



Friends of Jesus and Mary  
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

# Florida Center for Peace

*To Jesus Through Mary*

## BUY TICKETS TO OUR ANNUAL RAFFLE

**FIRST PRIZE: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje for two people including lodging and 2 meals with departure from Miami... or \$4,000 USD.**

**SECOND PRIZE: \$1000 USD.**

**THIRD PRIZE: \$500 USD.**

**Buy your tickets online:**

<https://florida-center-for-peace.square.site/>

Por venmo @Florida-CenterforPeace



**Or Call:** (305) 412-1700

**Drawing will be held on November 14, 2020 in our offices in Miami.**



**FLORIDA CENTER FOR PEACE**

45 SW 71 Ave. – Miami, FL 33144 – Tel: (305) 412-1700 – E-mail: info@fcpeace.com

**Webpage: www.fcpeace.com**



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Amigos de Jesús y María

---



**Florida Center for Peace**

August 2020  
Miami, Florida

Dear Guides:

The first three Sunday Gospels begin with Jesus doing miracles. In the fourth Gospel, He asks who they say I am. We also celebrate the Transfiguration this month when God and Jesus reveal that He is the Son of God and we must listen to Him. The month finishes with Jesus telling us to take our cross and follow Him. We want the children to search for God's miracles in their lives and to learn to listen and follow their loving God.

**The following are important days of this month:**

August 1 Memorial of St. Alphonsus Maria Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church  
August 4 St. John Maria Vianney, priest  
August 6 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord  
August 8 Memorial of St. Dominic Guzman, priest  
August 10 St. Lawrence, priest and martyr  
August 11 St. Claire of Assisi, virgin  
August 14 St. Maximiliano Maria Kolbe, priest and martyr  
August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary  
August 20 St. Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot and doctor of the Church  
August 21 St. Pius X, Pope  
August 22 Memorial of Mary Queen  
August 23 St. Rose of Lima, virgin  
August 24 St. Bartholomew, apostle  
August 27 St. Monica and St. Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church  
August 28 St. Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church  
August 29 Memorial of martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

**Materials included this month:**

1. Calendar
2. Meditations and activities for the Sunday Gospels
3. Feast of the Transfiguration, scripture, coloring, and movie
4. The Assumption of the Virgin Mary, story and movie
5. St. Monica and St. Augustine, history and craft
6. Story of the Old Testament, Elijah, story and coloring

We continue to pray for everyone's protection. And we pray that God continue to guide us on how to best reach our children during these trying times.

**May God Bless You Always,**

**Committee Friends of Jesus and Mary**



**August 2020**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Solemnity</b> In the Catholic Church, a solemnity is the most elevated rank of liturgical celebrations, to commemorate an act of most importance for the faith.	<b>[Memorial]</b> A day of remembrance or commemoration of a saint(s).  <b>[Optional]</b> An optional day of or commemoration of a saint(s).	<b>[Feast]</b> An annual religious celebration.				1 Memorial of St. Alphonsus Maria Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church
2 XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time	3	4 Memorial of St. John Vianney, priest	5	6 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	7	8 Memorial of St. Dominic Guzman, priest
9 XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time	10 Feast of St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr	11 Memorial of St. Claire, virgin	12	13	14 Memorial of St. Maximiliano Kolbe, priest and martyr	15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Most Holy Virgin Mary
16 XX Sunday in Ordinary Time	17	18	19	20 Memorial of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot and doctor of the Church	21 Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope	22 Memorial of St. Mary Queen
23 XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time Santa Rosa Lima, virgen	24 Feast of St. Bartholomew, apostle	25	26	27 Memorial of St. Monica	28 Memorial of St. Augustine of Hippo, bishop and doctor of the Church	29 Memorial of the martyrdom of St. John the Baptist
30 XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time	31					



## Friends of Jesus and Mary

XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 2, 2020

*Isaiah 55, 1-3; Psalm 144, 8-9. 15-16. 17-18; Romans 8, 35. 37-39; Mathew 14, 13-21*

### Jesus Multiplies the Fish and Loaves-Prefiguration of the Eucharist

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, 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.

### Reflection

When Jesus heard about the death of his cousin, he wants to be alone to pray. He knows His father would console Him. But the people follow Him because they have heard that He cures the sick and speaks with authority like the prophets. Even though He wants to be alone, Jesus is moved with pity and cures the sick. When we persevere in following, He is compassionate with us. It is late and the apostles want to let the people go to buy dinner. **What does Jesus say?** "Give them some food yourselves." **How did the apostles feel?** Possibly scared or confused because they only had two fish and five loaves. **Have you ever felt that way when you have had to do something that appeared impossible?** Share. **What did Jesus say?** "Bring them to me." **Do you take to Jesus situations that appear impossible in your life? What does Jesus do with the few fish and loaves?** He does a miracle and multiplies them. First, he took the loaves and fish, blessed them, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples to give to the crowd. **Was the food enough?** They all ate and were satisfied, and twelve baskets were left over. If we follow Jesus, and offer the little that we have, He makes miracles multiplying our blessings, guiding us to share them, and thus filling our hearts with love and happiness. **In what other occasion does Jesus take bread, bless it, break it, and gives it to His disciples?** In the Last Supper. **What miracle happens at the Last Supper and at every mass?** God changes the bread and wine to His body and blood (the Eucharist) to nourish our soul. Just as Jesus satisfied the hunger of the crowd with bread and fish, with the Eucharist, He fills our heart with His presence and love and guides us to Heaven.



### Activity

Life has problems that Jesus helps us to face. He asks us for much love and faith in all circumstances. Everything that we offer to Jesus, He can use it to do miracles. On the following page, pick a gift you would like to offer Jesus and which miracle: more love or more faith we need from Jesus. Explain.

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, always remind me that with your help, I can face anything. Help me to always be generous with You who give all good things. Jesus I trust in You. Amen.

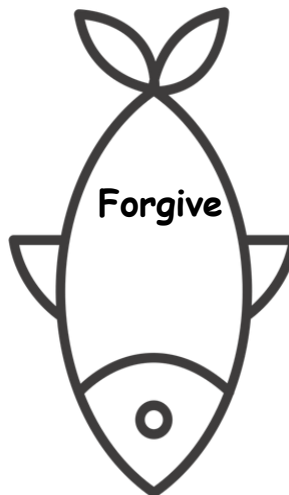
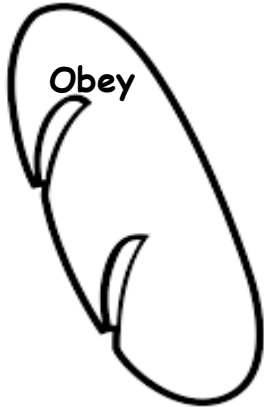
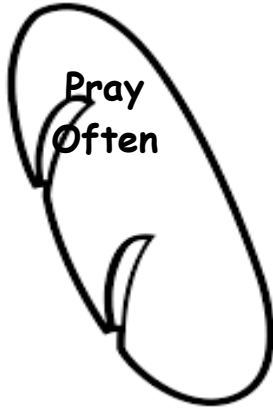
**Song:** Twos: Jesus Feeds 5000, Crossroad Kids Club, (Ctrl Click), <https://youtu.be/D3X6OZRgUZI>



## JESUS DOES MIRACLES

What can I offer Jesus?

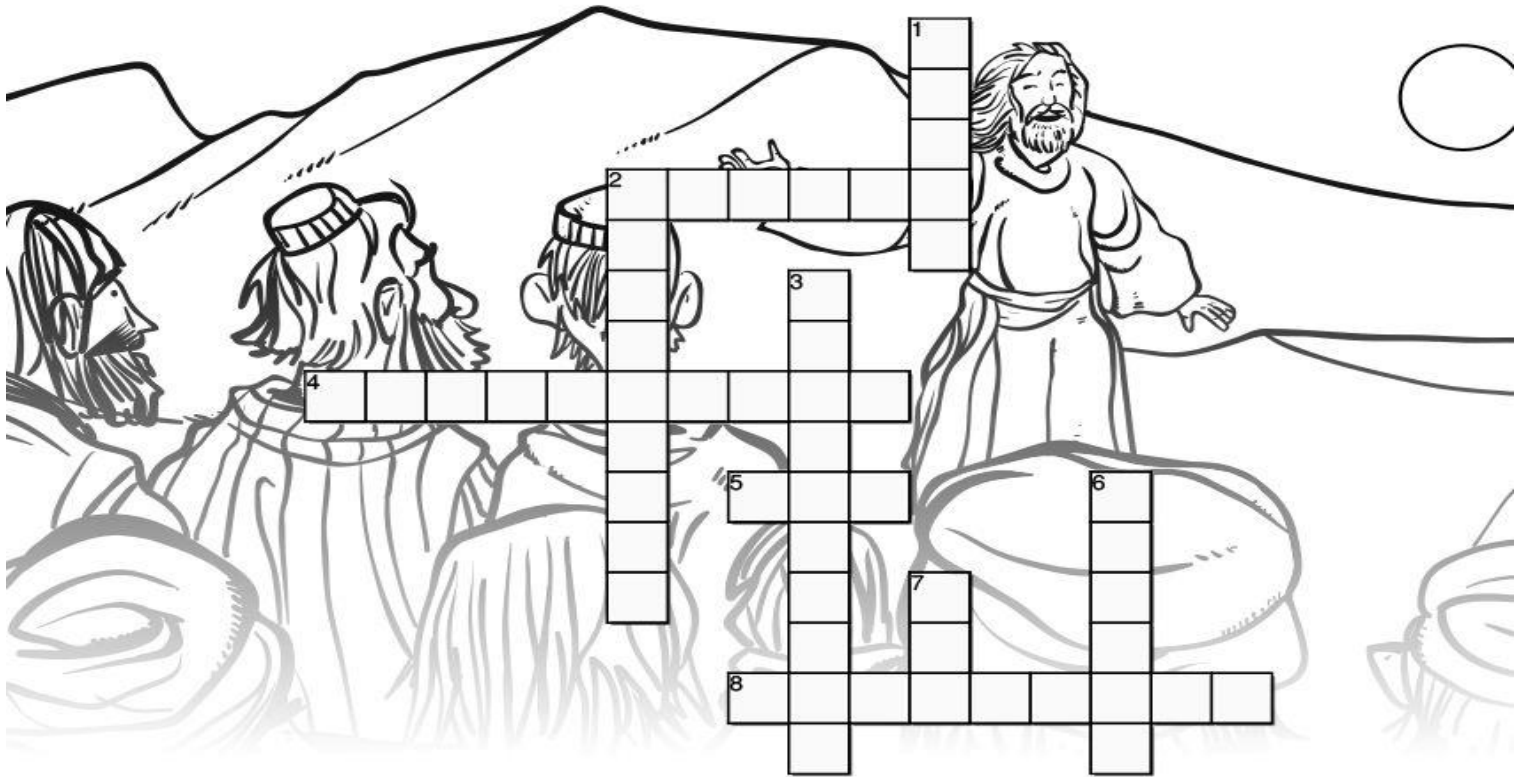
What miracles does Jesus do in my life?





# JESUS FEEDS 5000

## Matthew 14:13-21



### Across

2. How many extra baskets of food were there?
4. Jesus proved that with God, nothing is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The disciples organized the people and had them \_\_\_\_\_ down for a meal.
8. After everyone was full, the disciples collected the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Down

1. There were 5000 men, plus \_\_\_\_\_ and children, who came to hear Jesus speak.
2. One day as Jesus was teaching, \_\_\_\_\_ of people came to hear him speak.
3. After Jesus gave thanks for the food, God \_\_\_\_\_ it to be enough to feed everyone.
6. A young boy had five \_\_\_\_\_ loaves and two fish.
7. Jesus asked the disciples to find the people something to \_\_\_\_\_.





## Friends of Jesus and Mary

XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 9, 2020

*1 Kings 19, 9a. 11-13<sup>a</sup>; Psalm 84, 9ab-10. 11-12. 13-14; Romans 9, 1-5; Mathew 14, 22-33*

### Jesus Walks on Water

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a 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 Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

### Reflection

Jesus wanted to be alone to pray so he dismissed the crowd and told His disciples to take the boat to the other side of the shore; the sea was stormy, however. **Jesus prayed alone on the mountain. What did He do in the early morning?** He went to them walking on the water. **How did the apostles react?** They were terrified and cried that it was a ghost. **After Jesus announced it was He, what did Peter say?** "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." **What happened? Why?** He started well but got scared and sunk. **How did Jesus react?** Jesus supported him and said, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" **When they boarded the boat, the wind died down and they believed Jesus was the Son of God. Why was it so difficult for them to believe that Jesus could do miracles, even after seeing Him multiply the fish and loaves along with many other miracles? Does that happen to us? Share. What did Jesus do before doing a miracle?** Prayed. **What can we do before we ask something of God?** Pray much, ask for more faith.



### Activity

On the following page, cut the boat with Jesus on it, the feet, and the sign. With another page, make a boat (see how on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/cRzyHskrQb4>.) Color the boat with Jesus and glue to the side of the paper boat. Glue the boat onto the top, left side of a blue paper. Glue "JESUS, INCREASE MY FAITH" to the right side of the boat. Glue the feet from the bottom, left of the blue paper, diagonally to the top, right with the last two feet turning left towards the boat. Draw wave son the blue paper. Talk about the different ways we can increase our faith.

### Prayer

Jesus, almighty, God of the universe, increase my faith. (3x) Amen.

**Song:** Footprints on the Water, Seong Jim Sing, (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/obC2i7l cXA> (younger)  
Walk on Water, chapelhill kids, (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/lzZeNVPPhnig> (older)

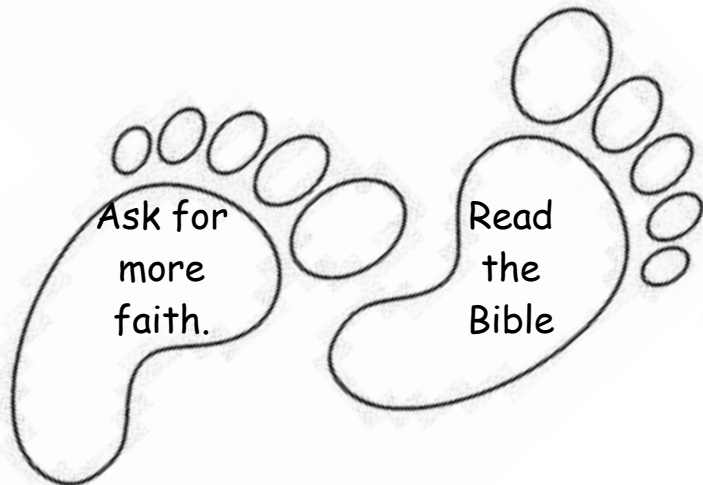
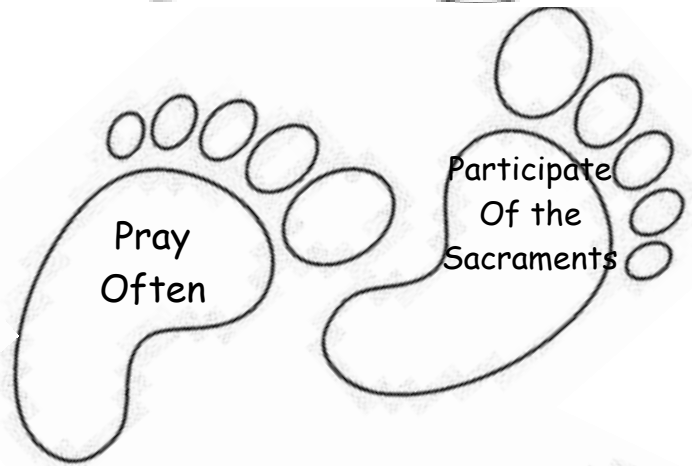
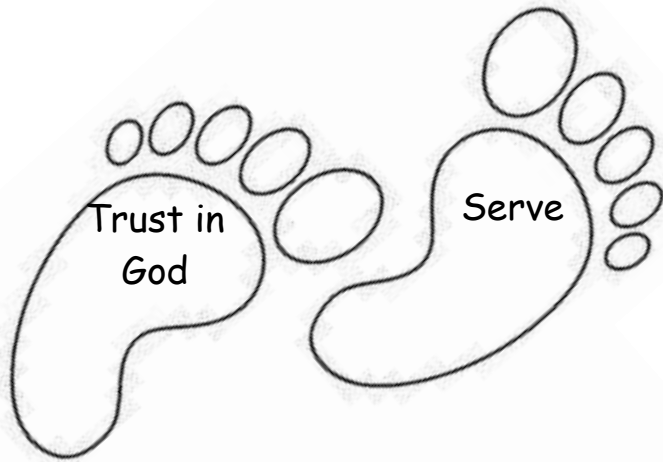


Friends of Jesus and Mary  
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

## JESUS, INCREASE MY FAITH



FLORIDA CENTER FOR PEACE

1 Ave. – Miami, FL 33144 – Tel: (305) 412-1700 – E-mail: info@fcpeace.com

Webpage: [www.fcpeace.com](http://www.fcpeace.com)





## Friends of Jesus and Mary

XX Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 16, 2020

*Isaiah 56, 1. 6-7; Psalm 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8; Romans 11, 13-15. 29-32; Mathew 15, 21-28*

### Jesus cures the Canaanite Woman's daughter.

At that time, Jesus 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 Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' 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 Jesus 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 the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

### Reflection

A woman from Canaan asks Jesus to cure her daughter. The Canaanites and the Jews hated each other. Jesus ignores her but the disciples plead with Him to stop her screaming. **How does Jesus respond?** Jesus first says He only came for the lost sheep of Israel and it is wrong to give the food of the children to the dogs. **Does this sound like something Jesus, the God of Love, would say to someone?** No, He wants to teach us something. **How does the woman answer?** "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." **What does the woman reveal with this response?** She reveals her extreme humility, perseverance, and faith in Jesus. **What does Jesus answer her?** "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." **Why did Jesus refuse her in such an insulting way?** Jesus wanted to show the apostles and us the importance of humility, perseverance, and faith when we pray; and He wanted to show us He came for everyone, not just the Jews.



### Activity

On the following page, color Jesus with the woman from Canaan and her daughter. On the other page, read each sentence and circle H if it reflects humility, or P if it reflects pride.

### Prayer

Jesus, you are my God; You can do anything. Help me to grow in humility. Help me to grow in faith. Help me to persevere in prayer. Amen.

**Song:** Power Shuffle, Everest VBS Music Video, (Ctrl Click)  
<https://youtu.be/JNEAtmq6oTE>

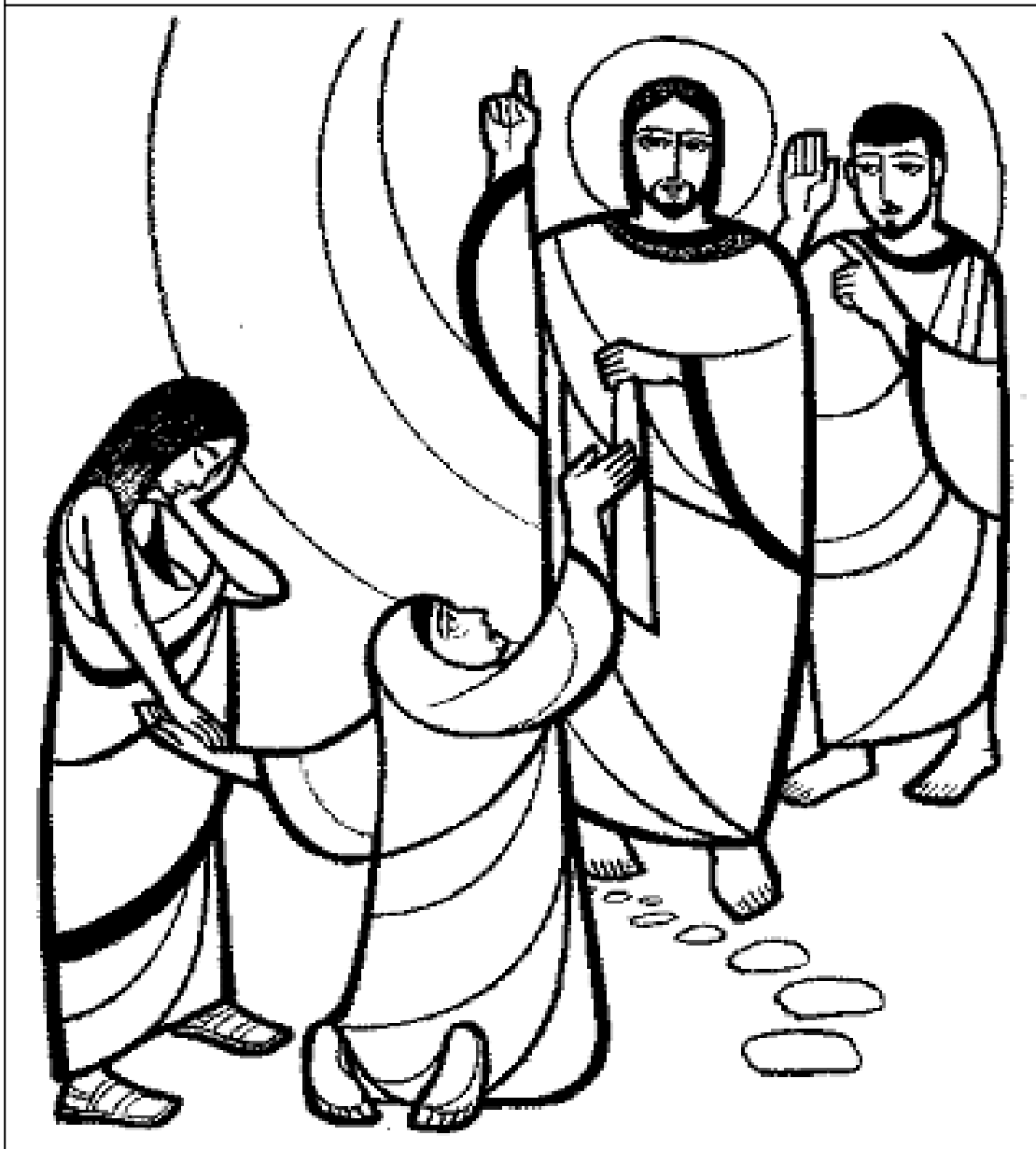


Friends of Jesus and Mary  
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

**"O woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish." Mt 15,28**



**FLORIDA CENTER FOR PEACE**

45 SW 71 Ave. – Miami, FL 33144 – Tel: (305) 412-1700 – E-mail: [info@fcpeace.com](mailto:info@fcpeace.com)

**Webpage: [www.fcpeace.com](http://www.fcpeace.com)**



## Humble or Proud?

(Circle the H for Humble or the P for Proud.)

He never congratulates me for how well I play basketball. H or P

I play basketball the best I can, even if I'm not the best. H or P

I hope they will pick me first. H or P

I do not need to go first. H or P

If you had consulted with me, it would have gone better for you. H or P

Consult with Ed also, he knows a lot. H or P

I will not sign up to help; they always take advantage of us us. H or P

I will help in all that I can. H or P

I do not sing in the choir because they will make fun of me. H or P

I want to sing in the choir even if my voice is not the best. H or P

I will not pray at lunch because they will humiliate me. H or P

I will pray at lunch even if they humiliate me. H or P

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, Hear me  
From the desire of being praised, save me Oh Lord.  
From the desire of being preferred by others, save me Oh Lord.  
From the desire of being consulted, save me Oh Lord.  
From the fear of being humiliated, save me Oh Lord.  
From the fear of being hated, save me Oh Lord.  
From the fear of being forgotten, save me Oh Lord.  
From the fear of being ridiculed, save me Oh Lord.  
From the fear of being taken advantage of, save me Oh Lord.



## Friends of Jesus and Mary

XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 23, 2020

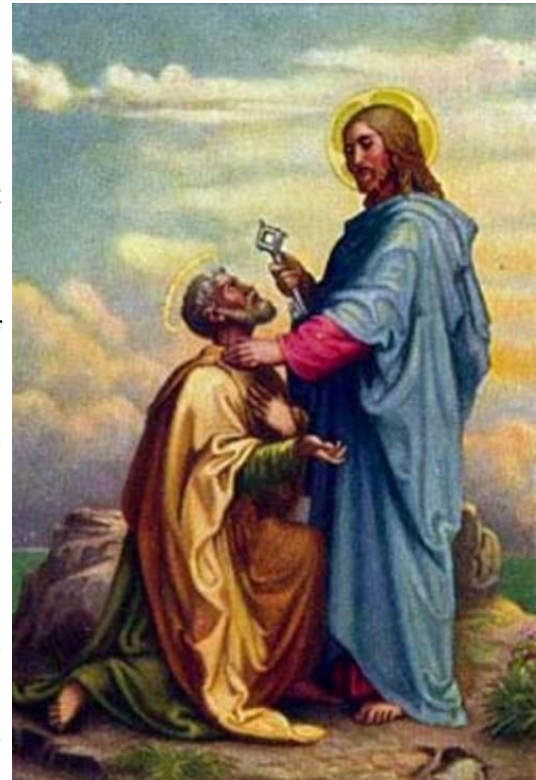
*Isaiah 22, 19-23; Psalm 137, 1-2a. 2bc-3. 6 y 8bc; Romans 11, 33-36; Matthew 16, 13-20*

### The Primacy of Peter

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and 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 Christ, 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 say 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 you 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 Christ.

### Reflection

Jesus was in Caesarea Philippi, a place away from the city; he wanted to be alone with his disciples. Jesus then asks them, "And you who do you say that I am?". Jesus expected a precise answer from the men who were always with him. However, **the only disciple who answered clearly and without hesitation was Simon Peter** - who said that Jesus was indeed the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Jesus knew that this answer did not come from himself, but from God (Holy Spirit). Jesus then decides to give a new name and calls him Peter. **Peter means "Stone"**. God had changed the names of various prophets like Abraham, Jacob, to grant them a mission. **What is the mission that Jesus gives Peter?** Jesus tells Peter that he will be the Stone on which his Church will be built. Peter is the visible head of a community that wants to live with Jesus forever and has a special characteristic: The powers of hell will not prevail over it. In other words, this community (the Church) will succeed. **What else does Jesus give Peter?** He gives him the keys to the Eternal Kingdom of Jesus. This indicates that Peter is given the authority to help people enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter was the first Pope, the head of our Church, who watches over our salvation, inspired by the Holy Spirit and aided by Priests and Bishops throughout the world. When Peter dies these keys would then pass on to another earthly successor which today is Pope Francis. And for you, **who is Jesus? Where can you find him? How can you know him better and love him as Peter did?**



### Activity

In the next page, connect with an arrow the image that answers the questions in the left column.

### Prayer

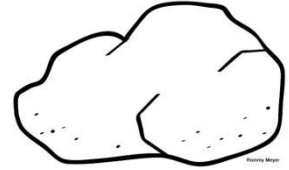
Oh Jesus, you wanted the church to be constructed under the direction of Peter, the first Pope. Please bless our Pope Francis so that he may always be guided by the Holy Spirit and guide us to heaven. Take care of him and protect him always. Amen.

**Song:** You are Peter, Catholic Songs for kids, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Z1Dx2ZBMgY>

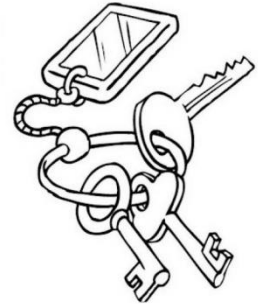


Connect with an arrow the image that answers the question in the left column.

a) Who answered Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?"



b) What does Peter mean?



c) What did Jesus give Peter?



**CHURCH**

d) Who is Peter's successor today in our church?



e) What did Jesus build upon the rock?

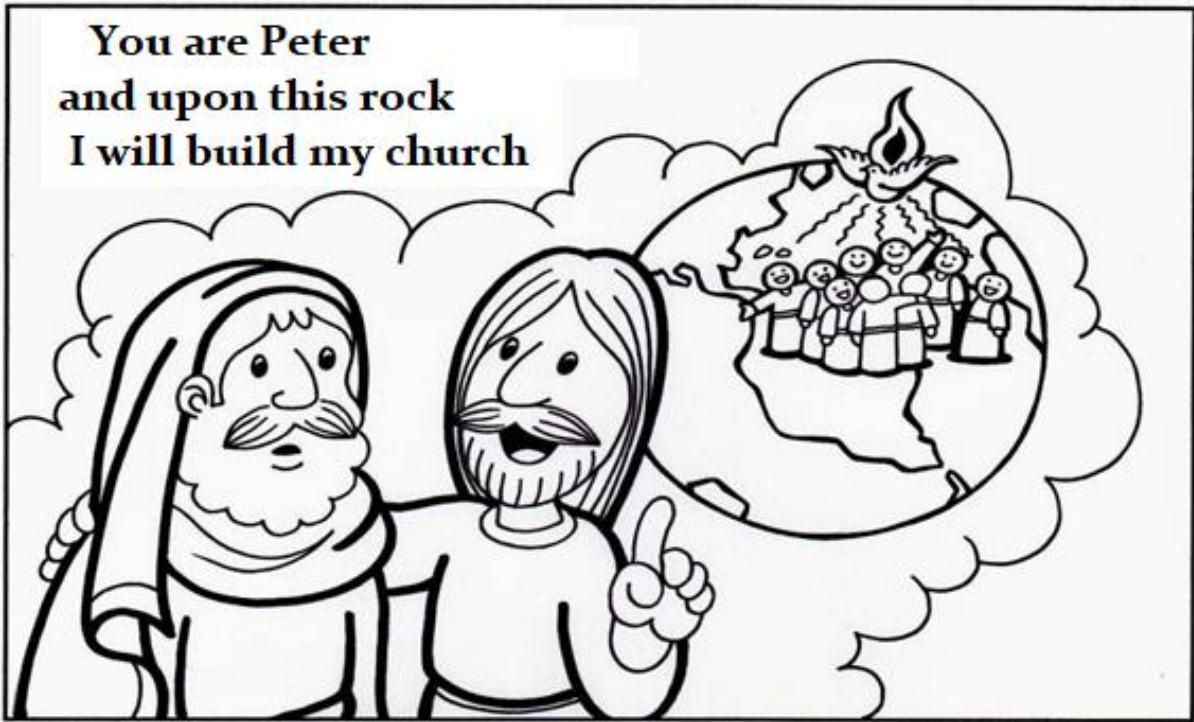


**Peter**

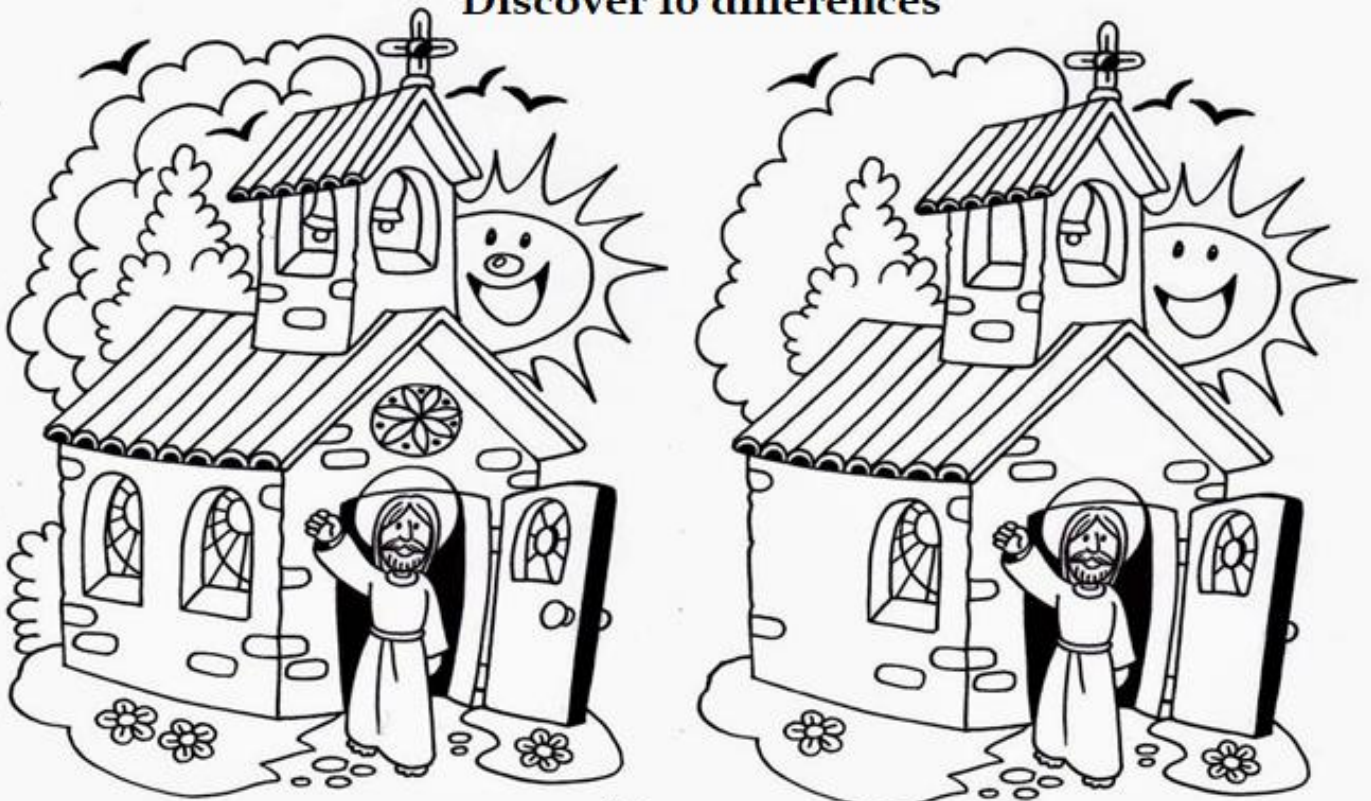


Matthew 16, 13-20

You are Peter  
and upon this rock  
I will build my church



Discover 10 differences





## Friends of Jesus and Mary

XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 30, 2020

*Jeremiah 20, 7-9; Psalm 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9; Romans 12, 1-2; Matthew 16, 21-27*

### Whoever will lose his life for My Sake Shall find it

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 Jesus 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 all according to his conduct."

### Reflection

Jesus began to prepare his disciples for the bad times that would occur in the near future. He told them he needed to go to Jerusalem, where he would be condemned to death and would rise on the third day. **What attitude did Peter take in the face of this news?** Peter did not agree with Jesus' verdict and tried to convince him so that it did not happen. **Why did Jesus tell Peter to walk away?** Peter did not yet understand that the way to reach God is that of self-giving, sacrifice for others, and love. He was just thinking about his well-being and happiness. **What must we do to follow Jesus?** Become selfless, leave our ego and our worries behind, and take up the cross to follow him. **What does it mean to give up yourself?** It means leaving our comfort to go out and help others. For example giving up spending all day on my phone or my video games and going to help my mom with the housework, tidying up my room, organizing the drawers, folding the clothes, helping the grandmother, or reading a story to my little brother. **And what does it mean to take up the Cross and follow Jesus?** It means sacrificing ourselves, accepting others, helping even if we don't like it, suffering with faith and hope. **What does it mean to lose our lives for Jesus?** It means taking advantage of life and focusing on what is really important (our soul) and not wasting it in passing things. To surrender our life to Christ is to love him and do works of mercy with others. **What happens to people who live only for themselves, interested in only material things?** Jesus said that it is not worth winning the world if you lose yourself (soul). And that at the end of time Jesus will come to give each one what his/her works deserve.



**Activity**  
Write inside of the cross on the following page, the words that best explain the changes in attitude that Jesus wants from us.

### Prayer

Jesus, change my heart with your love so that I can think, act, and feel just like you did; especially I ask for peace of mind so that I can stop worrying about my own problems, and instead start thinking about others. Amen

### Song:

Every move I make, CJ and Friends, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>



Write inside of the cross the words that best explain

What are the changes that Jesus wants from us?

**SERVICE**

**ARROGANCE**

**VANITY**

**GIVE UP MY COMFORT**

**FORGIVENESS**

**SADNESS**

**SACRIFICE**

**ANGER**

**JOY**

**WEAKNESS**

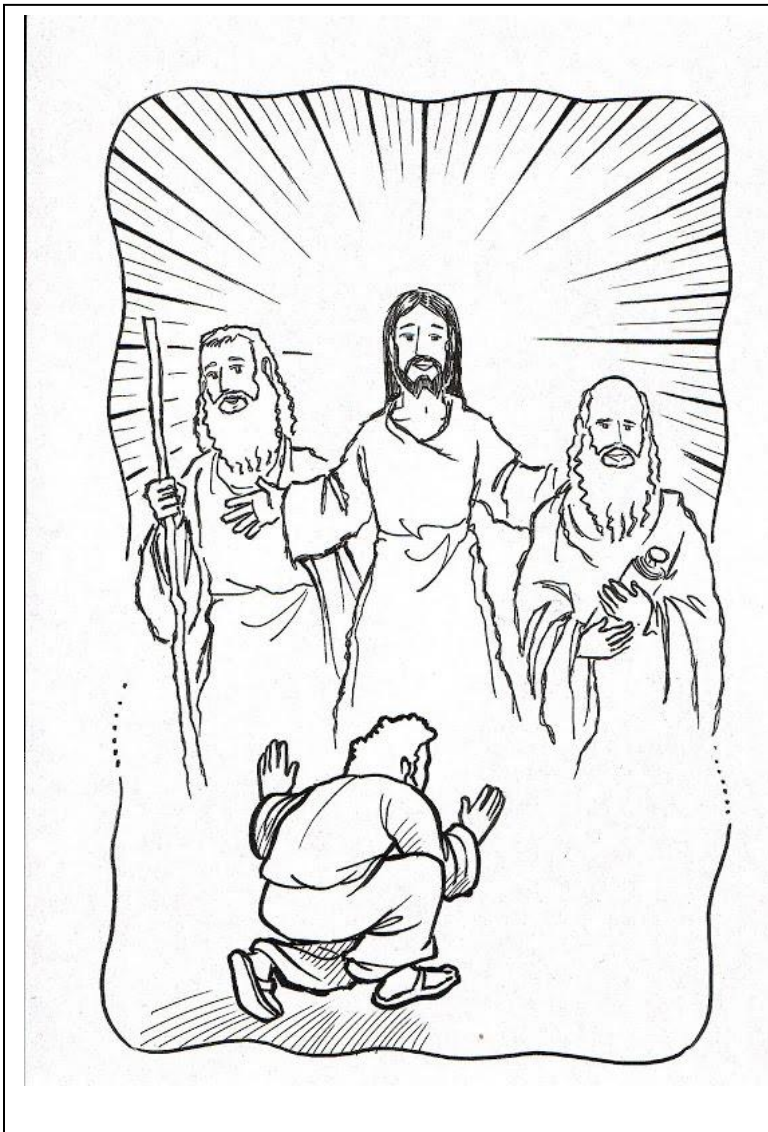
**LOVE**

**IMPATIENCE**

**PATIENCE**

**SELFISHNESS**





## **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS**

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up a mountain to pray. While he was praying **his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white**. And behold, two men were conversing with him, **Moses and Elijah**, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “**This is my chosen Son; listen to him.**” After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen. (Luke 9, 28-36)

The Transfiguration of Jesus Bible Story, Kids on the Move, <https://youtu.be/dC081rBhFsE>

1. How did Jesus look when He was transfigured?
2. To whom was Jesus talking during the Transfiguration?
3. Why did the Father interrupt Peter?
4. Who is Jesus?
5. Now that we know who Jesus is, what should we do?



## **Assumption of the Virgin Mary August 15**

It is a dogma of faith or an absolute truth of the faith, infallible, revealed by God through Sacred Scripture or by Sacred Tradition. Once proclaimed, it cannot be negated, not even by the Pope or council decision.

We celebrate when the body and soul of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was glorified and taken to Heaven at the end of her earthly life.

The Church tells us that the resurrection of the body will happen at the end of time. But for Mary, this act was advanced by singular privilege.

Virgin Mary, Mother of God and my  
Mother in Heaven,  
I love you with all my heart.  
Pray for us, so we may one day be  
with you in Heaven. Amen.



**YouTube movie: Feast of the Assumption, prayersforusa**  
(Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/HWJD6ZaWaAo>



**Saint Monica  
August 27**



**Saint Monica  
Pray for Us**

**St. Monica** is famous for being the mother of St. Augustine and for causing his conversion.

Monica was born in Thagaste (North Africa) in the year 332. Her parents had her instructed by a very religious but strict woman. She wanted to dedicate her life to solitary prayer, but her parents wanted her to marry a man named Patrick, a hard worker, but bad tempered, unfaithful, and a gambler with little interest in religion or the spiritual life. He made her suffer terribly. She avoided fights with silence. Her example caused his eventual conversion. They had 3 children: 2 boys and 1 girl. The oldest, Augustine, was born in 354, and made her suffer much.

**St. Augustine** was very intelligent, so they sent him to study Philosophy, Literature, and Oratory in Carthage. But Augustine fell into a life of sin. He joins a sect, the Manichaeism, that believed the Devil created the world. Monica sent him away because she did not want an enemy of God in her home; but she had a dream that he would return to her.

When he was 29 years old, already a doctor, he goes to Rome to study and Monica follows him. In Milan, Monica meets St. Ambrose, the Archbishop, who advises her. Augustine is impressed by his great wisdom and powerful personality and starts to desire the Catholic faith.

In the year 387, reading the words of St. Paul, Augustine decides to change and be baptized.

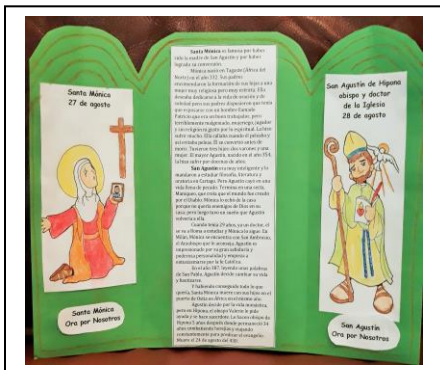
Having achieved all that she wanted in life, St. Monica soon dies surrounded by her children in the port of Ostia in Africa.

Augustine enters the monastic life, but in Hippo, the Bishop Valerian, asks him for help. He becomes a priest and 5 years later is named Bishop of Hippo where he remained for 34 years fighting heresies and traveling constantly to preach the Gospel. He dies August 24, 430.

**St. Augustine of Hippo,  
Bishop and Doctor  
Of the Church  
August 28**

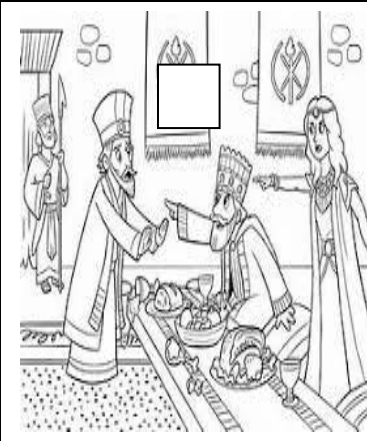


**St. Augustine  
Pray for Us**

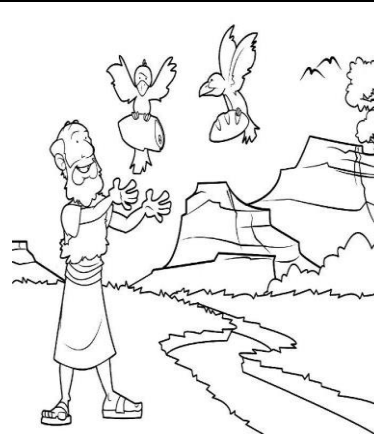




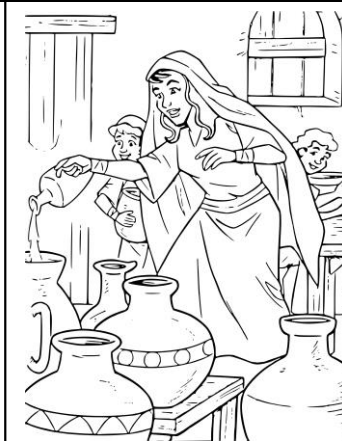
HISTORIA DEL ANTIGUO TESTAMENTO – ELÍAS



God sent Elijah, His prophet, to the King of Israel, Ahab and to his wife Jezebel. They adored a false god, Baal, and turned Israel into a place that was displeasing to God. God wanted to show them all that He was the one, true God. He sent the message that it would not rain for 3 years.



God told Elijah to leave Israel and to hide and He would send him food and water during the drought. He stayed near a stream and a crow brought him bread and meat for breakfast and dinner. When the stream dried, God told him to go to Zarephath to find a widow who would give him food and water.



Elijah trusted God. He saw a woman and asked her for food and water. She had only flour and water left for one meal for herself and her son; Elijah told her to make him some bread and God would maintain her jars filled with flour and oil until the end of the drought. Later her son died and Elijah raised him from the dead.



After 3 years, God sent Elijah to Ahab to ask him to take all of Baal's prophets to Mt. Carmel. They made 2 altars with 2 bulls. In one altar, Baal's prophets prayed for fire to burn their offering. They prayed much but nothing happened. Later Elijah soaked his altar with water, prayed, and God burned completely. Thus, everyone believed He is the one, true God.



Elijah announced that now that they didn't adore Baal, God would send rain. Elijah returns to Mt. Carmel and prays for rain. While praying, Elijah asks his servant to check for clouds. On the 7<sup>th</sup> time, a small cloud the size of a hand appeared growing quickly until it filled the sky and brought the rain.



The revengeful Jezebel pursues Elijah, forcing him into exile. Exhausted, Elijah asks God to end his life. But God sends an angel to give him food and water for the long journey ahead. He walks 40 days and nights to reach Mount Sinai. There God tells him to return to Israel to anoint Elisha as his successor and Jehu as king.



Elijah found Elisha ploughing the fields with his oxen. He immediately burned the plough and sacrificed the oxen to eat with his friends. Elijah gives him his cloak and they went to the Jordan River which God parts so they can cross. Elisha asks Elijah to give him the best parts of his spirit.



As he conversed with Elisha on the hills of Moab, a chariot of fire with horses of fire appeared and lifted Elijah up in a whirlwind. In that moment, Elijah's qualities and powers were transmitted to Elisha and he began doing miracles.