



April 2020 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. Because of the Corona virus, the prayer groups are not meeting but we invite you to let the parents know where to find the monthly package so they can continue the prayer group at home if they desire.

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

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April 02	St. Francis of Paula
April 07	St. John Baptist of La Salle
April 11	St. Stanislaus of Oska, bishop and martyr
April 17	St. Kateri Tekakwitha
April 5	Palm Sunday
April 9-12	Easter Triduum
April 12	The Resurrection of Jesus
April 19	Divine Mercy Sunday
April 25	Feast of St. Mark the evangelist
April 28	St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest
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, coloring

Good Friday, Stations of the Cross

The Resurrection of Jesus, craft, and cards for giving

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Chaplet instructions with movie, history, coloring

St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, history and craft

Old Testament Story, King David

During these times of uncertainty due to the pandemic of the Corona virus we remain united in the Holy Rosary. Wishing you an Easter filled with love and peace.

#### May God bless and protect you always,

#### **Committee Friends of Jesus and Mary**



# **April 2020**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Junuay	Monady	racoday	1	2 Optional St. Francis of Paula	3	4
5 Solemnity of Palm sunday	6	7 Memorial St. John Baptist of La Salle, priest	8	9 Solemnity of Holy Thursday	10 Solemnity of Good Friday	11 Memorial St. Stanislaus, bishop and martyr
12 Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	13	14	15	16	17 Optional St. Kateri Tekakwitha	18
19 Feast of the Divine Mercy	20	21 Optional St. Anselm of Cantebury, bishop and doctor of the Church	22	23	24	25 Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, Our Lady of the Valley
26 Our Lady of Good Counsel	27	28 Optional St. Luis Grignon de Montfort, priest	29 Memorial de St. Catherine of Sienna, virgin and doctor of the Church	30 Optional St. Pio V, Pope		





# Friends of Jesus and Mary

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020

Mathew 21, 1-11 (entrance); Isaiah 50, 4-7; Philippians 2, 6-11 50; Psalm 21, 8-9; Mathew 26, 14-27, 66 or Mathew 27, 11-54

#### **Entrance of Jesus in Jerusalem- Drama**

**NARRATOR:** When they approached Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples saying:

**JESUS**: "Go to the village opposite you; and immediately you will find a donkey tethered and a colt with her; untie them and bring them here to me. If anyone should say anything to you, reply, "The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once".

**NARRATOR**: This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: *Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden".* 

The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their colts over them, and He sat upon them. The large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowd cried out:

**CROWD**: "¡Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Wave the palms in the air while singing the song, Shout Hosanna, see below)

**NARRATOR**: When He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken and asked:

**SOME PEOPLE:** "Who is this?"

OTHER PEOPLE: "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

**Song:** Shout Hosanna, TheRealDonutMan.com (Ctrl Click) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rem79QoAwtY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rem79QoAwtY</a>

#### Reflection

Jesus entered Jerusalem to fulfill His mission to suffer and die on the cross to redeem us from our sins and to open the gates of Heaven for us. How did Jesus know there was a donkey waiting for Him and his master would let Him use it? (He is God and know everything) How did they receive Him in Jerusalem? (Praising Him.) What did they yell? ("Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest!") What does Hosanna mean? (Save us!)



**Why did they call Him Son of David?** (Scripture says the Savior would descend from King David. They knew Jesus was the promised Savior.) **How do we show Jesus every day that He is our Savior?** Share.





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Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate, who questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?" But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him." The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They answered, Barabbas!" Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Let him be crucified!" When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves." And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our children." Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him. As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha — which means Place of the Skull —, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!" Likewise, the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way. From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "This one is calling for Elijah." Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, 'Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him." But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice and gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

**Reflection:** Why didn't Jesus strongly defend Himself with Pontius Pilate? (He knew that suffering and dying on the cross was His mission and God's will. He always wanted to do God's will.) Why did the crowd turn on Him and cried for His crucifixion? (The Pharisees convinced them that He was not God and He was blaspheming the name of God.)

**Activity:** Do the Stations of the Cross with refrain:

**Prayer:** Jesus, we ask forgiveness for the times we do not trust you, in your great love for us, and in your great power as King of the Universe. Thank you for your infinite love and mercy. Amen.



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## **HOLY THURSDAY:**

#### Jesus gifts us the Eucharist:

Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is given up for you..."
In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood."



#### Jesus establishes the priesthood:

"Do this in remembrance of me... For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes."



#### **Iesus shows us how to serve:**

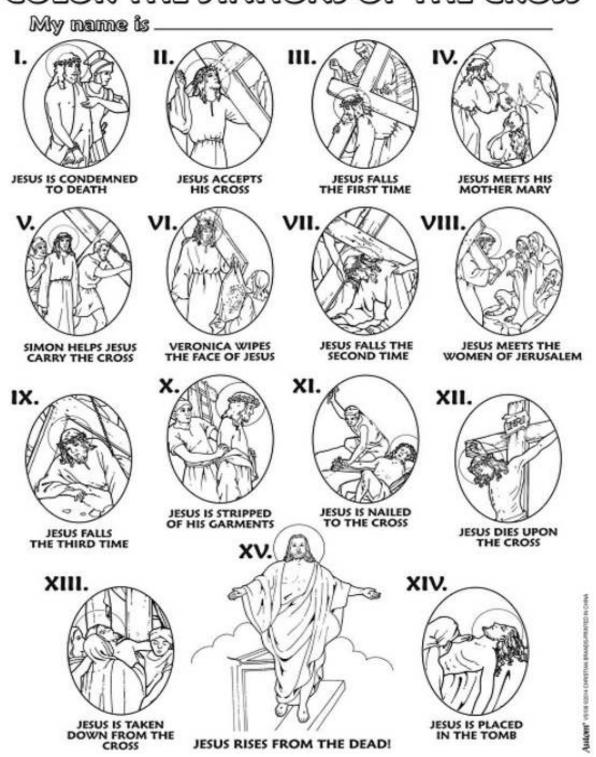
So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."







## COLOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS







# Friends of Jesus and Mary

Resurrection Sunday, April 12, 2020

Acts 34ª, 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3, 1-4; John 20, 1-9

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. Who introduced death into the world and how? Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating of the forbidden tree causing them to leave Paradise where they had lived in eternal communion with God; now they would die. How did Jesus destroy death and open the gates of Paradise again? Jesus obeyed God onto death on the Cross, thus opening the gates of Heaven. Who discovered the Resurrection first? A woman, Mary of Magdala, whom everyone criticized and mistreated because of her sins before she converted was the first to receive the good news. She appreciated Jesus' forgiveness and loved Him very much; so she went to His tomb despite the danger since His Friends were being persecuted. Jesus came to save sinners like Mary of Magdala. How would you feel if you went to a loved one's tomb and found it empty? Do you search for



Jesus every day even if you're friends do not? Are you grateful for what Jesus did for you? Share.

### **Activity**

On the following page, cut the pictures. Join the black dots: with the rock and the corner of the tomb, the arm behind Jesus, behind Jesus' feet and behind the path to the tomb. Conectarlos con una tachuela para poder moverlos. Actuar la Resurrección de Jesús abriendo la piedra y subiendo a Jesús. Hacer tarjetas para regalar.

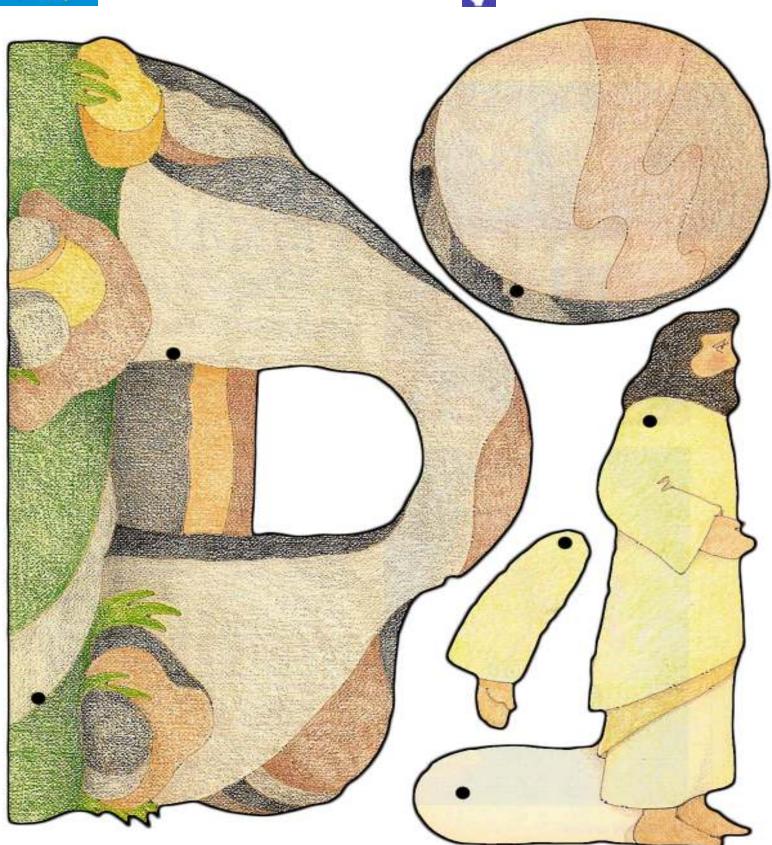
#### **Praver**

Jesus, thank you for what you did for me! Thank you for loving me so much. Help me to love you more each day. Help me not to sin and to be sorry for my sins. Help me to forgive always. Amen.

**Song**: One, Two, Three, Matt Turner (Ctrl Click) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIf9jv4pVTM



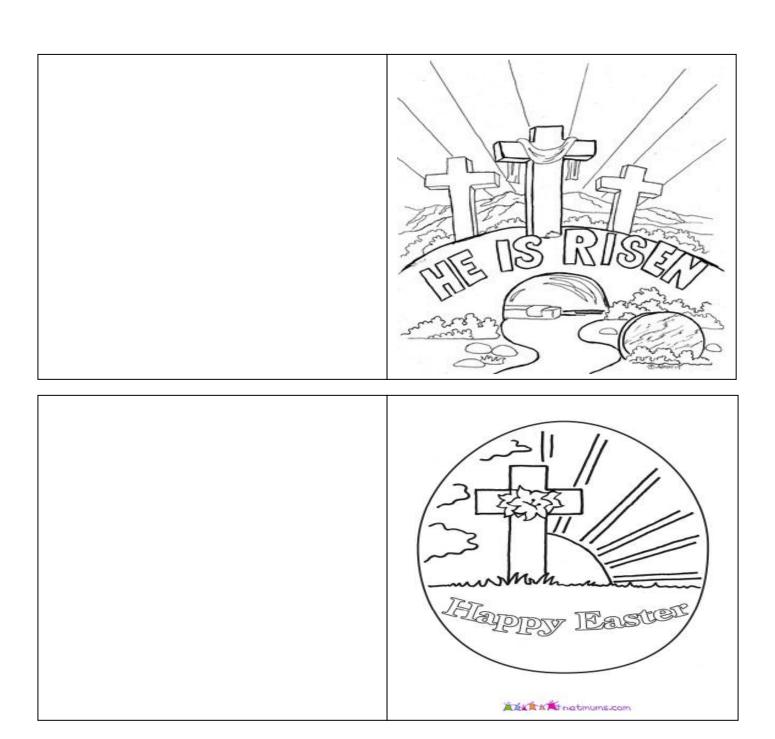








### **Easter Cards**







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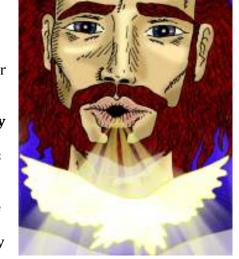
### 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2020

Acts 2, 42-47; Psalm 117; 1Peter 1, 3-9; John 20, 19-31

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 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

On the day that Jesus was resurrected, he appeared to the disciples, and told them "Peace be with you," and blew on them. **Do you know why he did that?** By blowing on them, He gave them the Holy Spirit; with this the apostles left their fear behind and received the strength and energy they needed to follow the resurrected Jesus. But one of them was missing. **Do you remember the name?** Thomas was missing. **What did Thomas say when the others told him that they had seen Jesus?** He said he would NOT believe them unless he touched the wounds on his hands; eight days later Jesus appeared to them and invited Thomas to touch his wounds. Like Thomas, we have all doubted at some time. God seeks us, forgives us, and loves us despite this. Today is a great day!!!! We celebrate the Divine Mercy of Jesus. In this passage we see how Jesus institutes a sacrament, the "Sacrament of Mercy". **What is Mercy?** It is showing compassion and forgiveness even when the person does not deserve it. **How is the mercy of God?** God's mercy is infinite because He LOVES US. **When do we turn away from God?** Many times



our sins separate us from God; we decide to turn away from Him with our bad actions. However, God wants us to reconcile and return to Him. **How can we be reconciled to God?** Jesus created a wonderful sacrament called CONFESSION. **When was this sacrament created?** In this Gospel, after Jesus gave his apostles the Holy Spirit, he told them: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jesus, under the figure of the priest in the Sacrament of Confession, acts with his mercy to forgive us, if we approach with a repentant heart, ready to NOT sin again.

#### **Activity**

On the following page is a word search related with specific words from the gospel. Find the words. You will also find the explanation of the great Feast of the Divine Mercy which we celebrate today and instructions on how to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Color and pray.

### **Prayer**

Jesus, thank you for always being ready to forgive me no matter what I do. Please give me a repentant and humble heart. Amen.

Song: Jesus Song, Saddleback Kids, https://youtu.be/Rn84AYtFUSM



Jesus 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 Appears to His Disciples

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



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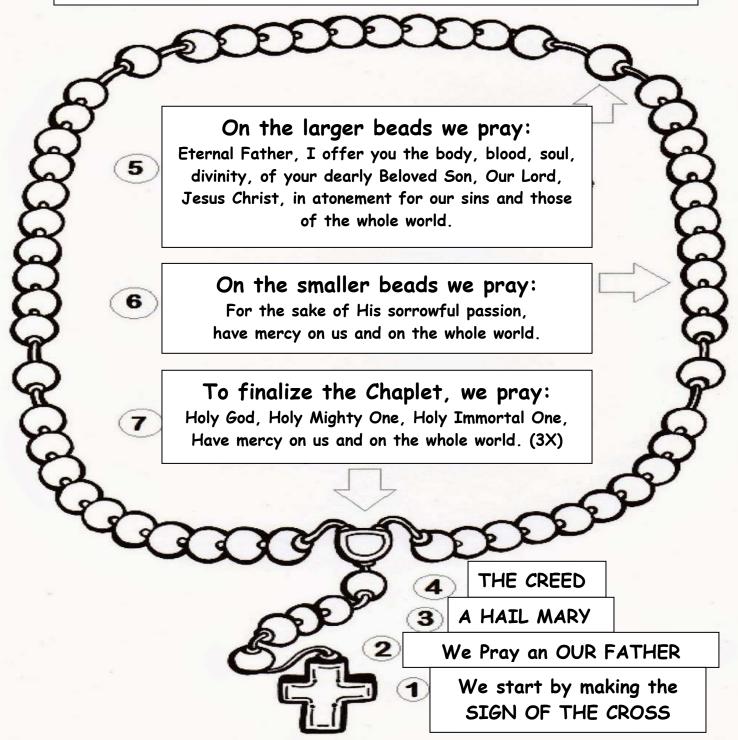




## How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

(Color the larger beads one color and the smaller beads another color.)

Kids Divine Mercy Chaplet with motions. https://youtu.be/e6aMZ7CMwys





# FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Jesus asked Faustina that the first Sunday after Easter be declared Mercy Sunday, the "Feast of Divine Mercy", a day when His graces would flow in an extraordinary way to all those who asked for them.





What does the Feast of Divine Mercy consist of?
"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, especially poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy will be opened. I will pour out an entire ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that goes to Confession and receives Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and a remission of all punishment".





## Friends of Jesus and Mary

3rd Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2020

Acts 2, 14.22-33; Psalm 15; 1Peter 1, 17-21; Luke 24, 13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew 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 Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" 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 had 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 had described, but him they did not see." 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 Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to 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 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 bread.

#### Reflection

Two disciples of Jesus were returning from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus. What is a disciple? It originates from the Latin discipulus and means "student" or "pupil". A disciple is a person that follows Jesus' teachings. **How did these disciples feel after their master's death?** Scripture says that they all felt isolated and filled with utmost sadness, because their master had been crucified; and although rumors existed that he could be alive, they felt uncertainty, grief, and bewilderment. They had believed, followed, and waited for their master, but now, even though Jesus had manifested himself so powerfully in life, they felt that he had failed, and abandoned them. **Why did the disciples not recognize Jesus when** 

he came on the road talking to them? The Word says that their eyes were veiled, which means that they were miraculously unable to recognize him. Jesus comes to accompany and comfort them in their sadness. How did the disciples feel in the presence of Jesus? They felt their hearts burn! Jesus walked with them, explained the Scriptures, made them see that the Passion suffered by Jesus was necessary to fulfill the Plan of God. He filled them with enthusiasm and made them feel his presence. When did the disciples see Jesus? Jesus stands at the table, takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and there their eyes (previously veiled) are opened and they recognize him, but he disappears. Jesus stays with us forever in the Eucharist: the sacrament that contains the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

**Activity** On the following page solve the word search related with specific words from the gospel. **Prayer** Lord open my lips and my mouth will proclaim your praise. Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law. Amen.

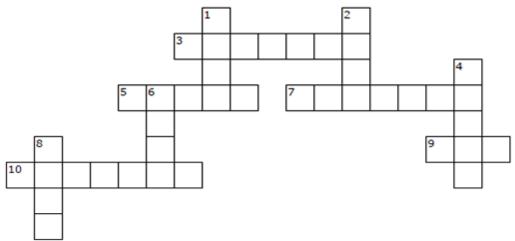
**Song:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= GEqnKMN1zE Eucharist Song by Collins Susan

# On the Road to Emmaus

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. Luke 24:31a (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)





#### **ACROSS**

- 3. To put to death on a cross
- The Old Testament man who received the Ten Commandments from God
- 7. A person who visits
- 9. A period of twenty four hours
- Carrying on a conversation with someone

#### DOWN

- Not false
- The organ which makes people able to see
- A food made from flour and water, mixed together and baked
- 6. Not closed
- 8. To travel on foot

OPEN	MOSES	DAY	WALK	VISITOR
TRUE	BREAD	EYES	TALKING	CRUCIFY

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#### St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort Feast Day: April 28

St. Louis is the founder of the Monfort Brothers of St. Gabriel and the Daughters of Wisdom. He was born in Monfort, France in 1673. He was the oldest of eight children. Since very young, he had a great devotion to the Virgin Mary; at 12 years old, people saw him spending hours kneeling before the statue of the Mother of God.

With great sacrifice, he was able to study at the famous seminary of St. Sulpice in Paris, excelling as a totally Marian seminarian. After being ordained a priest, he celebrated his first mass at an altar of our Blessed Mother; Notre Dame Cathedral was his preferred temple and refuge for many years.

He dedicated all his great talents as preacher, conductor of crowds, singer and composer to convert sinners, travelling throughout France announcing the Gospel and planting God the Father in the hearts of many.

With donations, he went to Rome to ask God for the gift of effective preaching and God granted him his wish such that even the most hardened sinner, at hearing one of his sermons, converted. Pope Clement XI received him and gave him the title "Apostolic Missionary", to preach in all lands.

St. Louis wrote one of the most famous books on the devotion to the Virgin Mary: "True Devotion to Mary". He also wrote: "The Secret of the Rosary".

Pope John Paul II took his motto as his own:

"I am all yours, Oh Mary, and all that I have is yours".

St. Louis died suddenly on April 28, 1716, of an illness at 43 years old.

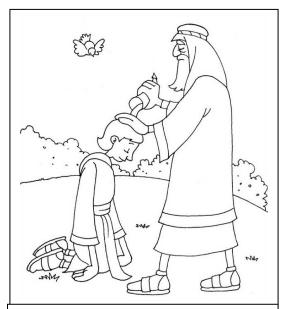
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#### The Story of David



God sent Samuel to Jesse's house to anoint the new King of Israel. God chose David the youngest of the 8 brothers who was tending sheep.



King Saul was sad that God no longer wanted him to be king. They sent for David to cheer him up with his beautiful harp playing. Everyone loved David. Saul became jealous and tried to kill him so David fled.



A Philistine giant challenged the Israelites to choose a man to fight him. Saul's army was afraid. David arrived and in the name of God challenged him. He put a stone in his slingshot and struck him in the head. He fell to the ground and David cut off his head.



After Saul's death, David is made king by the men of Judah. He first frees Jerusalem from the Philistines and makes it the City of David building a wall around it. They joyfully carry the Ark of the Covenant into the city with music and dancing.



David was a good king protecting his people and making Jerusalem a great and holy city. He was also a good poet. Inspired by God, he wrote beautiful poems we call the Psalms. God promised him, through the prophet Nathan, that the Savior would be born of his family.