



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

May 2008
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In May the month dedicate to Virgin Mary we celebrate this year four of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary, The Visitation, Pentecost, The Ascension and the Eucharist.

It is also a month where we can relate better to our own mother with Virgin Mary, Jesus' Mother, and understand why Jesus crowned her as Queen of Heaven and earth, and gave it to us as our mother also.

Let use this month to awake our children, and help them to appreciate everything that our mothers do for each one of us. Help them to prepare a Spiritual Bouquet to be given to their mothers on Mothers Day.

Important feast and some Saints:

May	01	Saint Joseph, The Worker
May	04	The Ascension
May	11	Mother's Day
May	11	Pentecost
May	13	Our Lady of Lourdes
May	19	Leader's Workshop
May	22 y 25	The Eucharist
May	31	The Visitation

Enclosed materials:

- 1) Monthly Calendar
- 2) Meditation on the Sunday Gospel

Activities

- 1) The Bookmark for Mom
- 2) The Ascension
- 3) The Visitation
- 4) Holy Mary
- 5) Pentecost
- 6) Life of St, John The Arc

Suggested videos (all available in the Video Club)

1. The day the sun danced
2. The Life of Jesus I
3. Mary
4. Prayer
5. The Ascension
6. The Visitation
7. Confirmation
8. Fatima

The Eucharistic Retreat for the children of the prayer groups and their families will be on June 14 at St. Louis Catholic Church from 8:30 to 1:00 p.m. Make plans to come. Please bring the information of how many of your group will assist.

Our next meeting May 19 at St. Agatha Church at 7:00 p.m.

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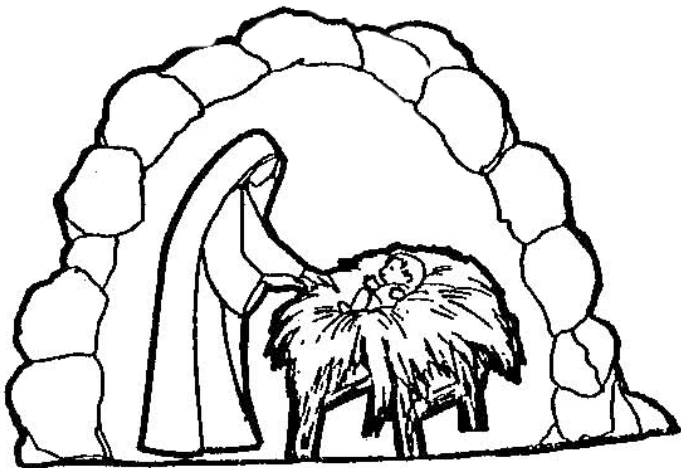
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>May is the month of Virgin Mary</i></p> <p>4 7th Sunday of Easter <i>(In many places, the Ascension is celebrated today)</i> Acts 1,1-11; Psalm 46; Eph 1,17-23; Mt 28:16-20</p> <p>11 Pentecost Sunday <i>Mother's Day; Mexico</i> Acts 2,1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Cor 12,3-7; Juan 20,19-23</p> <p>18 Most Holy Trinity Acts 34,4-6,8-9; Daniel 3; 1 Cor 13,11-13; Juan 3,16-18</p> <p>25 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Is 49,14-15; Psalm 61; 1 Cor 4,1-5; Mt 6,24-34</p>	 <p>5 Cinco de Mayo <i>(National Holiday; Mexico)</i> Acts 19,1-8 Psalm 67 Jn 16,29-33</p> <p>12 SS. Nereus & Achilleus Jas 1,1-11 Psalm 118 Mc 8,11-13</p> <p>19 <i>Victoria Day; Canada</i> Jas 3,13-18 Psalm 18 Mk 9,14-29 Leader's Workshop</p> <p>26 St. Phillip Neri <i>Memorial Day; USA</i> 1Pe 1,3-9 Psalm 110 Mk 10,17-27</p>	 <p>ST. JOSEPH</p> <p>6 Acts 20,17-27 Psalm 67 Jn 17,1-11</p> <p>13 Our Lady of Fatima Jas 1,12-18 Psalm 93 Mc 8,14-21</p> <p>20 St Bernardine of Siena Jas 4,1-10 Psalm 54 Mk 9,30-37</p> <p>27 St. Augustine of Caterbury 1Pe 1,10-16 Psalm 97 Mk 10,28-31</p>	<p>7 Acts 20,28-38 Psalm 67 Jn 17,11-19</p> <p>14 S. Mathias (Apostle) Acts 1,15-17,20-26 Psalm 112 Jn 15,9-17</p> <p>21 St Christopher Magallanes & Companions Jas 4,13-17 Psalm 48 Mk 9,38-40</p> <p>28 1Pe 1,18-25 Psalm 147 Mk 10,32-45</p>	<p>1 St. Joseph Acts 18,1-8 Psalm 97 Mt 13,54-58</p> <p>8 Acts 22,23,6-11 Psalm 15 Jn 17,20-26</p> <p>15 S. Isidore Is 52,13-53,12 Psalm 39 He 10,12-23 Lc 22,14-20</p> <p>22 S. Rita de Casia Dt. 8,2-2,14-16 Psalm 147 1Cor 10,16-17 Jn 6,51-58</p> <p>29 1Pe 2,2-5,9-12 Psalm 99 Mk 10,45-52</p>	<p>2 St. Athanasius Acts 18,9-18 Psalm 46 Jn 16,20-23</p> <p>9 Acts 25,13-21 Psalm 102 Jn 21,15-19</p> <p>16 Jas 2,14-24,26 Psalm 111 Mk 8,34-39</p> <p>23 Jas 5,9-12 Psalm 102 Mk 10,1-12</p> <p>30 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Dt. 7,6-11 Psalm 102 1Jn 4,7-16 Mt 11,25-30</p>	<p>3 SS. Philip & James Num 21,4-9 Psalm 77 Jn 3,13-17</p> <p>10 Bl Damien Joseph de Veuster of Molokai's Mother's Day; Mexico Acts 28,16-20,30-31 Psalm 10 Jn 21,20-25</p> <p>17 Jas 3,1-10 Psalm 11 Mk 9,2-13</p> <p>24 Jas 5,13-20 Psalm 140 Mk 10,13-16</p> <p>31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sof 3,14-18 Is 12 Lk 1,39-56</p> 



MAY MONTH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

MARY

Mary Always Points to Her Son!



Unscramble the words and put them in the sentence

Mary Shows Us Jesus

NSO VSOLE

In Bethlehem Mary turned the small, dark cave into a good place to show Jesus to shepherds and kings. She tells us, too:

“THIS IS MY _____, AND HE _____ YOU!

Mary Sends Us to Jesus

HTAEVVRW LETLS

At the wedding feast of Cana Mary noticed that there was no more wine. She said to the servants:

Do _____

HE _____ YOU!



Jesus Give Us Mary.

HTREOM

When He was dying on the cross. Jesus said to John:

“BEHOLD YOUR _____ “



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

MAY 1



This is St. Joseph's second feast day on the Church calendar of celebrations. We honor him also on March 19. St. Joseph is very important saint. He is the husband of Our Lady and the foster-father of Jesus.

Today we celebrate his witness of hard work. He was carpenter who worked long hours in his little shop. St. Joseph teaches us that the work we do is important. Through it we give our contribution and our services to our family and society. But even more than that. As Christians we realize that our work is like a mirror of ourselves. That is why we want our work to be done with diligence.

Many countries set aside one day a year to honor workers. This encourages the dignity and appreciation of work. The Church has given us a wonderful model of work, St. Joseph. In 1955, Pope Pius XII proclaimed this feast of St. Joseph the Worker to be celebrated every year.

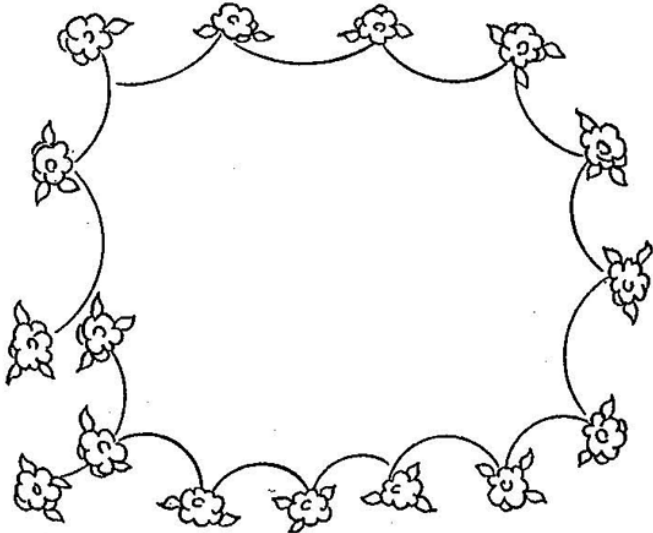
We can ask St. Joseph to help us become more diligent in our study and work:

*Saint Joseph, husband of Mary,
you were always aware of God's presence.
Help me find God in my life,
and be with me at the hour of my death.*

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



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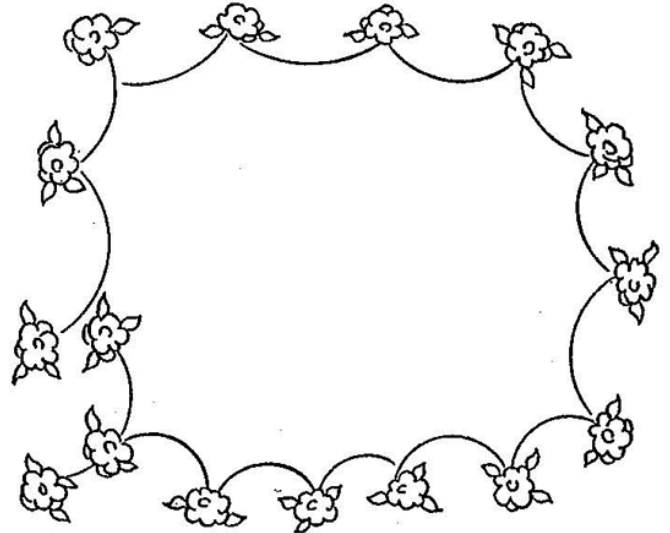


Dear: _____

***My gift for you
is a gift of
Prayer.
Love,***

Make a bookmark for Mom, Grandma and God-mother.

In the circle where the flowers are write a prayer for your Mom or any other special person.

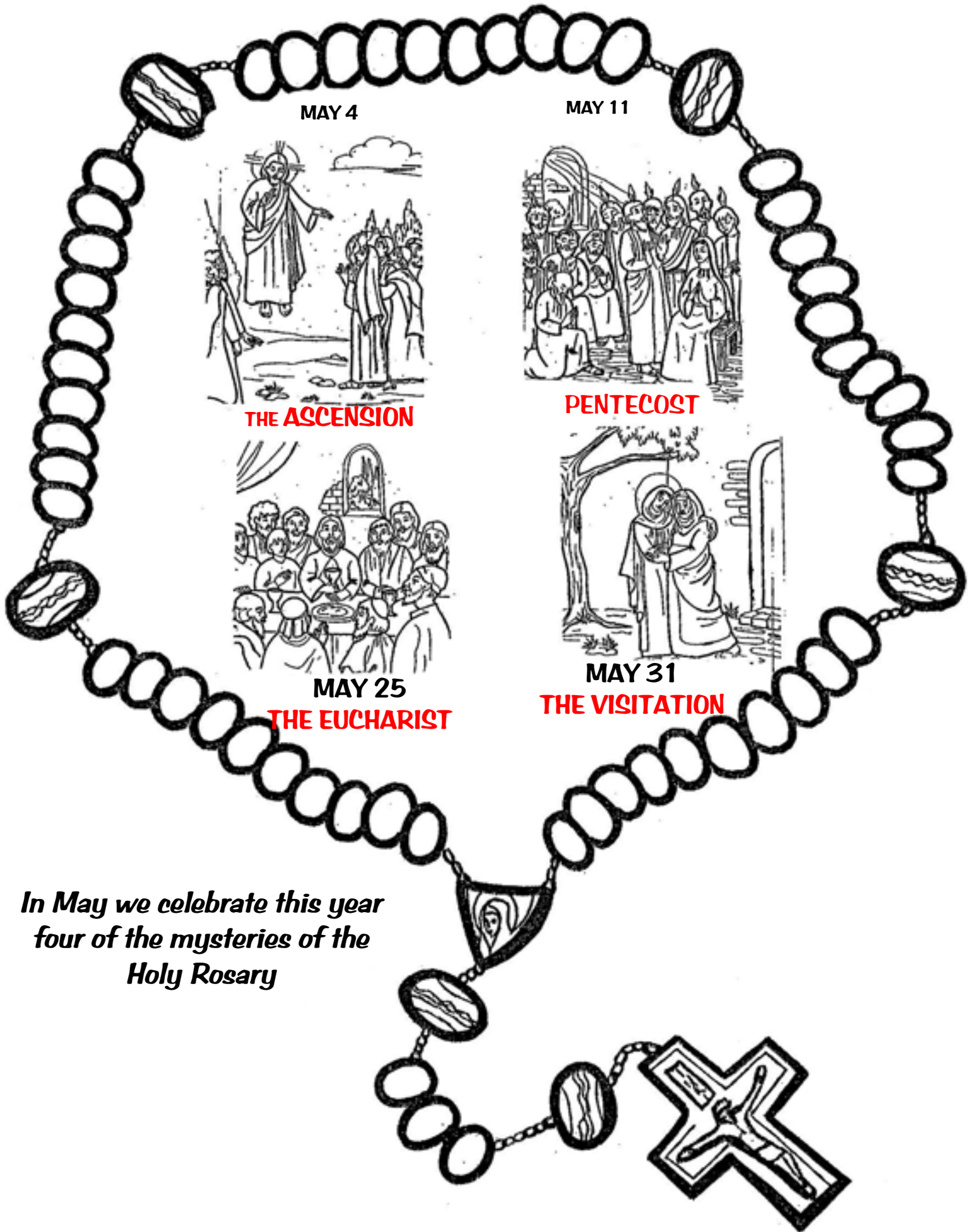


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MAY 4

MAY 11



THE ASCENSION



PENTECOST



MAY 25

THE EUCHARIST



MAY 31

THE VISITATION

*In May we celebrate this year
four of the mysteries of the
Holy Rosary*



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Ascension of the Lord

May 4 2008

Readings: Acts 1,1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1,17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

Reflecting

In today's Gospel, we can feel ourselves deeply loved as we hear the words of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper. The wonderful thing about this Gospel is that through Jesus we learn to love and we grow in faith.

Jesus is with us Today!

Jesus ascended to Heaven so that He might be with us always.

The disciples had a mission and we have a mission too.

How are you doing it?

Activity

Write a list of names of persons that you know that experience Jesus' presence every day. Share the names of the persons. Which one catch your attention?

Prayer

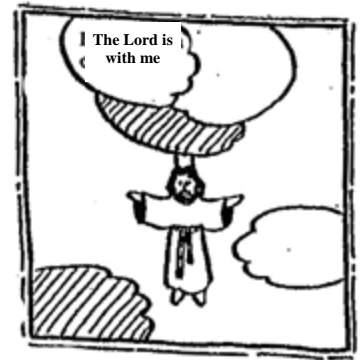
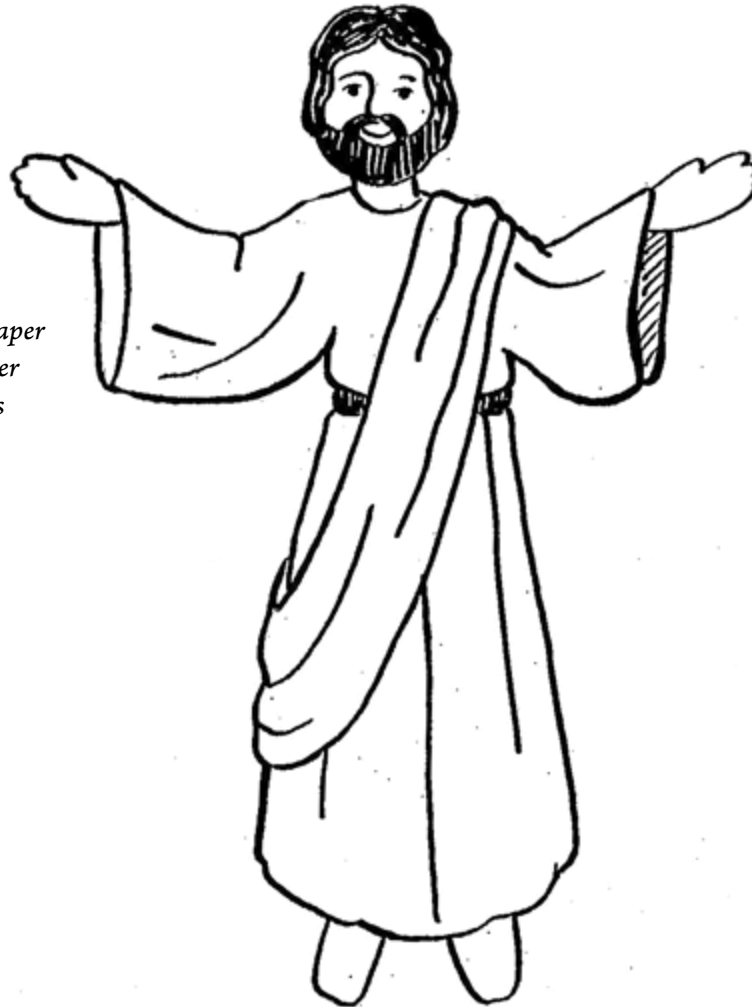
Lord help me to fulfill the mission. You have given me. Amen.



BIBLE STORY

JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN

Acts 1:1-11



Materials:

- ⊗ Blue construction paper
- ⊗ White drawing paper
- ⊗ Markers or Crayons
- ⊗ Pencil
- ⊗ Scissors
- ⊗ Glue
- ⊗ Ruler

Directions:

1. Duplicate the picture of Jesus color and cut it out
2. Cut a 1" strip from the side of the blue construction paper
3. Glue the picture of Jesus to the bottom of the strip
4. Trace handprints on white paper. Cut them out and glue them on the construction paper to represent clouds
5. Make a 1 1/4" slit towards the top of the construction paper. Fit the end of the blue strip in it, with the figure of Jesus showing among the clouds
6. Glue several handprints on either side of the slit. Leave the bottoms of the hands unglued so the figure of Jesus can be hidden beneath them
7. Write "The Lord is with me" on one of the handprint clouds and glue it, to the top of the picture.
8. Tell the story of Jesus' ascension into heaven, pulling up the strip to hide Jesus in the clouds as you do so. Remember that though Jesus went up into heaven, He is still with you all the time

Other ideas:

1. Glue cotton on the handprint clouds.
2. Omit the strip of paper and the slit. Glue the figure of Jesus in the sky



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Pentecost
May 11 2008



Readings: Acts 2,1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12,3-7; John 20,19-23

Reflecting

Have you ever heard people talk without understanding them? How was this situation solve?

Is there peace patience, joy and respect in our home?

Families and communities are unable to communicate because of pride. How do we communicate in our families? Do we try to understand one another? The disciples were very afraid but when they received The Holy Spirit everything was change. For The Holy Spirit there are no foreign languages. Every one can understand the language of love. The apostles received the special gifts of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We receive them at our Confirmation.

Activity

Read Acts 2,1-11

Seat the children in a circle.

Darken the room. Explain them that we are going to pray like when Mary and The Apostles were gather together. Prepare tongues of fire drawn on construction paper. Behind each tongue write one of the fruits of the Spirit.

Place them on the head of each children. When the prayer is finish pray over each one for the gift they have receive.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Your peace is our greatest gift. Help us to treasure this gift and to know how to use all the gifts You have given us. Amen.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and holy fear.






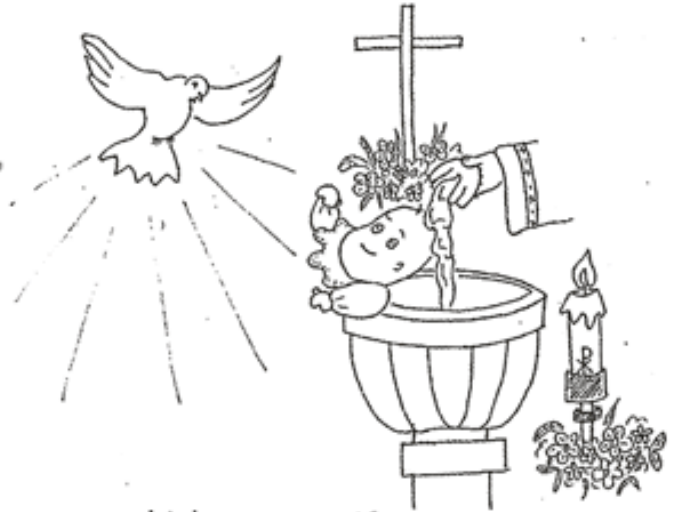
The Holy Spirit Arrives


- Narrator: Mary and the Apostles were in the room where Jesus had the last supper before His arrest. They were still talking about what they had seen and heard just ten days before; Jesus being lifted up to Heaven. Suddenly, there was a rush of wind from all directions.*
- Apostle 1: Listen, it sounds like a storm is coming.*
- Apostle 2: No, I don't think so. I don't heard any thunder, just the wind, and it's strong..*
- Apostle 3: Better make sure all the doors and windows are closed tightly.*
- Apostle 4: Look! Look above us! It looks like many little fires and they seem to be coming down toward us.*
- Narrator: Each were pointing to the other that the little tongues of fire were coming to rest on top of their heads. They all knew what these little fires meant. They were now filled with the Holy Spirit.*

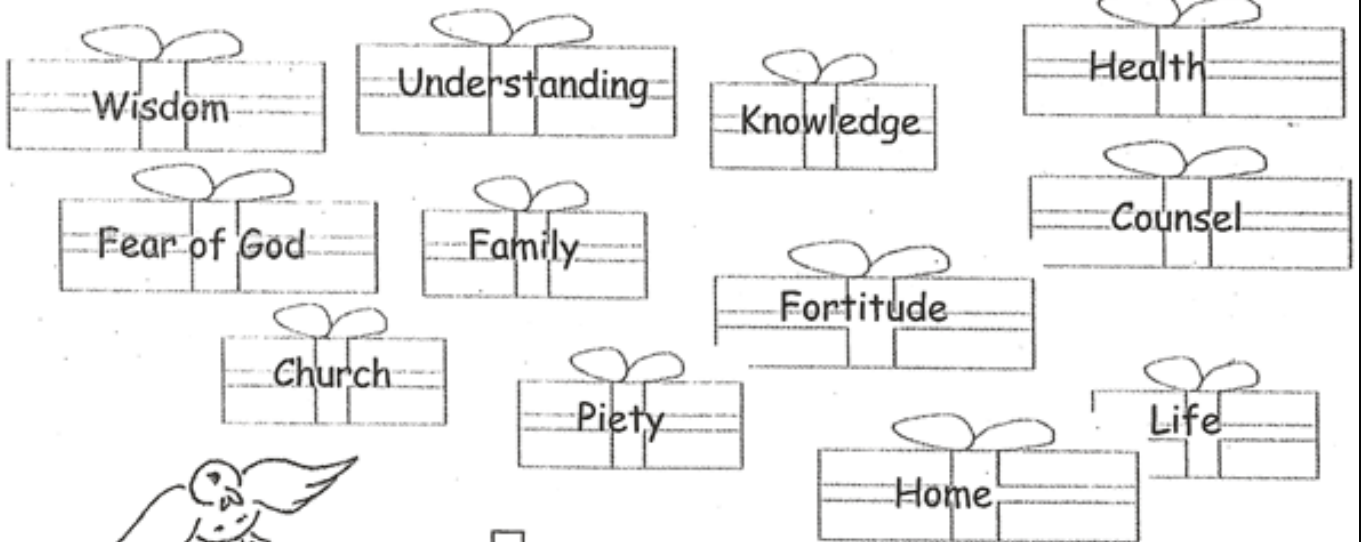
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT


- PENTECOST

 The day of your baptism, God gave you seven G_____ of the H_____ S_____.



 Among the gifts which God has given you, which are not gifts of the Holy Spirit? **Color only the seven gifts.**



 Michael has stolen a soccer ball from the sports shop.

What commandment has he broken?
The _____

The Holy Spirit moves him to remember God, who sees everything.

What gift does Michael need?

For the Seven Gift of the Holy Spirit

**Spirit of WISDOM, help me seek God.
Make Him the center of my life.
Make my life pleasing to Him, so that love and peace will
always be in my soul.**

**Spirit of UNDERSTANDING, give light to my mind,
that I may know and love the truths of faith and make
them truly my own.**

**Spirit of COUNSEL, give me light and guide me in all my
ways, that I may always know and do Your holy will.**

**Spirit of FORTITUDE, give strength to my soul in every
time of trouble or danger. Let me never offend God by
willful sin. Strengthen me against temptation.**

**Spirit of KNOWLEDGE, help me to know good from evil.
Teach me to do what is right in the sight of God.**

**Spirit of PIETY, live in my heart, draw it to true faith in
You, to a holy love of You, My God.
Make me seek You with my whole soul, and find You,
my best and truest Friend.**

**Spirit of HOLY FEAR. Make me always remember Your
presence in my soul.
Keep me from sin and give me great reverence for God
and for all people.**



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Most Holy Trinity

May 18 2008

Readings: Exodus 34,4-6,8-9; Daniel 3; 2 Corinthians 13,11-13; John 3,16-18

God is Family

The Holy Trinity is a great and beautiful mystery of love. In today's Gospel, John proclaims the mystery. Out of love, God the Father created us. For His great love for us He sent his Son, Jesus to make possible for us eternal life. Jesus, who was and is God, loved us to his death. Through the Holy Spirit of God, Jesus is still, loving us and making it possible for us to love one another.

Reflecting

Do you know what a mystery is?

It's something that's very difficult to understand, right?

That's the Most Holy Trinity, God himself, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three different persons and one true God.

The most important thing for understanding this mystery is not the reason but the faith.

Activity

Light a candle. Show the flame, the wax, and the wick. It has three different parts but one candle.

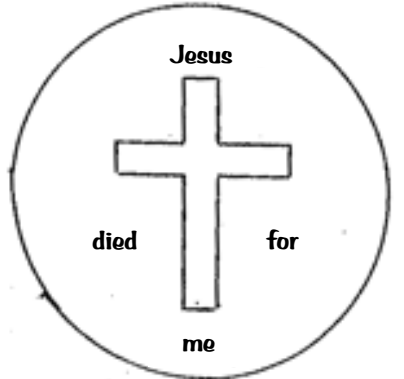
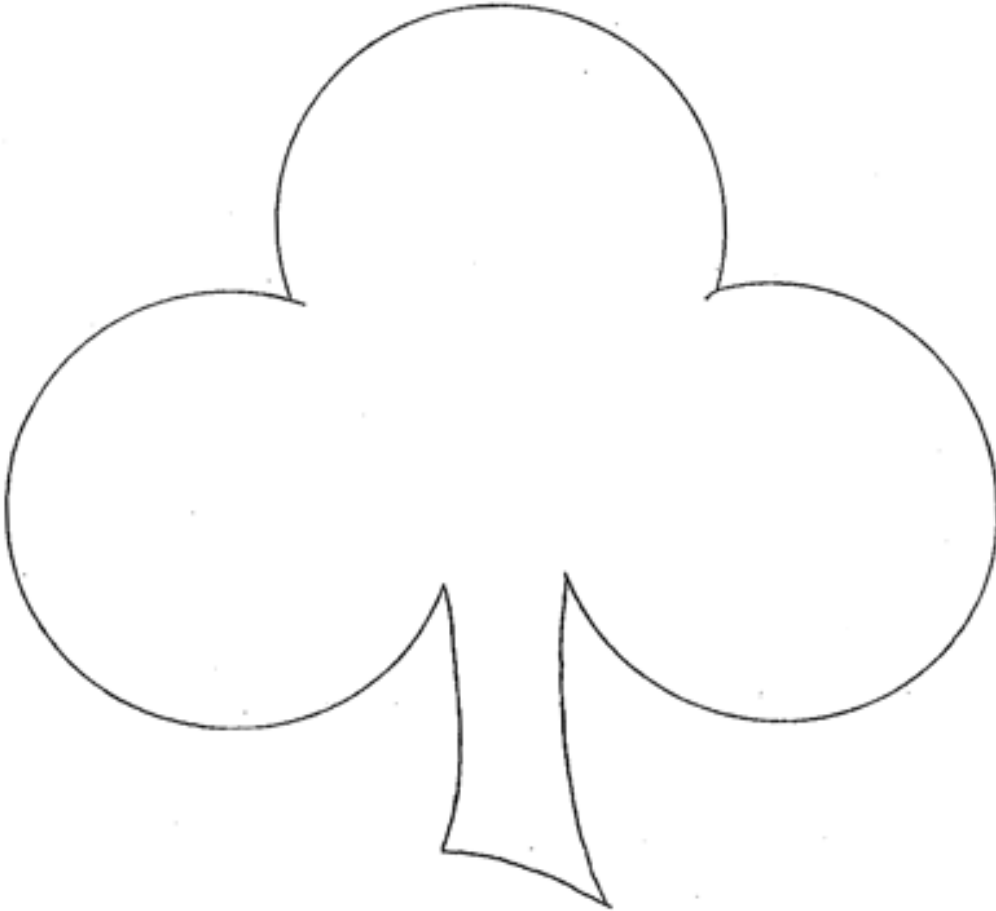
In God there are three different persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit but one true God.

Prayer

Each child can give thanks for his family and also for being part of the family of God. All respond: Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen



THE HOLY TRINITY



In the GLORY BE we pray: GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. Have you learned well the reasons why we give glory to each One?

Cut these circles out ahead of time



Instructions:

Paste at the upper part of the clover
 GOD OUR FATHER
 Paste at the right, JESUS THE SON OF GOD
 Paste at the left, of the dove, symbol of the HOLY SPIRIT.
 There are three leaves but only one clover
 There are three different persons but only one true GOD

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the main mystery of our faith. This is why it is so important that you know how to say it properly. Choose the correct formula:

- A) There are three gods: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- B) There is only one God: the Father
- C) There is only one true God and three distinct Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Now write here the correct answer:

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Saint Joan of Arc



FRANCE 1412
THE HUNDRED YEAR'S WAR

Drawings and text
Sr. Isabel
Cuesta, S.H.M.



A girl is born in Orleans, daughter of Jaime and Isabel Remeé.

LITTLE JOAN LOVES TO PRAY, TO BRING FLOWERS TO THE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY, TO VISIT THE SICK, TO GIVE HER FOOD TO THE POOR.



Late again! She's living on the moon!

She is worried.

Come on, Joan, don't you see it's late?

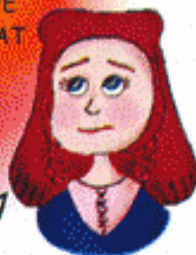
When I'm praying time flies.



AT 12 YEARS OF AGE ST. MICHAEL, ST. CATHERINE AND ST. MARGARET BEGIN TO SPEAK TO HER.

"MY DAUGHTER, THE SITUATION OF FRANCE IS FRIGHTENING. BUT GOD HAS CHOSEN SOMEONE TO SAVE HER. YOU ARE THE SOUL THAT THE LORD HAS CHOSEN"

Me? I'm only a poor village girl.



All is lost unless God helps us.

I will give you an army.

God has chosen me to save France.



THE MESSAGE FROM HEAVEN IS INCREDIBLE: JOAN MUST LEAD THE FRENCH ARMY TO VICTORY... SHE IS 17 YEARS OLD WHEN SHE SUCCEEDS IN SPEAKING WITH CHARLES.

MAYO 30

BUT AT THE CAMP...



JOAN TRIED ALL MEANS TO WIN PEACE, BUT THE ENGLISH DID NOT AGREE.

JOAN'S ARMY WENT FROM ONE VICTORY TO ANOTHER, UNTIL CHARLES WAS CROWNED KING OF FRANCE IN REIMS. BUT SHE SUFFERED FOR THE FRENCH AND ENGLISH WHO DIED AND PRAYED FOR THEM.



Joan had enemies. powerful and envious men, traitors of their country. They accused her falsely before the king, who began to have suspicions... he withdrew his support. The soldiers abandoned her.



JOAN CRIED IN JAIL WHEN SHE FOUND OUT THAT THEY WOULD BURN HER ALIVE. SHE WAS CONSOLED WHEN SHE RECEIVED THE COMMUNION.



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Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

May 25 2008

Readings: Deuteronomy 8,2-3,14-16; Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 10,16-17; John 6,51-58

Jesus stays with us forever

Jesus gives us the Eucharist to nourish us with His word and His body, uniting us with God the Father and all our brothers and sister in Christ.

At each Eucharist, the Lord himself is present among those who are gathered in His name to invite them to His table. Jesus shares the Bread of His Body and pours the Wine of His Blood to invite this friends to go to the world and do the same. As Christians this is our mission, to share and be one body in Christ

Reflecting

Talk with the children about being hungry. Can they imagine how many children suffer because they don't have anything to eat? Besides food, what other things can we be hungry for? What would we really like people to do for us? What do our moms, grandparents, and friends want us to do for them? How do we do it?

Activity

Prepare an invitation for a friend or relative who does not go to Mass. Tell him you will wait for him next Sunday. Make a place in your heart for Jesus doing something special for some one this week. Try to visit Jesus at church.

Prayer

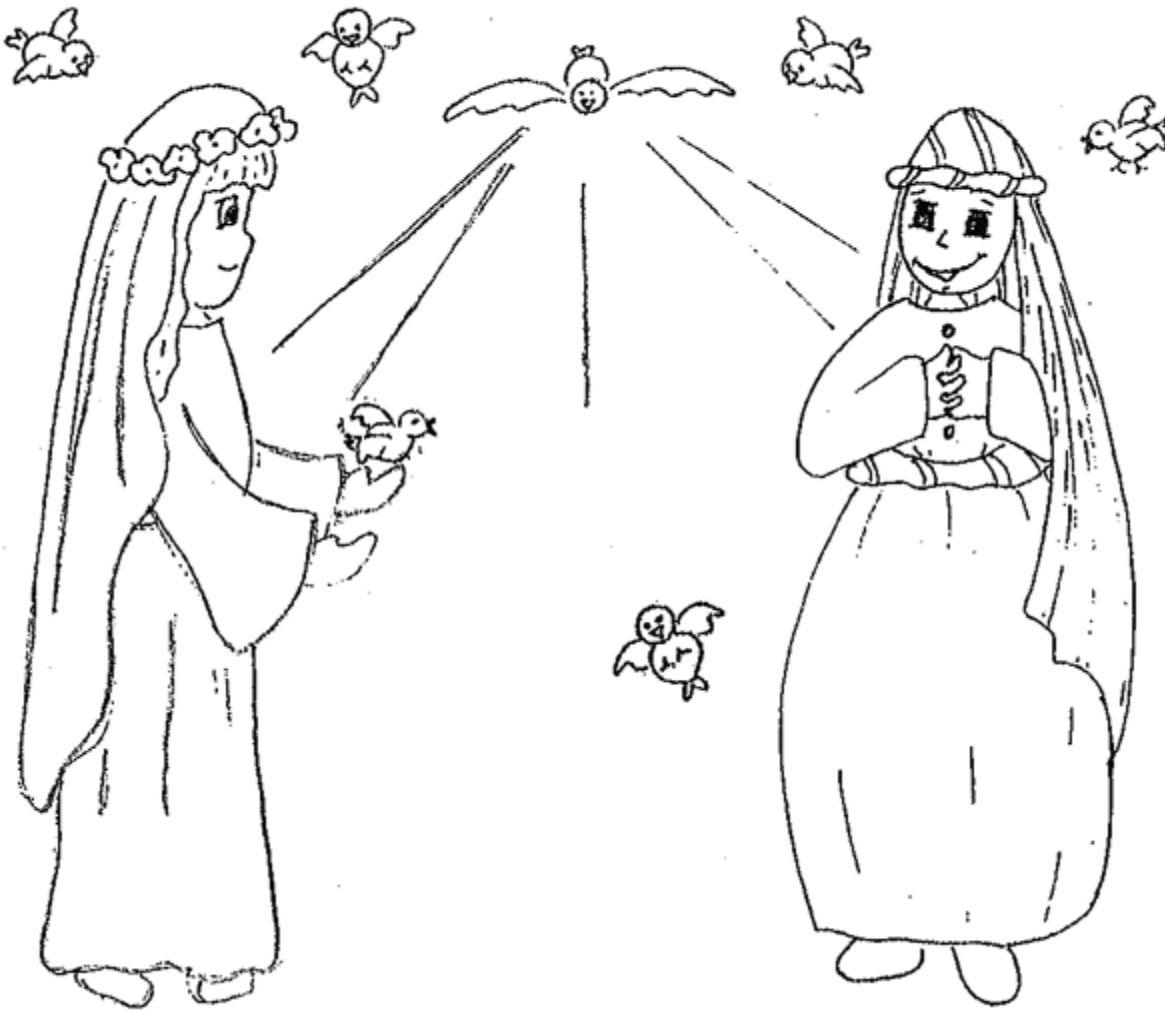
Your are our bread, Lord. You give us strength to continue walking in this life. You call us to fill the hungers of our brothers and sisters. Make us bread of compassion, affection, respect, and love for one another. Amen.



THE VISITATION

MAY 31

H.M.CATECHESIS No 46



Do you know when we remember the visit that Mary made to her cousin St. Elizabeth?

- A) In Mass, when we say: "Our Father who art in Heaven..."
- B) In the second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary "The visitation of our Lady to her cousin Saint Elizabeth"
- C) In the Way of the Cross, when we meditate on the death of Jesus.

Are you sure you know who's who and how everything happened? Let's refresh our memory. Write T (True) or F (False) after each sentence.

- ✦ Jesus is Son of the Virgin Mary
- ✦ The Archangel St. Gabriel was a cousin of Jesus
- ✦ Our Lady lived in Rome
- ✦ Our Lady went to visit her cousin St. Elizabeth
- ✦ St Elizabeth was pregnant
- ✦ St John the Baptist is a brother of Jesus
- ✦ St Gabriel told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth was expecting a child
- ✦ St Elizabeth didn't notice that Mary was going to be the Mother of God
- ✦ The Holy Spirit filled John the Baptist and his mother Elizabeth with joy

HEY! DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS THE GREATEST JOY FOR A CHRISTIAN? THE FACT THAT THE LORD HAS RISEN. GOD IS ALIVE AND HE LOVES YOU. DON'T FORGET IT. TO CELEBRATE, CALL SOME OF YOUR FRIENDS AND HAVE SOME FUN WITH THIS GAME. IN ORDER TO PLAY YOU ARE GOING TO NEED A DIE, TOKENS AND THE GOSPELS. TO CHOOSE WHO GOES FIRST, THROW THE DICE AND THE ONE WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER STARTS. YOU START ON THE FIRST SQUARE AND YOU HAVE TO DO WHAT IT TELLS YOU.

CHRIST LIVES FOREVER ALLELUIA!!!

SUNDAY SQUARES
THE LARGEST SQUARES ARE THE SUNDAYS OF EASTER. YOU ARE SO LUCKY IF YOU LAND ON THIS SQUARE! YOU HAVE TO LOOK UP THE GOSPEL READINGS FOR THAT DAY. READ IT OUT LOUD WITH A CLEAR VOICE SO THAT EVERYONE CAN UNDERSTAND YOU, AND ... BECAUSE THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND EFFECTIVE... YOU'VE WON A WILD CARD! IF YOU LAND ON A BAD SQUARE NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO YOU.

SAD FACE SQUARE
NOOOOOO! EASTER TIDE IS A JOYFUL TIME, YOU CAN'T BE "BLUE". AWAY WITH SADNESS! THIS SQUARE TAKES YOU BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF THE GAME. GO BACK TO START... BUT WITH JOY!

SACK OF LAUGHTER SQUARE
HA, THAT IS SO FUNNY! THIS IS A FUN SQUARE, YOU HAVE TO TELL A JOKE AND BRIGHTEN UP YOUR LIVES. IF YOU MAKE THE OTHERS LAUGH, JUMP TO THE SQUARE OF THE PLAYER, THAT IS WINNING. IF YOU ARE THAT PLAYER, BE GENEROUS AND INVITE THE LAST PLAYER TO JOIN YOU.

THE RECLINER OF LAZINESS
OH OH! THROWING YOURSELF INTO THE RECLINER, IS NOT A GOOD SOLUTION. BEWARE OF LAZINESS, BECAUSE IT IS A TRAITOR! IF YOU ARE SITTING ON A RECLINER, YOU LOSE TWO TURNS.

MARY'S SQUARE
HURRAY FOR MARY! MARY IS SO GOOD! SHE ALWAYS TAKES US TO HER SON. THAT IS WHY YOU GET TO JUMP TO JESUS' SQUARE SAYING: "TO JESUS THROUGH MARY"... WHILE YOU PRAY A HAIL MARY.

THE QUESTION SQUARE
WHENEVER YOU LAND ON A QUESTION MARK YOU WILL HAVE TO ANSWER THE QUESTION THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE NUMBER ON THE SQUARE. IF YOU ANSWER CORRECTLY, JUMP AHEAD THREE SQUARES, BUT IF YOU DON'T, JUMP BACK THREE SQUARES.

I SUNDAY



(JN 20, 1-9)

ALLELUIA!!!



VIII SUNDAY

(JN 20, 19-23)

IV SUNDAY
(JN 10, 1-10)



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ALLELUIA!!!



VII SUNDAY

ER!

QUESTION?

4: WHO WAS THE APOSTLE THAT ARRIVED AT THE TOMB FIRST?

13: WHO WAS THE DOUBTING APOSTLE?

20: NAME ONE OF THE DISCIPLES OF EMMAUS.

26: HOW MANY DAYS DOES EASTERTIDE LAST?

34: WHAT DOES THE PASCHAL CANDLE REPRESENT?

39: WHAT COLOR ARE THE VESTMENTS OF THE PRIESTS DURING EASTERTIDE?

47: NAME AT LEAST THREE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

II SUNDAY (JN 20, 19-31)

III SUNDAY (LK 24, 13-35)

V SUNDAY (JN 14, 1-12)

VI SUNDAY (JN 15, 15-21)

NDAY (AT 25, 16-20)

I AM THE WAY TO THE FATHER.

ANSWERS:
 4: ST. JOHN/14; ST. THOMAS/20; CLEOPHAS/26; 50 DAYS/34;
 CHRIST, LIGHT OF THE WORLD/39; WHITE/47; WISDOM,
 KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING, FORTITUDE, COUNSEL,
 PIETY, FEAR OF THE LORD.