

Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



September 2011 Miami, FL

Dear brother and Sisters:

The school year begins in many countries in September. Let us motivate the children, in the beginning of this new year, to share the great love of God for all of us.

We encourage all to the activity of the "spiritual adoption" were the children will pray for a baby that is in danger of being born, the nine month of the school year.

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

September 8	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 15	Our Lady of Sorrows
September 21	Saint Mathew
September 24	Our Lady of Mercy
September 24	Leader's workshop
September 27	St. Vicent of Paul
September 29	St. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael Archangels

Enclosed Materials:

- 1) Calendar & Gospel of the Month
- 2) Fraternal Correction
- 3) National Sanctuary of Our Lady of Charity
- 4) Virgin Mary's Activity
- 5) Phrases
- 6) Spiritual of forgiveness
- 7) Game who is who
- 8) Saint Geronimo

Recommended videos:

- 1. Listen to the Maker (SHKC)
- 2. The Eucharistic (SHKC)
- 3. Moses (Hana-Barbera)
- *4. The ten Commandments (CCC)*

Our next workshop meeting will be in September 24 at Saint Pablo Religious Store 5800 SW 8 St. from 1pm to 3:30 pm. Please make plans to attend.

We are planning our 20 anniversary of our Ministry Friends of Jesus and Mary for November 11, 12 & 13 2011 in Miami, Florida. Start with special mass of Friday November 11 at 12:00 pm in the shrine of Our Lady of Charity, and the next day tour to Saint Agustin, Florida. We all invite all to start making plans to attend this big celebration.

May God bless you always, Friend of Jesus and Mary



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September 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Col. 1,9-14 Psalm 97 Lk 5,1-11	Primer Viernes Moises Col 1,15-20 Psalm 99 Lk5,33-39	3 Primer Sabado Gregorio Magno Col 1,21-23 Psalm 53 Lk 6,1-5
4 23 Sunday in Ordinary Time	5 Labor day USA	6	7	8 Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9	10
Ezl 33,7-9 Psalm 94 Rm 13,8-10 Mt 18,15-20	Col. 1,24-2,3 Psalm 61 Lk 6,6-11	Col. 2,6-15 Psalm 144 Lk 6,12-19	Col. 3,1-11 Psalm 144 Lk 6,20-26	Mi 5,1-4 Psalm 12	1Ti 1,1-2.12-14 Psalm 15 Lk 6,39-42	1Ti 1,15-17 Psalm 112 Lk 6,43-49
11 24 Sunday in Ordinary Time	12	13	14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross	15 Our Lady of Sorrow	16	17 Roberto Belarmino
Eclo 27,33-28,9 Psalm 102 Rm 14,7-9 Mt 18,21-35	1Ti 2,-18 Psalm 27 Lk 7,1-10	1Ti 3,1-13 Psalm 100 Lk 7,11-17	Phil 6-11 Psalm 77	Hb 5,7-9 Psalm 30 Jn 19,25-27	1Ti 6,2c-12 Psalm 48 Lk 8,1-3	1Th 6,13-16 Psalm 99 Lk 8,4-15
18 25 Sunday in Ordinary Time	19 St Januarius	20 SS Andrew Kin Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions	21 St Mathew (Apostle)	22	23	24
Is 55,6-9 Psalm 144 FI 1,20c24.27a Mt 20,1-6	Esd 1,1-6 Psalm 125 Lk 8,16-18	Esd 6,7-8.12b.14-20 Psalm 121 Lk 8,19-21	Eph 4,1-7.11-13 Psalm 18 Mt 9,9-13	Hg 1,1-8 Psalm 149 Lk 9,7-9	Hg 2,15b-2,9 Psalm 42 Lk 9,18-22	Za 2,5-9.14-15a Psalm Jer 31,10-13 Lk 9, 43b-45
25 26 Sunday in Ordinary Time	26 St Damian St Cosmas	27 St. Vicent of Paul	28 St Wenceslaus St Laurence Ruiz & Companions	29 Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Archangels)	30	
Ez 18,25-28 Psalm 24 Fpl 2,1-11 Mt 21,28-32	Zec 8,1-8 Psalm 101 Lk 9,46-50	Zec 8,20-23 Psalm 86 Lk 9,57-62	Ne 2,1-8 Psalm 136 Lk 9,57-62	Dn 7,9-10.13-14 Psalm 137 Jn 1,47-51	Ba 1,15-22 Psalm 78 Lk 10,13-16	



Our Lady of Charity in Miami

September 08

National Sanctuary
Shrine of Our lady of Charity

The Mural of the Shrine

The history of Cuba in a Glimpse

Mural by Teok Carrasco





Birthday of Mary! September 8

Mary is very special. Her parents were known as Joachim and Ann. They loved her very much. Happy Birthday, Mary!





XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time September 4, 2011

Readings: Wisdom of Solomon 33, 7-9; Psalm 94; Romans 13,8-10; Mathew 18,15-20

It is better to reconcile that to fight

If your brother sins, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of tow or three witnesses.

IF he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.

Again, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (Matthew 18, 15-20)

Reflection

Are there things you find difficult to forgive and forget?
When someone hurts you, can you speak to those people calmly and affectionately so that you can be reconciled? How do you feel when you make up after a fight?
What do you thing about today's story? Would you tell Jesus he is asking for too much?
Out of love, it is important to seek reconciliation with those who have offended us or whom we have offended. Share

Activity

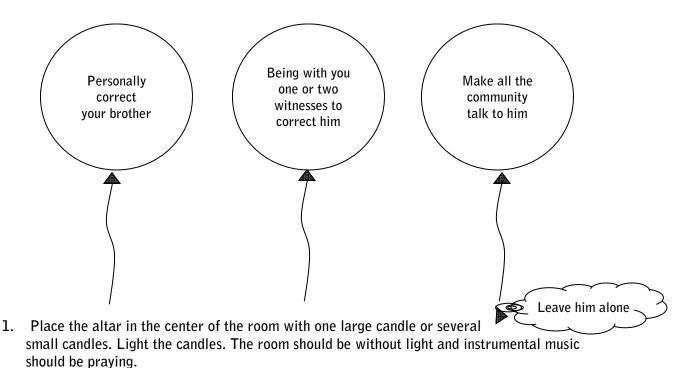
Bring a basket with pieces of paper. Motivate the children to write what bothered them this week. In the other side ask them to write a prayer to Jesus asking for this help to be able to forgive.

Prayer

Lord, Jesus, fill us with your love and your mercy to understand one another and forgive each other as we have been forgiven by you. **Amen.**



FRATERNAL CORRECTION



- 2. Read Romans 13,8-10
- 3. Read Matthew 18,15-20
- 4. Invite the group to meditate on the readings
- 5. Motivate the group to pray each other
- 6. At the end make a circle, join hands, be quite for one or two minutes. Sing a song that will tell us about the love and friendship of Jesus and how we should love one another. Make it a prayer.

Jesus Love Me (Traditional words by Anna B Warner)

Jesus loves me! This I Know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are wake but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide; He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes. Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me! Love me still, When I'm very weak and ill; From His shining throne on high, Comes to watch me where I lie.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay, Close beside me all the way; He's prepared a home for me; And some day His face I'll see.

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XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2011

Readings: Sirach 27, 33-28, 9; Psalm 102; Romans 14, 7-9; Matthew 18, 21-35

The Parable of the Unforgiving servant

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times I have to forgive him? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," answered Jesus, "but seventy times seven, because the Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a king who decided to check on his servants' accounts. He had just begun to do so when one of them was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. The servant did not have enough to pay his debt, so the king ordered him to be sold as a slave, with his wife and his children and all that he had, in order to pay the debt. The servant fell of his knees before the king. Be patient with me,' he begged. 'and I will pay you everything! The king felt sorry for him, so he forgave him the debt and let him go. "Then the man went out and met one of his fellow servant who owed him a few dollars. He grabbed him and started choking him. "Pay back what you owe me! He said. His fellow servant fell down and begged him, 'be patient with me, and I will pay you back!' But he refused; instead, he had him thrown into jail until he should pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were very upset and went to the king and told him everything. So he called the servant in. You worthless slave!' he said. I forgave you the whole amount you owed me, just because you asked me to. You should have had mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you.' The king was very angry and he sent the servant to jail to be punished until he should pay back the whole amount." And Jesus concluded, "That is how my Father in heaven will treat every one of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart." (Matthew 18, 21-35)

Reflection

In the gospel of this week Jesus invites u to forgive always without thinking on offense or problem.

Peter tells Jesus that he can pardon seven times that means in every case. But Jesus answered you have to forgive seventy times seven that means always and every time. How much does the servant of the gospel owe? Did he have money to pay it? What did the King order for him to pay his debt?

The King ordered him to be sold as a slave, with his wife and children and all that he had in order to pay the debt. What did the servant did? The servant fell on his knees before the king. Be patient with me, he begged, and I will pay you everything! What did the King then do? The king felt sorry for him and forgave him the debt and let him go.

What did the servant did the servant do with a friend that owes him a little money? He did not have compaction with him and he had him thrown into jail until he should pay the debt.

How did hid friends react? They inform the King and the King called him and said: I forgave you the whole amount you owed me, and you did not have mercy on your fellow servant, just I had mercy on you. The King was very angry and sent him to jai until he pay back the whole amount.

Do you pardon from your heart when someone hurts you? Share

Activity.

On the next page you will find and activity with some phrases of important persons on pardon. Try to it with the children after you Read and reflect on the gospel.

Prayer

Lord we know that you always will be merciful with us. Let our hearts turn as merciful as your heart. May we be fill with your love and always be ready to forgive others. Amen



Famous phrases about Frogiveness



Read each phrase and carefully try to understand what the author wants to say. Pick up one that will help you forgive. Memorize it.

When you have a problem trying to forgive, this phrase will come to your mind to help you always forgive as Jesus did.

"When one truly loves, one forgives, forgets, and continues to love. -Anonymous

"The community is called is called to make love and forgiveness the beating heart of the Church". -Pope Benedict XVI. "True forgiveness is only learned in life when one truly needs to be forgiven". —

Jacinto Benavente.

"Forgiving is not forgetting, it is remembering without pain". -Anonymous.

"There is no peace without justice; there is no justice without forgiveness".

-Pope John Paul II.

"The cycle of violence is only stopped by the miracle of forgiveness". -Pope John Paul II.

"The commitment to truth opens the path to forgiveness and reconciliation".

-Pope Benedict XVI.



Exaltation of the Holy Cross; September 14, 2011 Readings: Numbers 21, 4-9; Psalm 77; Philippians 2, 6-11; John 3, 13-17

Jesus heals us

And no one has ever gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from heaven. As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the dessert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior.

(John 3, 13-17)

Reflection

The cross was a most cruel punishment reserved for the worst criminals who were not only executed, but also publicly humiliated. For people in those times, the cross was a symbol of shame. For us however, the cross is the sign of glory and salvation. Jesus cross symbolizes healing and hope for those who look for it. It is also an invitation to fight against our personal sins of selfishness and social sins of injustice and evil. What bad habits do you have? Do you ask Jesus for the help to break free of those bad habits?

Activity

Draw and cut crosses on cardboard paper. Each child writes in one side a need or illness that he wants Jesus to healed. Put them in a basket. And place them on top of the altar of the prayer group, so that all the children can pray for the intentions.

Prayer

Lord, when we find life hard, when we face our own sin and the sin of others, teach us to look at the cross, which gives us strength, both in joyful and sorrowful times. Thank you, Jesus, your cross saves the world. **Amen**



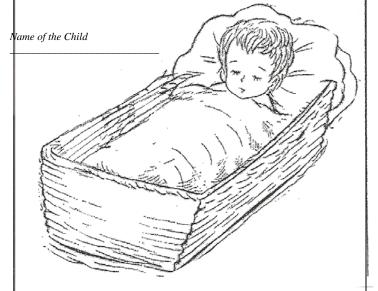
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Jesus, Mary and Joseph I love you very much I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted



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XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18, 2011

Readings: Isaiah 55, 6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 1, 20c-24.27a; Matthew 20, 1-16

The workers in the Vineyard; A merciful and fair master

The Kingdom of heaven is like this once there was a man who went out early in the morning to hire some men to work in his vineyard. He agreed to pay them the regular wage, a silver coin a day, and sent them to work in his vineyard.

He went out again to the market place at nine o'clock and saw some men standing there doing nothing, so he told them, "You also go and work in the vineyard and I will pay you a fair wage. So they went.

Then at twelve o'clock and again at three o'clock he did the same thing. It was nearly five o'clock when went to the marketplace and saw some other men still standing there. "Why are you wasting the whole day here doing nothing? he asked them. "No one hires us, they answered." Well, then, you go and work in the vineyard," he told them. When evening came, the owner told his Foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with those who were hired last and ending with those who were hired first.

The men who had began to work at five o'clock were paid a silver coin each. So when the men who were the first to be hired came to be paid, they thought they would get more; but they too were given a silver coin each. They took their money and started grumbling against the employer. These men who were hired last worked only one hour, they said, while we put up with a whole day's work in the hot sun, yet you paid them the same as you paid us! Listen friend, the owner answered one of them. "I have not cheated you. After all, you agreed to do a day's work for one silver coin. Now take your pay and go home. I want to give this man who was hired

last as much as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do as I wish with my own money? Or are you jealous because I am generous?"

And Jesus concluded, "So those who are last will be first, and those who first will be last."

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Reflection

God ways are not our ways. God is much generous than we could ever imagine. God can be as generous as He wants with his gifts. God is as generous as the owner was with those who did not have anyone to hire them all day. When you saw that other friends got things that in your opinion, they did not deserve. How did you feel? What do you think about the owner of the vineyard? Do you think it was not fair for him to give equal pay to all? Why would he do something like that?

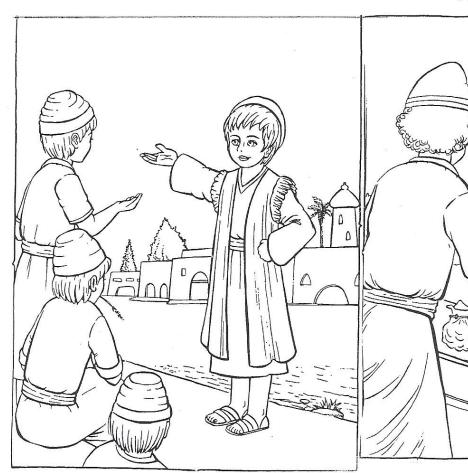
The message today is the great compassion and generosity to which God calls us, because He is compassionate and generous...

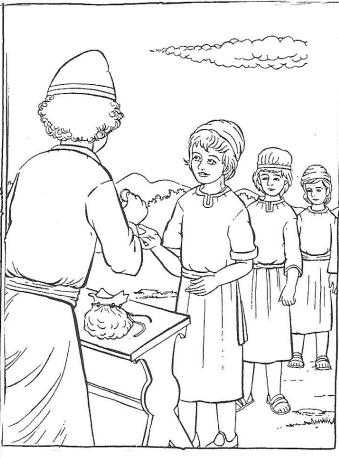
Prayer

Lord, you are always compassionate and generous. Give us a heart free from resentment and jealousy so that we can rejoice in the good of others and in how you deal with each one of us with infinite love. **Amen**















XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25, 2011

Readings: Ezekiel 18, 25-28; Psalm 24; Philippians 2, 1-11; Matthew 21, 28-32

The Parable of the two sons / Actions speak louder than words

"Now, what do you think? There was once a man who had two sons. He went to the older one and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." "I do not want to", he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. "Yes, sir," he answered, but he did not go. Which one of the two did what his father wanted? "

"The older one," they answered. So Jesus said to them," I tell you: the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the Kingdom of God ahead of you. For John the Baptist came to you showing you the right path to take, and you would not believe him; but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. Even when you saw this, you did not later change your minds and believe him. (Matthew 21:28-32)

Reflection

Jesus says that the most important is not what we say we will do, but what we in fact do.
Which of the two sons do you think you are? Why?
What are some of your excuses not to work?
Jesus says God is pleased when we do what we promise to do.
Do you fulfill your promises?
Share

Activity

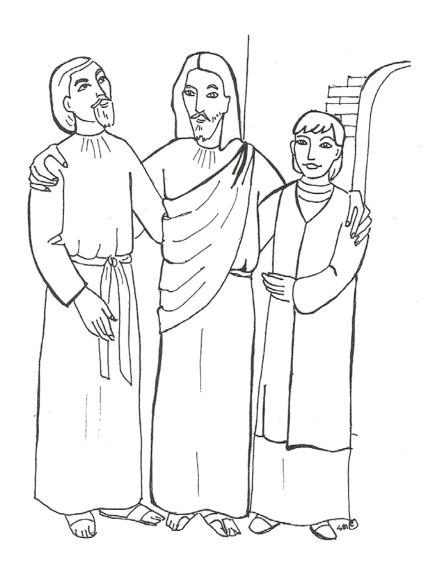
Prepare a script of the gospel. Dramatize the scene as if it were happening nowadays and with familiar situations.

Prayer

Lord, sometimes we want to do something but we get distracted and do not do it. Help us to be true to our word and to the promises we make to one another.

Teach us to be humble and not to think of ourselves as superior to anyone.

Amen





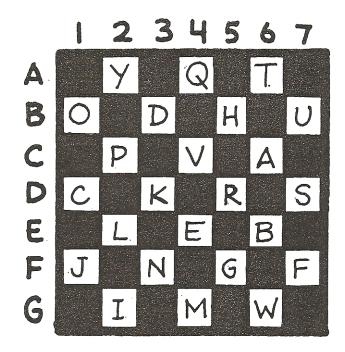
Sacredness-Respectful Love

Find the Way to Give the Love in Your Heart

We know hoe to love because Jesus showed us how to love.

Sometimes we get tired or forget ...

Decipher the message by using the graph at the right, and find out the new way to give the love you have in your heart.



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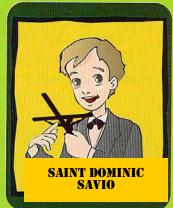
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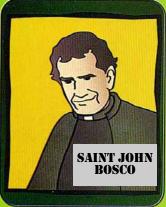
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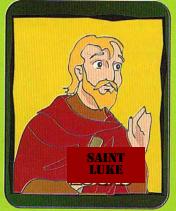




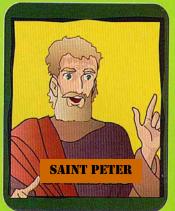






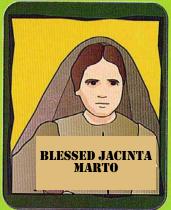


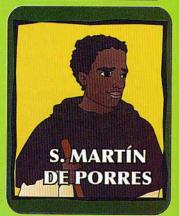


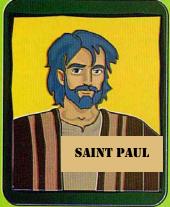




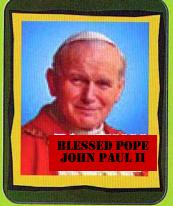


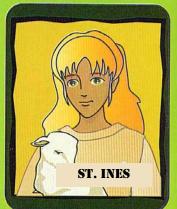






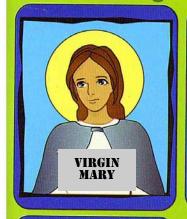






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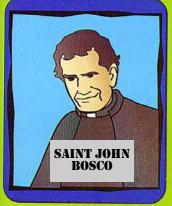
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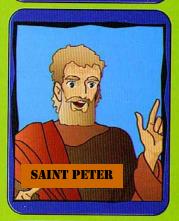




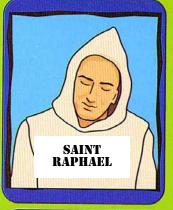




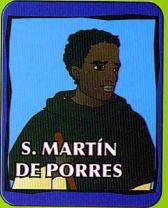


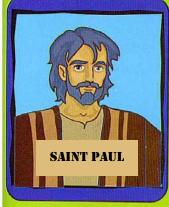


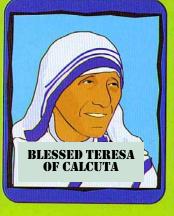


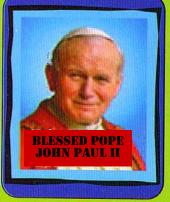














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Who's who?

Goal:

The object of the game is to guess the other teams saint using questions that can only yield the answers yes or no.

Instructions:

Paste pages 1 and 2 to different color pieces of cardboard so that when the groups are made the cards will not be mixed. Then, cut out the pictures of all the saints. Form two teams, each receiving their own set of cards. Each team secretly chooses a saint. Then one of the teams asks the first question. For example, if team one asks "Is your saint a martyr? And team two answers no, then team one eliminates all the saint that are martyrs. The team alternative in asking questions until one team guesses the other team saint correctly.

Saints:

Blessed Laura Vicuña:

She offered her life for the conversion of her mother. The Lord sent her an illness and she died young.

Saint Luke:

Wrote one gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Did not know Jesus but did know Mary.

Saint John Bosco:

Educator and apostle to the youth. Founded the Salesian order.

Saint Martin de Porres:

Patron Saint of the poor. Religious that did many works of kindness. Was very well known for his humility.

Saint Maria Goretti:

Young Christian woman who always worried about grabbing God and not man. Was killed at 14 years old for defending her virginity.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta:

Her mission was to care for the poorest of the poor. She founded the Missionaries of Charity.

Saint Peter:

Apostle of Jesus that was named head of the Church and the first pope. He was martyred by being crucified upside down.

Saint Josephine Bakita:

African woman who suffered slavery but always forgave. Recognized Catholicism and became a religious.

Blessed Pope John Paul II:

The pope before the current one. Apostle to the youth. He traveled the world spreading Word of God. He died a very old sickly man.

Saint Ines:

She died as a martyr of purity at age 12. Saint of the first years of Christianity.

Saint Paul:

He was a Jew. He was knocked off his horse by Jesus on his way to Damascus to kill the Christians. After this experience he converted into an apostle to the Gentiles. He was decapitated and died a martyr.

The Virgin Mary:

She is the mother of Jesus and the mother of all men. She prays for us to the Lord.

Saint Raphael Arnaiz:

He is a model for all youth. He gave himself up to the will of God despite his illness. He then entered the monastery and died there.

Saint Dominic Savio:

He was the Servant of Saint John Bosco. The motto of his life was "I would rather die that sin". He died very sick at age 14

Saint Mary Magdalene:

She lived a bad life but one she encountered the mercy of God she changed her completely and became a disciple of Jesus

Blessed Jacinta Marto:

Mary appeared to her, her brother Francisco, and her cousin Lucia in Fatima, Portugal. She made many sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. She died at age 9 of an illness.

St. Jerome

(340-400) Translator of God's Feast Day: September 30

God speaks to us through the Scriptures —the stories and lessons about God and Jesus that we find in the Bible. The Bible tells us how to know God better and understand what God expects of us.

St Jerome lived a long, long time ago. He wanted all the people in the world to know God's love. The Bible was written in a language most people didn't know, so Jerome spend most of his life translating the Bible into the language that people would be able to read.

Because of all his hard work for God, St. Jerome earned a special title in the Church. Solve the code below to learn St. Jerome's special title



































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