father of modern education."*



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Fourth Sunday of Easternn, April 13 2008

Readings: Acts 2:14,36-41; Psalm 22; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10,1-10

## The Good Shepherd...

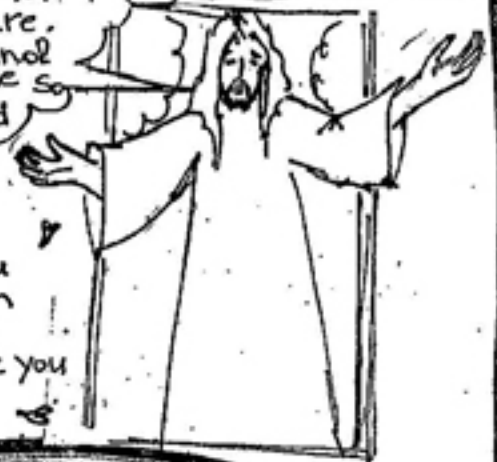
Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gate keeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.

Although Jesus used this figure of speech they did not realized what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came [before me] are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and have pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

### And You?

To whom do you listen? Do you listen to Jesus, or do you listen to the world, fashion, culture, peer pressure? Ask Jesus to give you the grace to listen only to his loving voice!





Texto: Cheryl de la Cruz  
Dibujos: Dinah

# Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 in what is now New York, USA. Her father, a Mohawk Indian Chief, her mother, and her only brother all died of small pox when she was only 4 years old. She did not die, but her face was left permanently disfigured and her vision impaired by the illness.



After her family died, she lived with her aunt and uncle.

I believe in Jesus Christ

I want to be Catholic!



The first missionary Jesuits arrived to the Mohawk Indian tribe and many converted to Catholicism.

KATERI ALSO WANTED TO BECOME CATHOLIC

Only if you agree to stay in the village after you are baptized

Uncle, I want to be baptized!



SHE WAS BAPTIZED AND GIVEN THE NAME CATHERINE (KATERI IN IROQUOIS)

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Kateri grew in virtue and holiness. She wanted to keep Sunday holy by not working and had a strong devotion to Our Lady and the rosary. Many other Indians were very angry with her, especially her aunt and uncle.

She doesn't want to work, she is lazy.



Kateri decided to leave the village and go to a mission of Jesuits. She escaped from home, but when her uncle found out, he chased after her with a gun.

He later gave up and went home.



Kateri arrived at the mission in the autumn of 1677

Here I am Lord, ready to do your will.



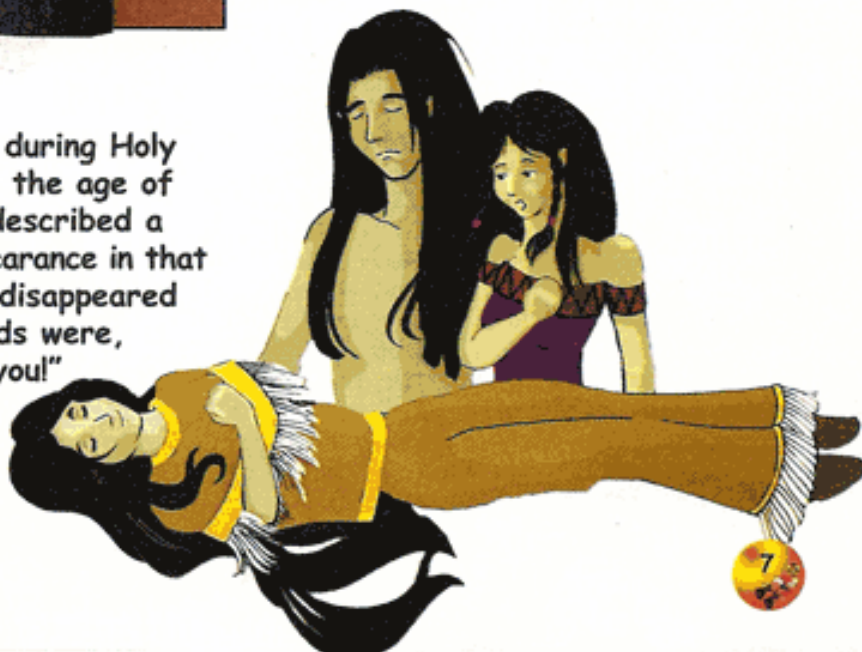
THAT CHRISTMAS, KATERI RECEIVED COMMUNION FOR THE FIRST TIME.

She also became a member of the Confraternity of the Holy Family, reserved for outstanding Catholics.



Prayer was very important to Kateri. Each day, she woke up at 4 am, no matter what the weather, and went to the church to pray for several hours.

Kateri became seriously ill during Holy Week of 1680 and died at the age of 24. Those who saw her described a beautiful change in her appearance in that her facial disfigurement disappeared entirely. Her last words were, "Jesus, Mary, I love you!"



# St. Stanislaus Kostka

By Isabel Jordan

Stanislaus was born in Rostkovo, Poland in October of 1550. He was from a noble, Christian family.

He was consecrated to the Blessed Virgin on the day of his baptism.



Stanislaus was very happy as he grew up and tried to make sacrifices, offering them up to Jesus.



Their parents, wanting a good education for their children, sent Stanislaus and his brother Paul to a Jesuit boarding school. There Stanislaus was known for his goodness and friendliness.

The boarding school was closed and Stanislaus and Paul went to live at the house of a Lutheran protestant. One night, while studying, his room caught on fire.

It was not easy to live in that house and he took refuge in books and prayer.



He fell seriously ill and He asked Our Lord to be able to receive communion.

St. Barbara and two angels came down from heaven to bring him the Eucharist.



One night Our Lady appeared to him and placed Jesus in his arms. He was miraculously healed.



I want you to enter into the society of my Son.



So be it.

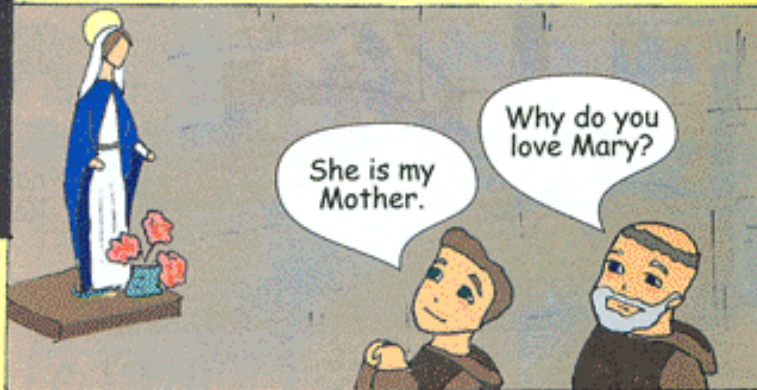
Stanislaus' family tried to keep him from entering the Society of Jesus. He then dressed as a beggar and fled to Rome.

He entered as a novice and did the lowest tasks.



He showed great devotion for Our Blessed Mother and for the Eucharist.

Stanislaus dreamed about how a party would be celebrated in Heaven for Our Lady and... She took him to Heaven on August 15, 1568, to celebrate the feast of the Assumption with her.



He was canonized by Benedict XIII in 1726 and was named the Patron of novices.





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*Fifth Sunday of Easternn, April 20 2008*

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

Last Super Discourses...

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where [I] am going you know the way.

Thomas said to him

Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?



Jesus said to him,

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him,

Master, show us the Father, and that would be enough for us."





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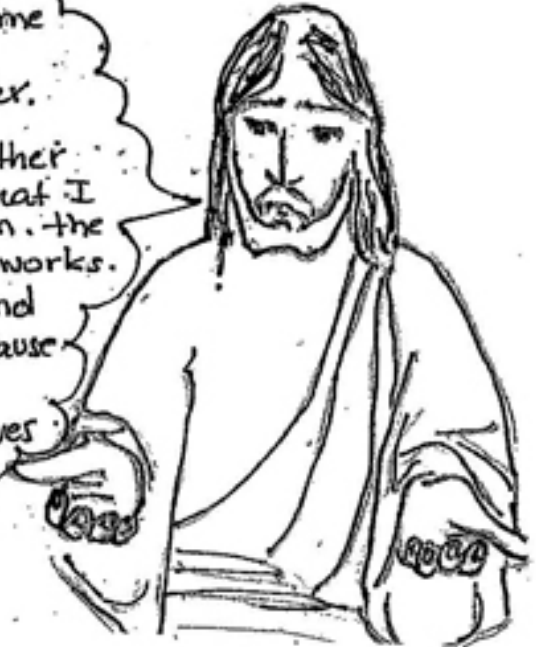
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Last Supper Discourses...

Jesus said to him,

"Have I been with you so long a time and you still do not know me, Phillip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, show us the Father? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. the Father that dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves.

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.



And You?

Do you believe in God's infinite Mercy and love?

Do you believe that God loves you?

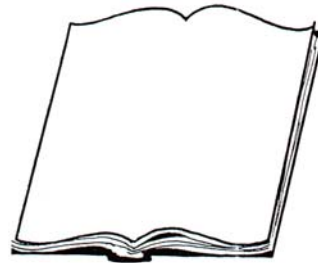
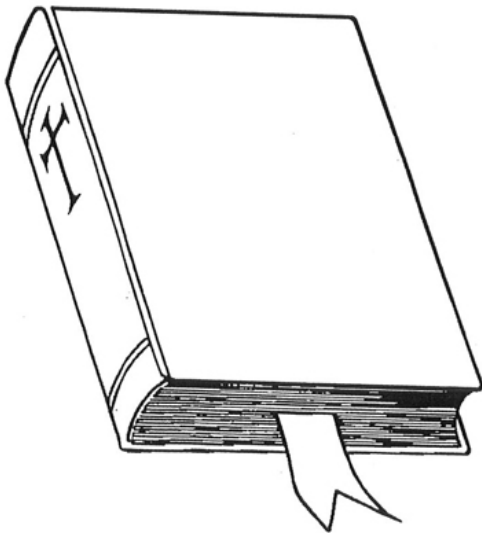
Grow closer to Jesus and let Him reveal to you the infinite goodness and love of the Father!

# SAINT MARK

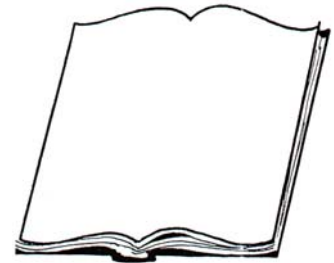
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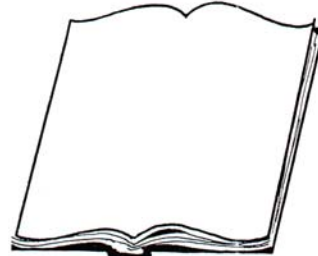
*Saint Mark was a missionary with St. Paul. It is believed that he wrote one of the gospels.*



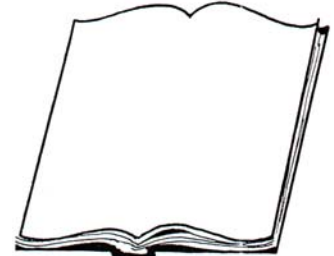
**Mathew 8:5-13**



**Mark 15:33-39**



**Luke 10:25-37**



**John 2:1-11**

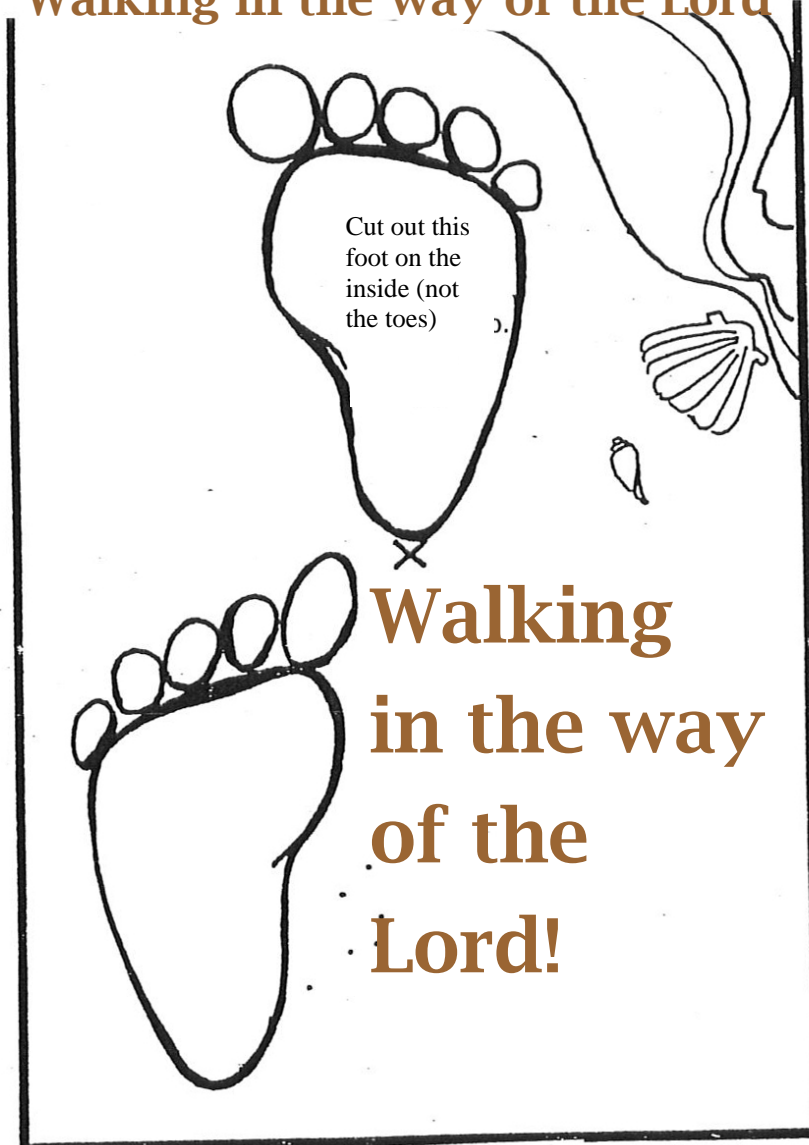
*This is the bible  
Decorate it*

## *My Prayer*

*There is so much to learn from your gospel, O God. I always want to love your word. Amen*

*In your bible, get o the four gospels and find a story of love in each one.*

# Walking in the way of the Lord



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Would you like to follow Jesus and His friends by showing extra kindness and love to the people you know? This “wheel” will help you to do something loving every day. Color the picture and the wheel. Cut out the big square and the circle and the inside of the foot. Push a brad through the “X”. Put the wheel behind it and push it through the center of that, too. You can read the words through the foot you cut out. Turn the wheel each day for a new way to Walk in the Way for the Lord



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Sixth Sunday of Easternn, April 27 2008

Readings: Acts 8:5-8; Psalm 65; 1 de Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

## The Advocate...

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, with the world cannot accept because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while, the world would no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live.



On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by the Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him.

## And You?

Do you show Jesus you truly love him? Do you practice his law of love? Pray to the Holy Spirit to teach you to love God, the way He deserves to be loved.

# THE CHURCH



## ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

WHO IS THE VISIBLE HEAD OF THE CHURCH?

WHO ARE THE SUCCESSORS OF THE APOSTLES?

WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHURCH?

WHY DO WE SAY THAT THE CHURCH IS CATHOLIC?

HOW MANY CHURCHES ARE THERE?

WHO FOUNDED THE CHURCH?

DO THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN FORM PART OF THE CHURCH?

SINCE WHEN DO WE COME TO FORM PART OF THE CHURCH?

What did God give to the apostles before going up to heaven?

Write the answer here in big letters

¿Who is this?



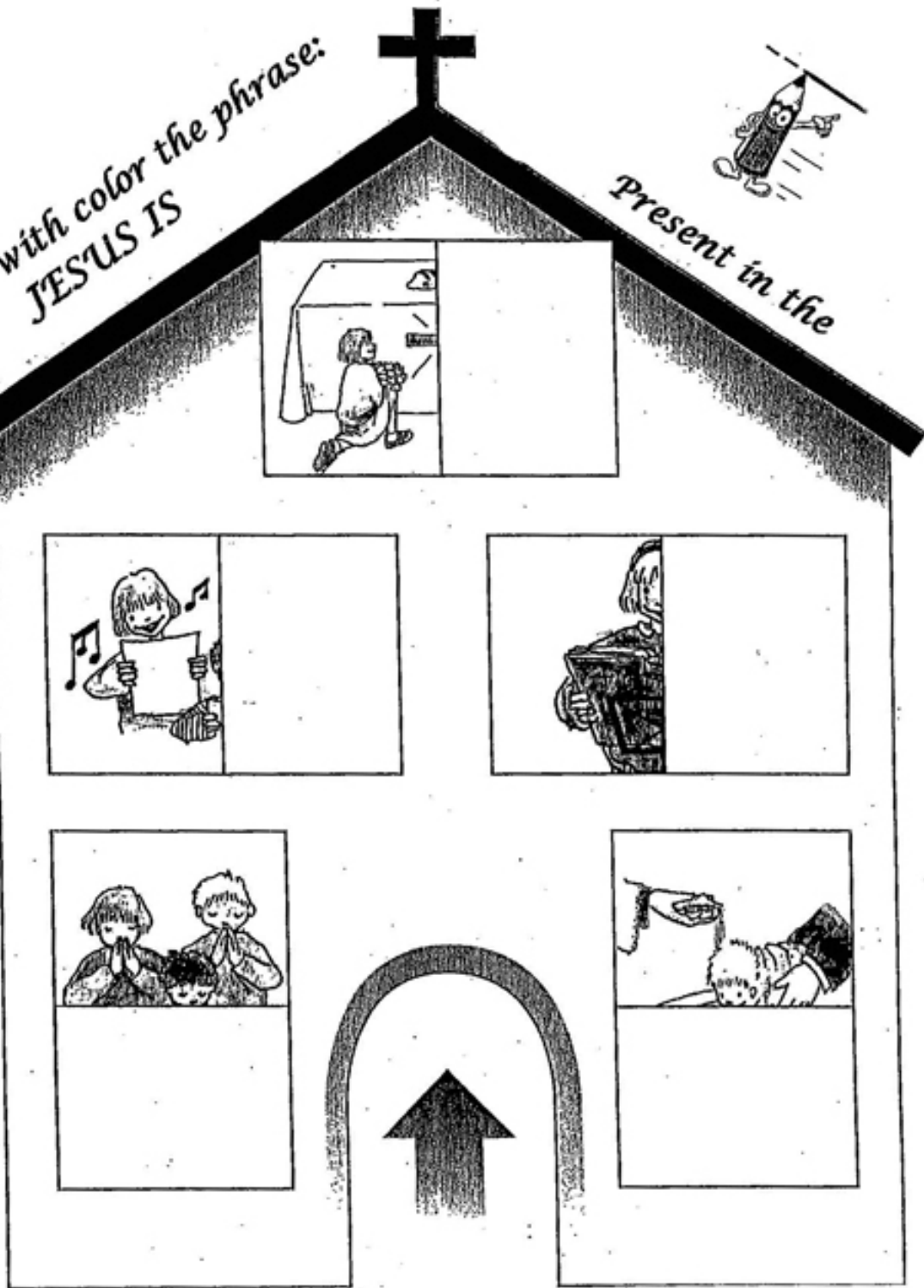
Reprint with color the phrase:  
**JESUS IS**

Present in the



The spirit of

Family of God



We go to church to:  
Cut the figures and paste them where they belong

