



July 2011
Miami, FL

Dear Brothers and Sisters

July and August, are the summer vacation months what better opportunity to take our children out to have fun, while they learn about all the things God, the Father, created for us, by love. Emphasize the importance of prayer.

Enclosed you will find some feasts and saints of this month:

July 1	Blessed Junipero Serra	August 4	St. John Vianney
July 3	Saint Thomas	August 6	The Transfiguration
July 4	Independence Day	August 12	Saint Claire
July 14	St. Katerina Tekakwitha	August 15	The Assumption
July 16	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	August 22	Mary Our Queen
July 25	James Apostle	August 23	St. Rose of Lima
July 26	St. Joachim and Anne	August 27	Leader's Workshop
July 29	St. Martha	August 27	St. Monica
July 31	St. Ignatius Loyala	August 28	St. Augustine

Enclosed Materials:

- 1) July and August calendars
- 2) Gospel for the month of July and August
- 3) Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 4) Sacred Heart of Mary
- 5) Comic Mother Maria Ines Teresa Arias

Suggested videos:

1. Creation (SHC)
2. The Good Samaritan
3. Prayer (SHC)
4. Adam and Eve
5. Mary Magdalene

Our next meeting will be August 27 at Saint John Newman Church 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm please come and share with us. Have a nice summer!

May God Bless You Always,

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 First Friday Immaculate Heart of Jesus Blessed Junipero Serra Dt. 7,6-11 Salmo102 1 Juan 4,7-16 Mt. 11,25-30	2 First Saturday Immaculate Heart of Mary Isaiah 61,9-11 Psalm 1 Sam 2,1,4-8 Lucas 2,41-51
3 14 Sunday in Ordinary Time Za. 9,9-10 Psalm 144 Ro. 8,9,11-13 Mt 11-25-30	4 Gn. 28,10-22a Psalm 90 Mt. 9,18-26	5 Gn. 32,22-32 Psalm 16 Mt 9,32-38	6 Maria Goretti Gn. 41,55-57;42,5-7.17-24a Psalm 32 Mt.10,1-7	7 Gn. 44,18-21.23b-29;45,1-5 Psalm 104 Mt. 10,7-15	8 Gn. 46,1-7.28-30 Psalm 36 Mt. 10,16-23	9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions Gn 49,29-32;50,15-26a Psalm 104 Mt. 10,24-33
10 15 Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiaes 55,10-11 Psalm 64 Ro 8,18-23 Mt. 13,1-23	11 St. Benedict Ex 1,8-14.22 Psalm 123 Mt. 10,34-11,1	12 Ex. 2,1-15a Psalm 68 Mt. 11,20-24	13 Ex. 3,1-6.9-12 Psalm 102 Mt. 11,25-27	14 Kateri Tekakwitha (Patron of world Youth Day) Ex. 3,13-20 Psalm 104 Mt. 11,28-30	15 St. Bonaventure Ex. 11,10-12,14 Psalm 104 Mt. 12,1-8	16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ex. 12,37-42 Psalm 135 Mt. 12,14-21
17 16 Sunday in Ordinary Time Ws. 12,13,16-19 Psalm 85 Ro 8,26-27 Mt. 13,24-43	18 St. Camillus de Lellis Ex. 14,5-18 Psalm Ex 15,1-6 Mt 12,38-42	19 Ex. 14,21-15,1 Psalm Ex 15,8-17 Mt. 12,46-50	20 Ex. 16,1-5.9-15 Psalm 77 Mt. 13,1-9	21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi Ex 19,1-2.9-11.16-20b Psalm Dn 3,52-56 Mt 13,10-17	22 St. Mary Magdalene Sgs 3,1-4 Psalm 62 Juan 20,1.11-18	23 St. Bridget of Sweden Ex 24, 3-8 Psalm 49 Mt 13, 24-30
24 17 Sunday in Ordinary Time 1R 3,5,7-12 Psalm 118 Ro. 8,28-30 Mt. 13,44-52	25 St. James Apostle Acts 4, 33;5, 12.27-33;12-2 Psalm 66 2 Co 4, 7-15 Mt 20, 20-28	26 SS Joachim & Anne Ex. 33,7-11;34,5b-9.28 Psalm 102 Mt 13,36-43	27 Ex. 34,29-35 Psalm 98 Mt. 13,44-46	28 Ex. 40,16-21.34-38 Psalm 83 Mt. 13,47-53	29 St Martha 1 Juan 4,7-16 Psalm 33 Juan 11,19-27	30 St Peter Crisologus Lev. 25,1,8-17 Psalm 66 Mt. 14,1-12
31 18 Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55,1-3 Psalm 144 Ro 8,35.37-39 Mt. 14,13-21						



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 St. Alphonsus Liguori	2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli St. Peter Julian Eymard	3 Lidia	4 St John Mary Vianney	5	6 Transfiguration of the Lord
	Nm. 11,4b-15 Psalm 80 Mt. 14,13-21	Nm. 12,1-13 Psalm 50 Mt. 14,22-36	Nm. 13,1-2.25;14,1.26-30.34-35 Psalm 50 Mt. 15,21-28	Nm. 20,1-13 Psalm 94 Mt. 16,13-23	Dt. 4,32-40 Psalm 76 Mt. 16,24-28	Dn. 7,9-10.13-14 Psalm 96 2 Pe 1,16-19 Mt. 17,1-9
7 19 Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 St. Dominic	9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	10	11 St. Claire	12	13 St. Pontian St. Hippolytus
1 R 19,9a.11-13 Psalm 84 Ro 19,1-5 Mt. 14,22-33	Dt. 10,12-22 Psalm 147 Mt. 17,22-27	Dt. 31,1-8 Psalm Dt. 32 Mt. 18,1-5.10.12-14	Dt. 10,12-22 Psalm 147 Mt. 17,22-27	Jg 3,7-10a.11.13-17 Psalm 135 Mt. 18,21-19,1	Jg 24,1-13 Psalm 135 Mt. 19,3-12	Jos 24,14-29 Psalm 15 Mt. 19,13-15
14 20 Sunday in Ordinary Time	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	16 St. Stephen of Hungary	17	18 St. Jane Frances de Chantal	19 St. John Eudes	20 St. Bernard
Isaiah 56,1-6-7 Psalm 66 Ro 11,13-15.29-32 Mt. 15,21-28	Rev 11,19a;12,1.3-6a.10a Psalm 44 1 Cor 15,20-27a Lk 1,39-56	Jg 6,11-24a Psalm 84 Mt 19,23-30	Jg 9,6-15 Psalm 20 Mt. 20,1-16	Jg 11,29-39a Psalm 39 Mt. 22,1-14	Rut 1.1.3-6.14b16.22 Psalm 145 Mt. 22,34-40	Rut 2,1-3.8-11;4,13-17 Psalm 127 Mt. 23,1-12
21 21 Sunday in Ordinary Time	22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	23 St. Rose of Lima	24	25 St. Joseph Calasanz St. Louis of France	26	27 St Monica
Isaiah 22,19-23 Psalm 137 Ro 11,33-36 Mt. 16,13-20	1 Th 1,2-5.8b-10 Psalm 148 Mt. 23,13-22	1 Th 2,1-8 Psalm 138 Mt. 23,23-26	Rev 21,9b14 Psalm 144 Jn 1,45-51	1 Th 3,7-13 Psalm 89 Mt 24,42-51	1 Th 4,1-8 Psalm 96 Mt. 25,1-13	1 Th 4,9-11 Psalm 97 Mt 25,14-30
28 22 Sunday in Ordinary Time San Agustin	29 Martyrdom of John the Baptist	30	31 Ramon Nonato			
Jr 20,7-9 Psalm 62 Ro 12,1-2 Mt 16,21-27	Jr 1,17-19 Psalm 70 Mk 6,17-29	1 Th 5,1-6.9-11 Psalm 26 Lk 4,31-37	Col 1,1-8 Psalm 51 Lk 4,38-44			



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XIV Sunday of Ordinary Time July 3, 2011

Readings: Zechariah 9, 9-10; Psalm 144; Romans. 8, 18-23; Matthew 11, 25-30

Jesus offers us rest

At that time Jesus said in reply, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father excepts the Son and any one to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.

Matthew 11, 25-30

Reflection

*Jesus is always right there to help us when we need him..
Do you talk to Jesus about what makes you tired or worried?
What problem do you have?
Trust in Jesus, He will help, you.
Share*

Activity

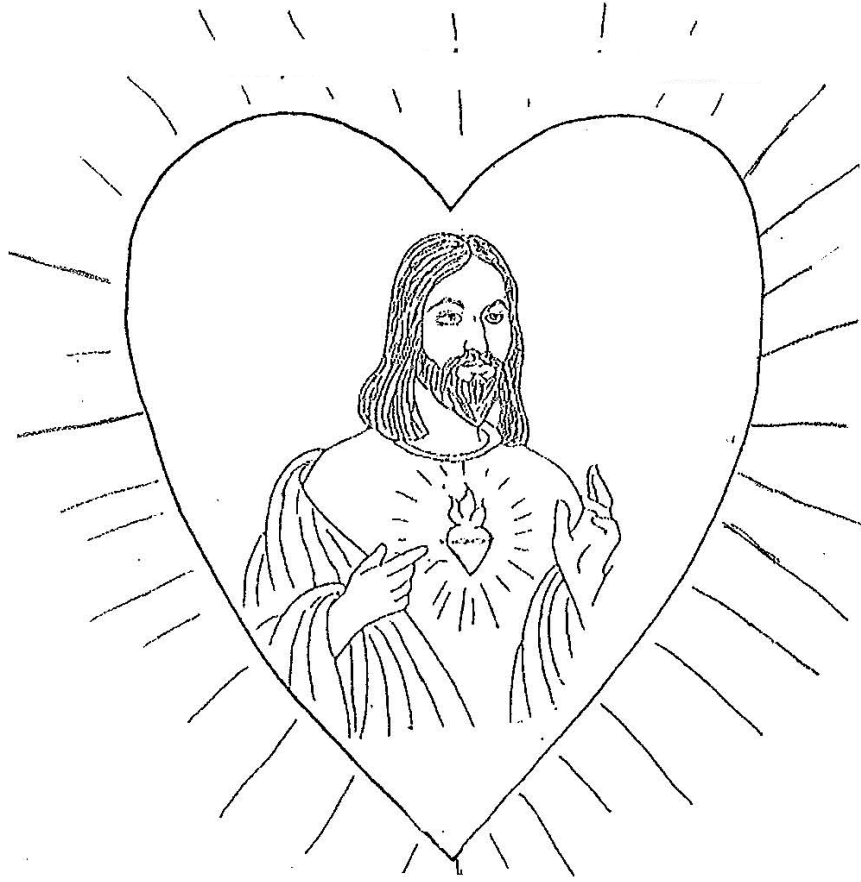
*Ask the children to draw in a paper things that helps them rest. Example:
the beach, a hammock, the movies, prayer, friends, etc.
On the back of the paper they should write their commitment.*

Prayer

*Lord you offer us rest.
You are kind, patient and always loving. You are good with all and take care of all creation.
Make us rest, may our bonds be like yours; gentle and kind.
May we find rest in you and in one another. Amen*



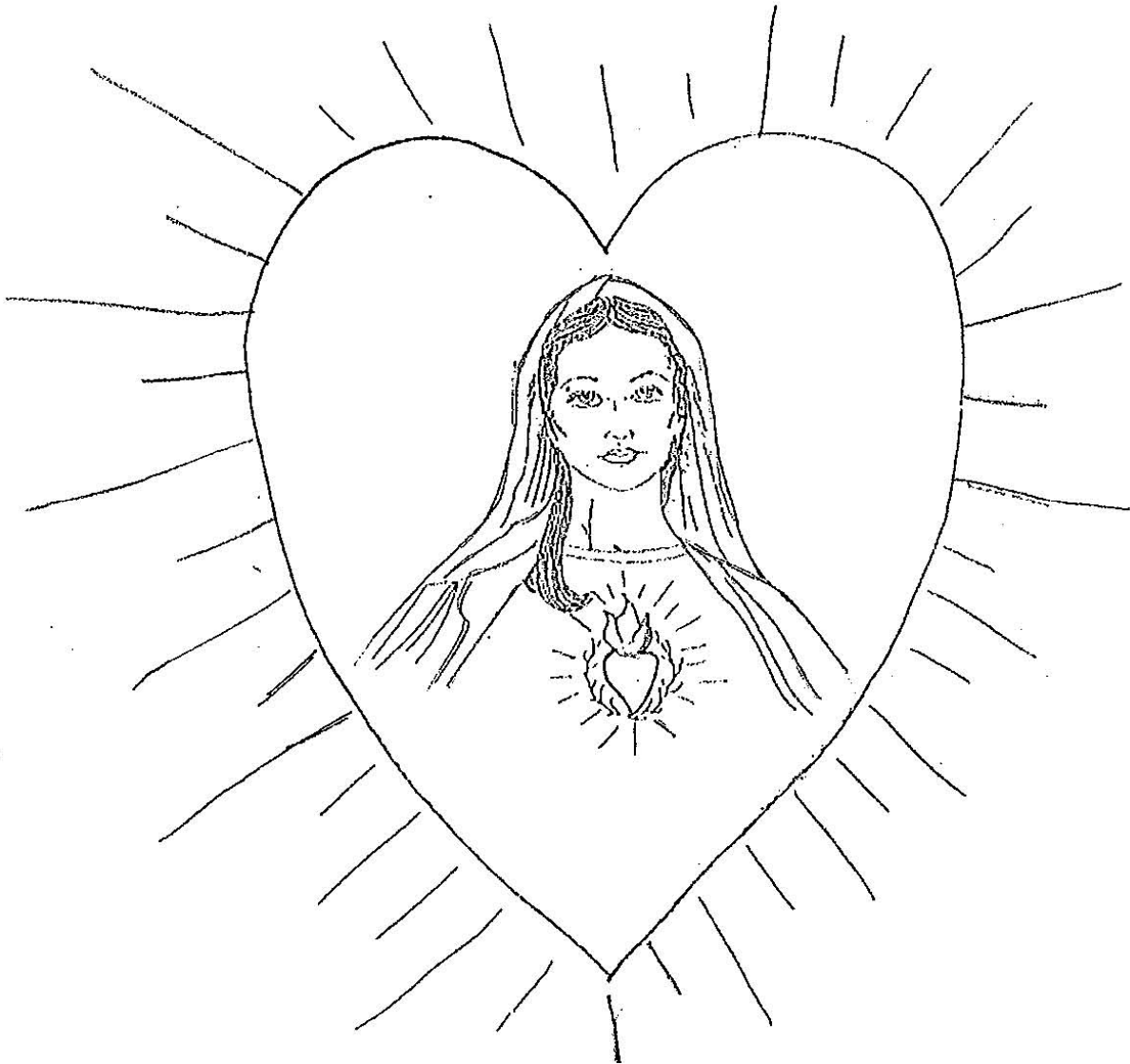
The Twelve Promises of The Sacred Heart of Jesus



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THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

1. *"I will give to My faithful all the graces necessary in their state of life."*
2. *"I will bring peace to their sufferings."*
3. *"I will comfort them in all their homes."*
4. *"I will be their sage refuge against all the snares of their enemies in life, and above all in death."*
5. *"I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings."*
6. *"Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy."*
7. *"Fervent souls shall mount to high perfection."*
8. *"I will bless every home in which an image of My Heart will be honored."*
9. *"Tepid souls shall become fervent."*
10. *"I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts."*
11. *"Those who promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced."*
12. *"To all who receive Communion on the First Friday of the month, for nine consecutive months, I will grant the grace of final repentance."*

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Mary



On December 10th, 1925 Sister Lucia de Fatima received an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary showing her Sacred Heart surrounded by thorns and at her side, on luminous cloud, was the child Jesus asking to feel sorry for the Sacred of His Blessed Mother.

Then, the Virgin Mary Spoke:

“See, my child, how my Heart is surrounded by the thorns that cruel men are constantly piercing me with their blasphemies and ungratefulness, you at least, try to console me and tell all those who for five first Saturdays of the month attend confession, receive the Holy Communion, pray the Rosary and accompany me for 15 minutes meditating on the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary for the purpose of reparation, I promise to assist them at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for their salvation.”

Oh my Jesus forgive us our sins; save us from the fire of hell and take our souls into Heaven, specially all those most in need of your mercy.

Will you open your heart to Mary?



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XV Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 10, 2011

Readings: Isaiah 55, 10-11; Psalm 64; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13: 1-9

The seed falls on different grounds

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow and as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Mathew 13,1-9

Reflection

The word of God, is like the rain that makes the earth fruitful, has the power to change our lives. Good soil is that which produces fruit. Are the ones who, listening to God, serve and treat others more lovingly What kind of soil are we? What distracts us and takes us away from God? What good works have we performed? Are you good soil for God? Share

Activity

Draw some seeds of different kinds, in the lower part of a paper. Draw from each seed branches and flowers. Write in each flower and branch, an action that will make it grow. Example : prayer, taking a friend to mass, helping at home. Etc.

Prayer

Lord, open our ears to listen to one another, as well as to hear what you want of us. Make us "good earth" that welcomes your seeds and produces the works of compassion, love, service and justice. I want to be good soil, Jesus. Amen





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XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 17, 2011

Readings: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19; Psalm 85; Romans 8, 26-27; Matthew 13, 24-43

The truth will come out in the end

He propose another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in the field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all trough the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the house holder came to him and said, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from? "He answered, "An enemy has done this. "His slaves said to him: "Do you want us to go and pull them up? "He replied, "No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."

Mathew 13: 24-30

Reflection

What things around you could destroy your goodness?

What values does this society transmit you?

Who are the "good" plants and weeds around you?

How do you know the difference?

Share

Activity

Dramatize the scene of the gospel. First, as it is presented, and then as it could happen today.

Prayer

Lord, help us to trust that goodness will triumph. Teach us to be patient as you are patient with us.

Teach us to do well and trust in your Word. You always forgive us, Your love is always there for us.

Heard me Lord, listen to my prayer

Help me be good. Amen





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XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 24, 2011

Readings: 1 Revelation 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 24; Romans 8: 28-30; Matthew 13: 44-52

Seek God, the true treasure

The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be waiting and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes". And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from the storeroom both the new and the old." When Jesus finished these parables, he went away from there. Mathew 13:44-52

Reflection

In the parables that Jesus tells us in this readings, He shows us that the reign of God is worth much more than any possession or any other thing in this world.

Do you find it strange that those people left everything behind in order to get the pearl or the treasure?.

What would you leave behind to reach something very important to you?

Jesus tells us that his friendship is worth more than any possession.

What do you appreciate the most?

Share

Activity

Bring a box with treasures, things, that are very important for people today. Ask to name these things again by names of things God gives us. Each one pick an object and present it to God .and says: Jesus I want to follow you.

Prayer

Lord, everything that we are and we have comes from You.

Let us always remember it.

We want to be with You.

Amen





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XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 31, 2011

Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-3; Psalm 144; Romans 8: 35, 37-39; Matthew 14: 13-21

The feeding of the five thousand ----Jesus multiplies loaves and fish

When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached Him and said: "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them " There is no need for them to go away, give them some food yourselves " but they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here. "Then he said: "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over-twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

Mathew 14:13-21

Reflection

Jesus performs the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish. He calls us to share and give of ourselves to others. What excuses do people often have not to share?

God offers a great abundance of blessings to those who come to him and follow his call.

Nothing in life is worth as much as this call. Share

Activity

Ask the children to bring food to share with others. Share the joy of sharing. Each one makes the commitment to help someone who is not friendly this week

Prayer

Lord, make us attentive to the needs of others, their hungers, desires, and dreams. Make us bread for them, teaching us the generosity to give of ourselves so that everyone can have their aspirations fulfilled. Amen





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XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time August 7, 2011

Readings: 1 Revelations 19:9a, 11 -1 3; Psalm 84; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on the water

Then he made the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost", they said, and they cried out in fear. At once (Jesus) spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

He said, "Come", Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and beginning to sink, he cried out, Lord, save me! Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him "O you of little faith, why did you doubt? "After they got into the boat, the wind dies down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, truly, you are the Son of God. Mathew 14: 22-33

Reflection

*We often say we trust God.
But when there is a terrible
storm in our lives-like the death
of a loved one, sickness, etc.it
appears as if God were sleeping
and not hearing our prayers.
It is in these times that we
need a grater trust in the power
of God. Share*

Activity

*Ask the children which are the
things they are afraid?
In a piece of paper draw a
happy face and a mad face.
Write under need each one a
happy or sad action. Share.*

Prayer

*Lord help us not to be afraid
and to trust in you.
Specially help us when problems
come. Give us compassion and
tenderness to support all those
who feel overwhelmed by life. Amen*





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XX Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 14, 2011

Readings: Isaiah 56, 1.6-7; Psalm 66; Romans 11, 13-15.29-32; Matthew 15, 21-28

A woman's Faith

Then Jesus went from that place and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not say a word in answer to her. His disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did him homage, saying: "Lord help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.

Mathew 15,21-28

Reflection

Do I have the tendency to give up in my desires and petitions to God if I feel they are not fulfilled immediately and in the way I would like?

What do I usually pray for?

Imagine you are the woman. Do you stop insisting because Jesus does not want to listen to you? What do you say to convince him? Jesus is moved by the insistence And strong faith of the woman.

What convinces you that you must help others?

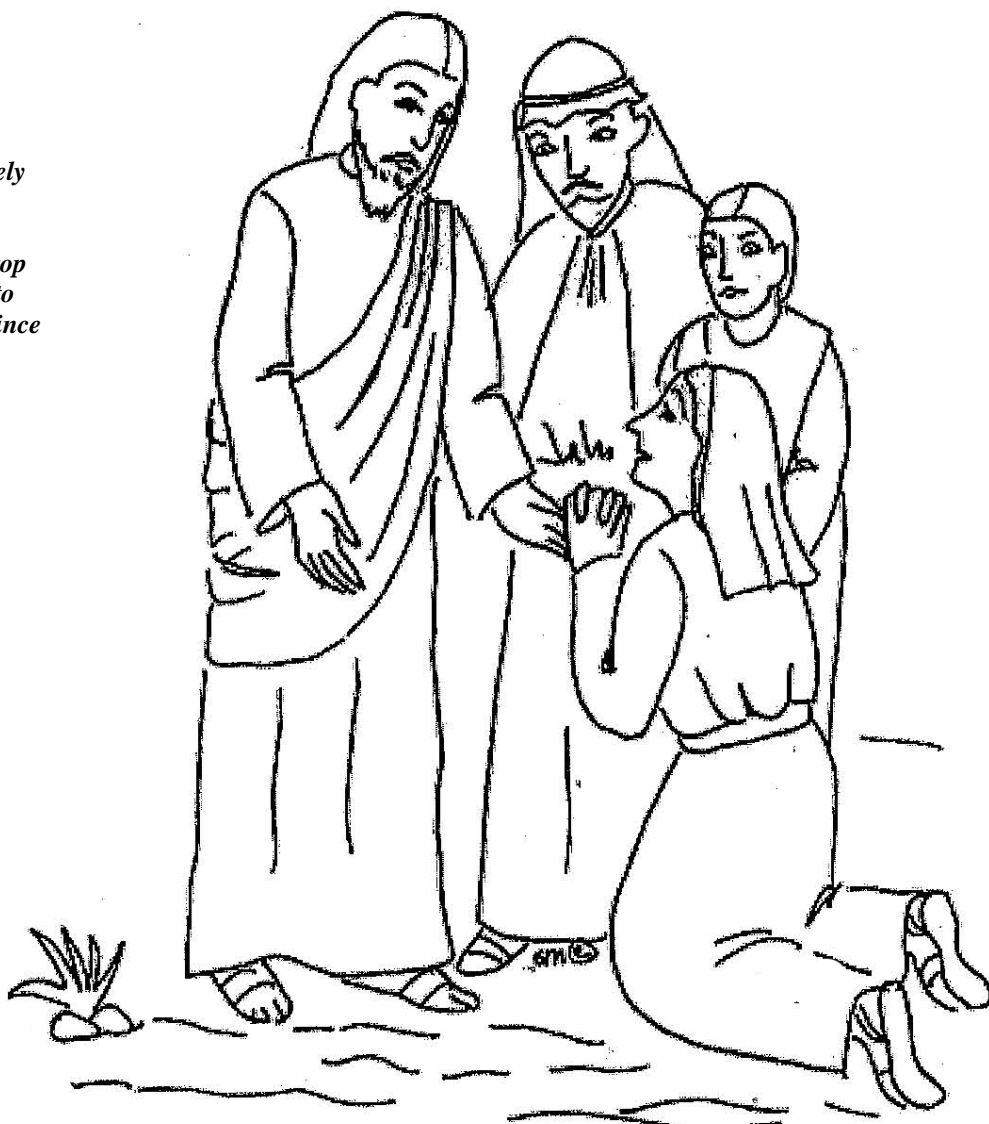
Do you reject some children because they are not like you? Share

Activity

Dramatize the scene as it appears on this Sunday gospel. Then dramatize it adapted to today's world.

Prayer

Lord, sometimes we don't pray well because we pray selfishly. Other times we are discouraged because it is not answer immediately. Give us a strong and generous faith. determined to follow you always. Amen





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Assumption of Mary August 15, 2011

Readings: Revelations 11:19; 12: 1-6a, 10a; Psalm 44; 1Corinthians 15, 20-27a; Luke 1, 39-56

Mary Visits Elizabeth

Soon afterward Mary got ready and hurried off to a town in the hill country of Judea. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby moved within her. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and said in a loud voice, "You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the child you will bear! Why should this great thing happen to me that my Lord's mother comes to visit me? For as soon as I heard your greeting, the baby within me jumped with gladness. How happy you are to believe that the Lord's message to you will come true!" Mary said, "My heart praises the Lord; my soul is glad because of God my Savior, for he has remembered me, his lowly servant! From now on all people will call me happy, because of the great things the Mighty God has done for me. His name is Holy; from one generation to another he shows mercy to those who honor him. He has stretched out his might arm and scattered the proud with all their plans. He has brought down mighty kings from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away with empty hands. He has kept the promise he made to our ancestor, and has come to the help of his servant Israel. He has remembered to show mercy to Abraham and to all his descendants forever!" Mary stayed about three months with Elizabeth and then went back home. (Luke 1, 39-56)

Reflection

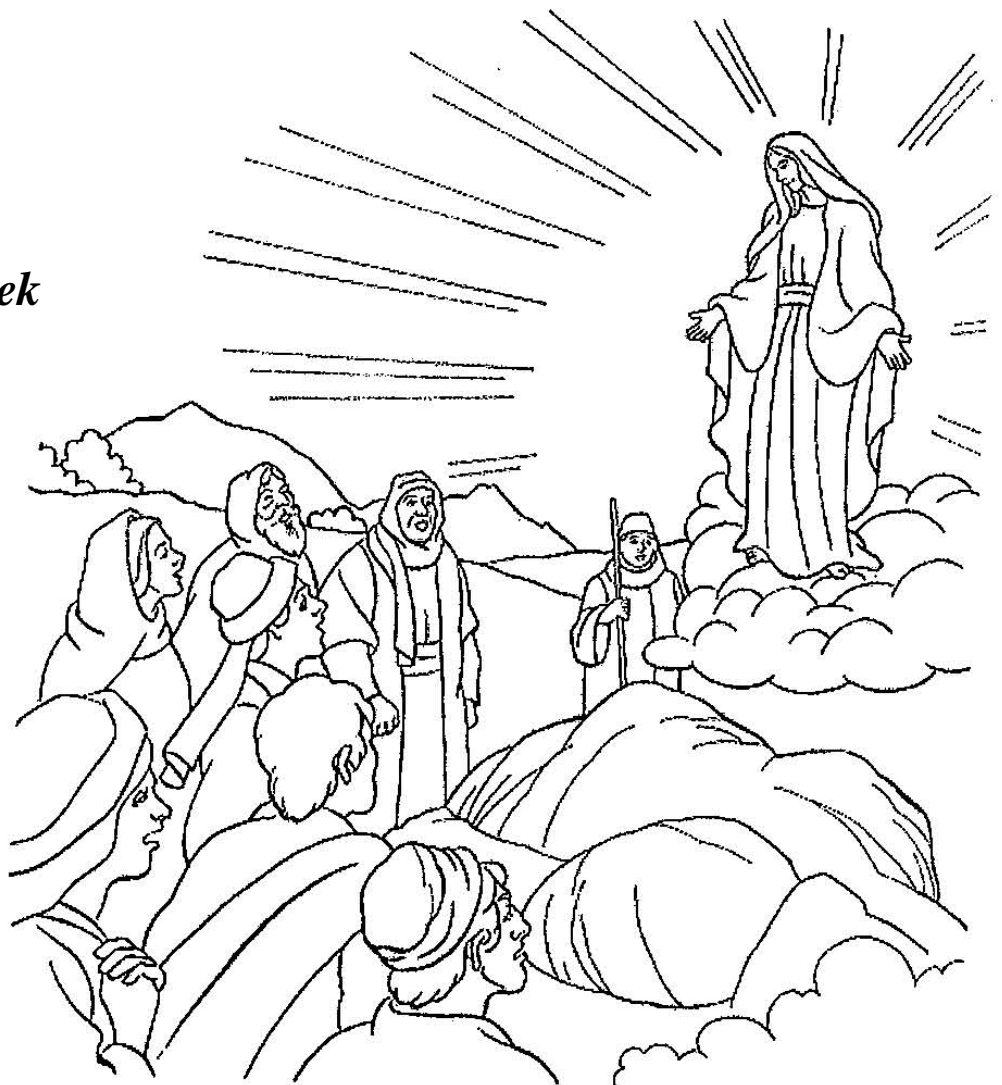
Jesus love so much her mother that
He took her in body and soul to
Heaven. From Heaven she care and
intercedes for all of us. Jesus when he
die gave her as our mother to love and
venerate her. **Share**

Commitment for the week

This week I will try to increase my
love and respect to the Virgin Mary.
She is with Jesus in Heaven and
intercedes for us. Let's talk about
the Virgin Mary to someone that
does not know her.

Prayer

Thank you Jesus for Mary your mother.
By her example, may we be obedient
to your divine will and believe in your
promises. May she always be our
example to follow. **Amen**





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XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 21, 2011

Readings: Isaiah 22, 19-23; Psalm 137; Romans 11, 33-36; Matthew 16, 13-20

Peter's Confession about Jesus

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is? They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am? Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply: "Blessed are you Simon, son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I said to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give the keys to the kingdom of heaven". Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah.

Mathew 16, 13-20

Reflection

All of us will like to know what others think about us. In this Sunday gospel Jesus wants to know the same. Are you surprised about what Peter answers Jesus? If you are Peter, what do you tell Jesus about leading His church? If you are one of the others disciples, what would you think of Peter? He is a simple fishermen, and receiving such great job. Who do you said Jesus is? Share

Activity

Tell to the children about the Pope, bishops, and the structure of the Catholic Church. The Pope as the successor of Peter, the bishops as successors of the apostles. Tell them the name of the local bishop and Pastor.

Prayer

Lord, you have given us everything, and everything comes from you. Thanks for choosing Peter as our leader. Thanks for our bishops, our pastor and priests. Amen





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XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 28, 2011

Readings: Jeremiah 20: 7-9; Psalm 62; Romans 12, 1-2 Matthew 16: 21-27

The First Prediction of the Passion

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?"

For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory. And then he will repay everyone according to his conduct. Amen I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Mathew 16:21-27

Reflection

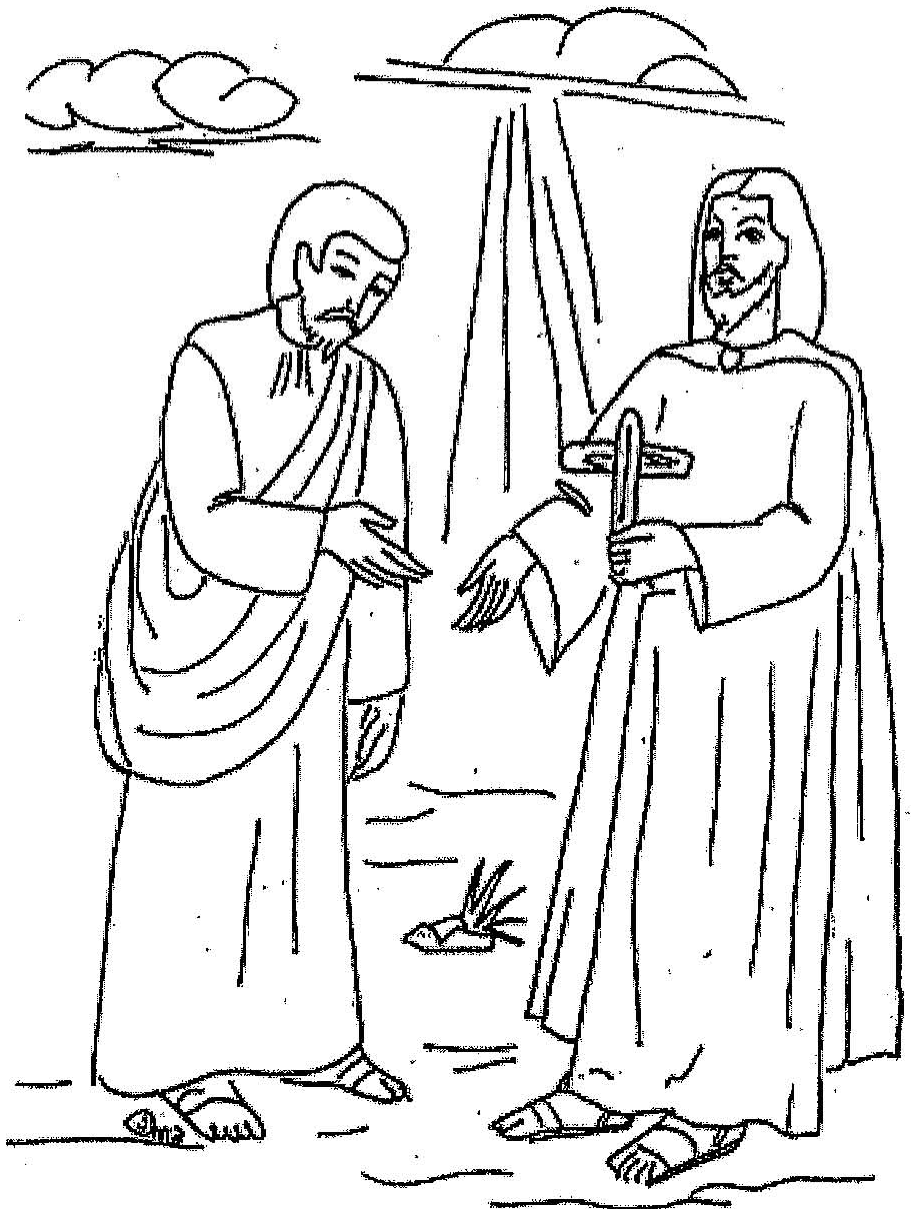
*Following Jesus may be hard.
But this is the only thing that has
meaning and that gives abundant life.
What are most of the things that are
most difficult to give up? What would
they want to keep for themselves
without sharing with anyone? Have
you ever felt very lonely when you have
wanted to share with others?
What might Jesus have wanted to say
about losing when one refuses to give?
Share*

Activity

*Draw and cut out crosses. On one
side write your name and something
that is difficult but they know must
accept. Place all the crosses in a basket
and offer them at the time of prayer.*

Prayer

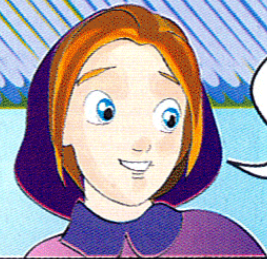
*Lord, we sometimes find it hard to
accept the path of a sacrifice for the
good of others. But that is what is
holy and pleasant to you. Make us
generous and confident that in such
self-giving we will find your abundant
life. Amen*





Mother Maria Ines Teresa Arias

She was born in Mexico on July 7, 1904. Her family was very Christian. They baptized her with the name of Manuela.



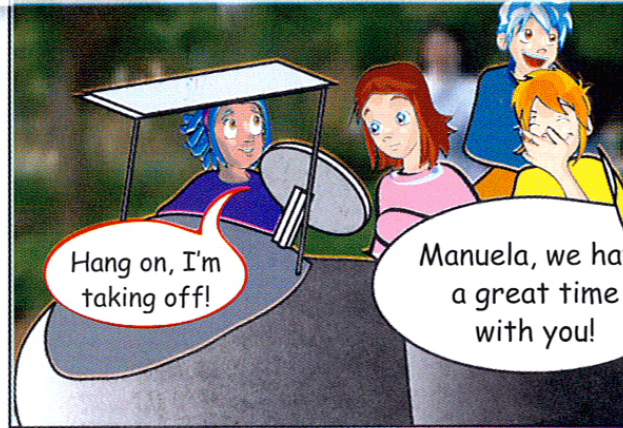
Children, let's pray the rosary!



Daddy, why do we pray the rosary together everyday?

So that our Lady may bless us.

The 20 year-old Manuela was a kind young woman who was very active, vain and loved parties.



Hang on, I'm taking off!

Manuela, we have a great time with you!

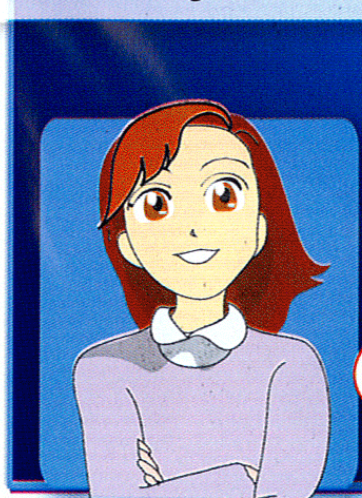
A grave illness obliges her to stay in bed for weeks. She had a lot of time to think and that was the beginning of her conversion.



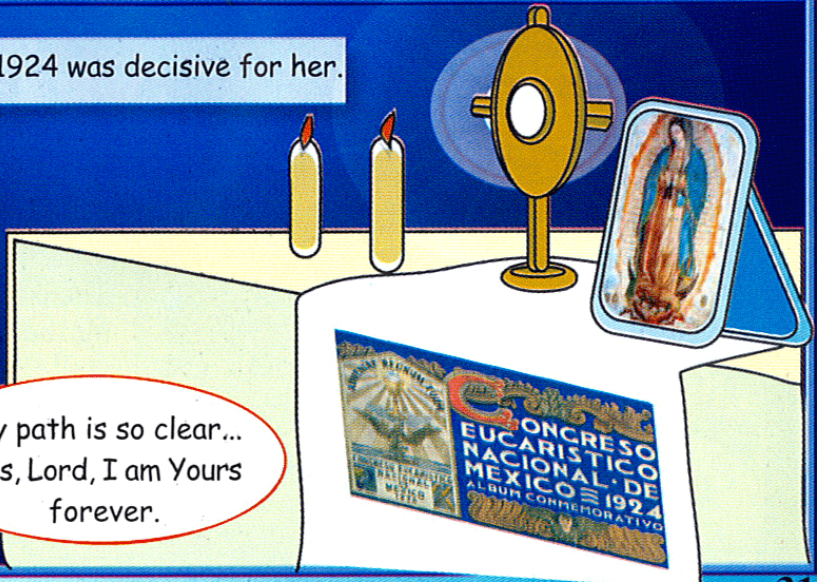
Life can't only be about dancing and having fun.

Lord, what do you want of me?

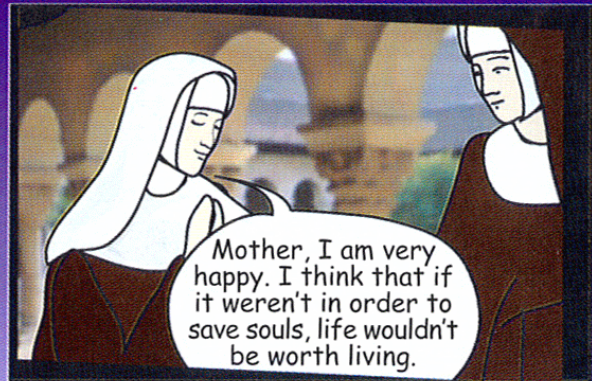
The Eucharistic Congress in Mexico in 1924 was decisive for her.



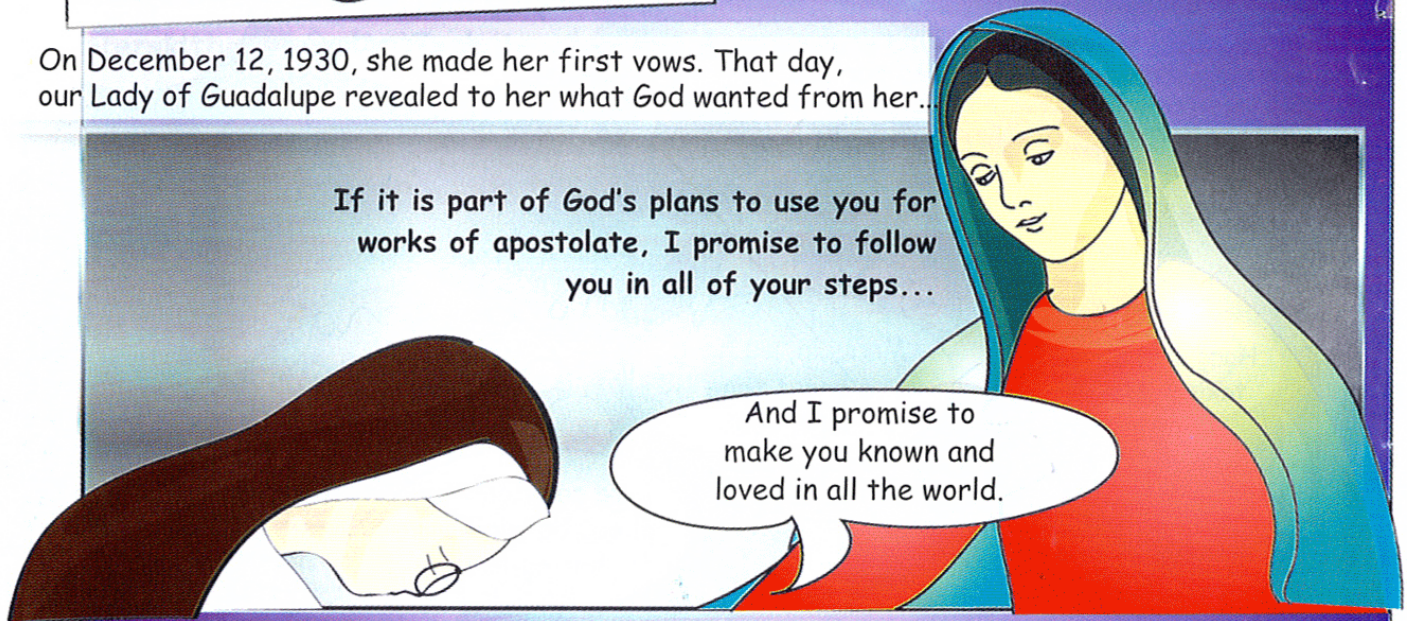
My path is so clear... Yes, Lord, I am Yours forever.



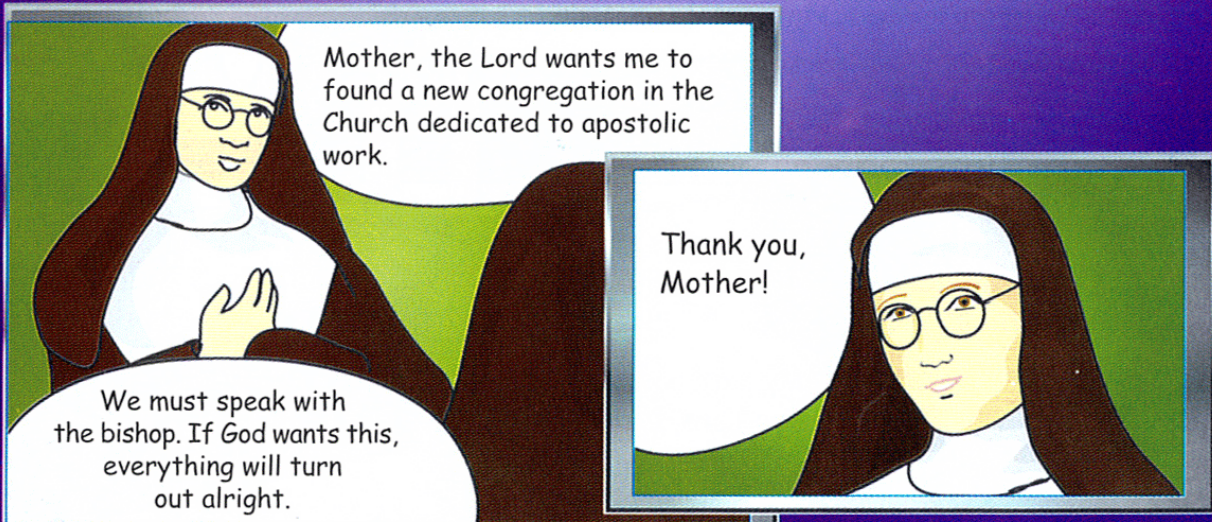
The difficult political situation in her country made her have to wait several years before being able to enter the Ave Maria Poor Clare monastery, in which she lived for 16 years.



On December 12, 1930, she made her first vows. That day, our Lady of Guadalupe revealed to her what God wanted from her...



One day, she decided to speak with Mother Maria of the Immaculate Conception, the Abbess of the convent.



On August 23, 1945, Manuela, who had taken the name of Mother Maria Ines Teresa, together with five other sisters, started the congregation of Missionary Poor Clares of the Blessed Sacrament.



The community began to grow. In scarcely six years they had grown to more than a hundred sisters. The congregation rapidly extended throughout Mexico.



The time has come to spread throughout the world.

Sisters, it is urgent for Christ to reign!

First, we are going to Japan, then Africa, Russia, and everywhere. I would like to take the name of Jesus and of Our Lady of Guadalupe everywhere.



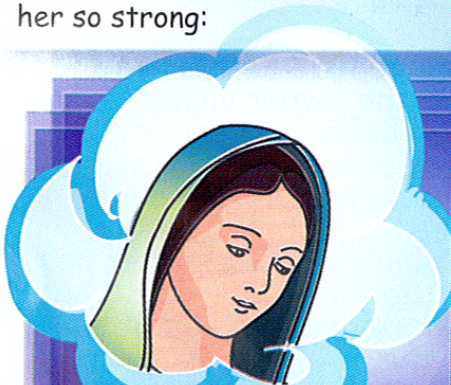
Mother, send me to Japan!

And me to Russia!

Long live Christ the King!!



Mother Ines is never still, she works so much to save many souls. She has a great secret that makes her so strong:



Let's go, Mary! If you are with me, I'm not afraid of anything.



She died in Rome on July 22, 1981.

