



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

September 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The school year begins in many countries in September. Let us motivate the children, to dedicate time to learn about the Sacraments the important in our life. Encourage the children to visit the Blessed Sacrament and listen daily Mass.

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

- Sept 08 birth of The Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sept 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sept 15 Our Lady of sorrows
- Sept 21 Saint Matthew
- Sept 24 Our Lady of Mercy
- Sept 27 St Vincent of Paul
- Sept 29 St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels

Enclosed Materials:

- a) Calendar & gospel of the month
- b) Fraternal Correction
- c) National Sanctuary of Our Lady of Charity
- d) We celebrate Mary saying Yes to God
- e) Find your clues & tell it Out
- f) The Sacraments
- g) Phrases of forgiveness
- h) Happy birthday Mary
- i) Let's Play
- j) St .Jerome

Recommended videos:

- 1) Listen to the Maker
- 2) The Eucharist
- 3) Moises
- 4) The Ten Commandments

We give thanks to all participants in the VIII congress that we celebrate last month in Managua Nicaragua. The next congress will be in 2016 here in Miami, Florida.

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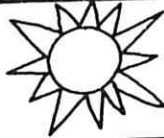

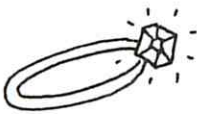








SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 1 Co 2, 1-5 Psalm 118 Lk 4, 16-30	2 1 Co 2, 10b-16 Psalm 144 Lk 4, 31-37	3 ST GREGORY THE GREAT 1 Co 3, 1-9 Psalm 32 Lk 4, 38-44	4 POPE ST. BONIFACE I 1 Co 3, 18-23 Psalm 23 Lk 5, 1-11	5 FIRST FRIDAY B. TERESA OF CALCUTTA 1 Co 4, 1-5 Psalm 36 Lk 5, 33-39	6 FIRST SATURDAY 1 Co 4, 6b-15 Psalm 144 Lc 6, 1-5
7 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ez 33, 7-9 Psalm 94 Ro 14, 7-9 Mt 18, 15-20	8 BIRTH OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Mic 5, 1-4a Psalm 12 Mt 1, 1-16. 18-23	9 ST PETER CLAVER 1 Co 6, 1-11 Psalm 149 Lk 6, 12-19	10 1 Co 7, 25-31 Psalm 44 Lk 6, 20-26	11 1 Co 8, 1b-7.11-13 Psalm 138 Lk 6, 27-38	12 1 Co 9, 16-19.22b-27 Psalm 83 Lk 6, 39-42	13 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 1 Co 10, 14-22 Psalm 115 Lk 6, 43-49
14 24 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Si 27, 30-28, 7 Psalm 102 Ro 14, 7-9 Mt 18, 21-35	15 OUR LADY OF SORROWS Hb 5, 7-9 Psalm 30 Jn 19, 25-27	16 STS CORNELIUS, POPE & CYPRIAN, BISHOP 1 Co 12, 12-14.27-31 Psalm 99 Lk 7, 11-17	17 ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE 1 Co 12, 31-13, 13 Psalm 32 Lk 7, 31-35	18 ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO 1 Co 15, 1-11 Psalm 117 Lk 7, 36-50	19 1 Co 15, 12-20 Psalm 16 Lk 8, 1-3	20 1 Co 15, 35-37, 42-49 Psalm 55 Lk 8, 4-15
21 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 55, 6-9 Psalm 144 Mt 20, 1-16	22 Pr 3, 27-34 Psalm 14 Lk 8, 16-18	23 ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA Pr 21, 1-6.10-13 Psalm 118 Lk 8, 19-21	24 Pr 30, 5-9 Psalm 118 Lk 9, 1-6	25 Ec 1, 2-11 Psalm 89 Lk 9, 7-9	26 STS COSME & DAMIAN Ec 3, 1-11 Psalm 143 Lk 9, 18-22	27 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Ec 11, 9-12, 8 Psalm 89 Lk 9, 43b-45
28 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ez 18, 25-28 Psalm 24 Phil 2, 1-11 Mt 21, 28-32	29 ST. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL Dn 7, 9-10.13-14 Psalm 137 Jn 1, 47-51	30 ST JEROME, PRIEST Job 3, 1-3.11-17.20-23 Psalm 87 Lk 9, 51-56				

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Find Your Clues!

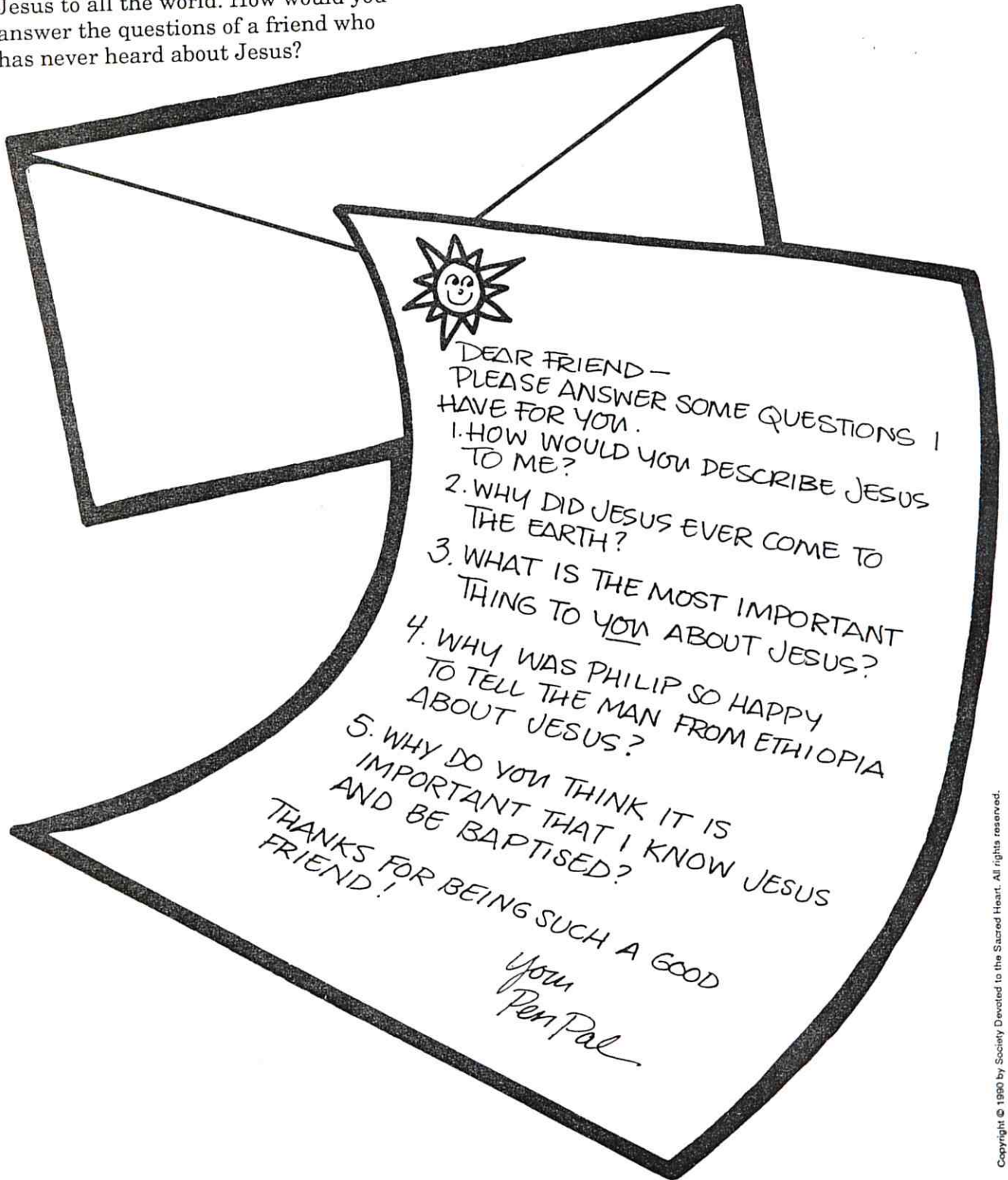
Find the letters missing from the words. Your clue is the first letter of what each picture shows. When you complete the

words, cut out the seven boxes and paste them on a large piece of paper. It is your Poster of Clues for sharing the life of Jesus all your life!

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Tell it Out!

Philip the Apostle spread the good news of Jesus to all the world. How would you answer the questions of a friend who has never heard about Jesus?





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XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 7, 2014

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

It is better to reconcile than 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 two 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, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed 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 think 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. On the other side ask them to write a prayer to Jesus asking for his help to be able to forgive.

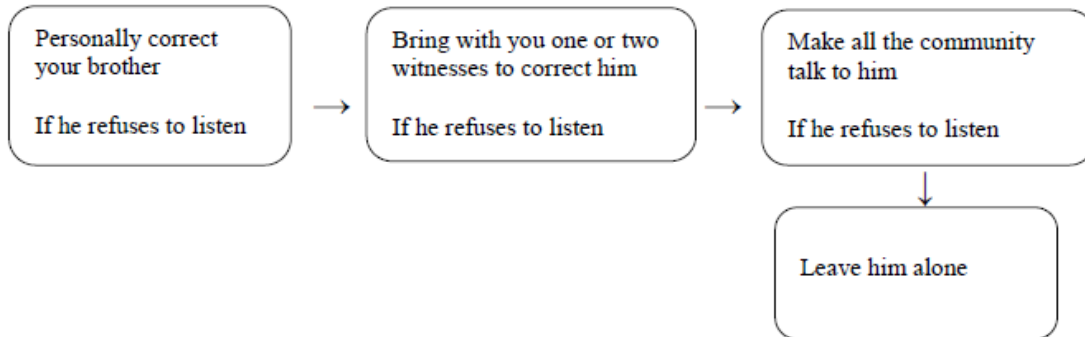
Prayer

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



1-Place the altar in the center of the room with one large candle or several small candles. Light the candles. The room should be without light and instrumental music should be playing.

2-Read Romans 13, 8-10

3-Read Mathew 18, 15-20

4- Invite the group to meditate on the readings.

5-Motivate the group to pray for each other

6-At the end make a circle, join hands, be quiet 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 Loves 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 weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

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

Activity for the 23 Sunday of Ordinary time.

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CateZoom The Sacraments



I'm ready!
Who starts?



Me!



I'm going to give the introduction. The title of our presentation is "Seven sacraments for seven times in life."



Pay attention to the screen, please.



I am pleased to present to you my grandfather William!



I only see a lady there.



She is my great-grandmother, Elizabeth. She was pregnant with my grandfather William. She was only three months pregnant. You can't see him, but he's there.

This picture explains **BAPTISM**. In this first sacrament, we receive all the help that we need from God and the capacity to know Him, love Him, obey Him and one day, reach Heaven.



Baptism washes away original sin, makes us children of God and gives us grace and the virtues that we need to do things pleasing to God.



It's my turn!



This represents **CONFIRMATION**. All that we received in Baptism prepares us to give fruit in Confirmation.



In Confirmation, Christ gives us the grace of Christian maturity and makes us His witnesses. Those who receive Confirmation are ready to give the fruits of a Christian life.

This is my grandmother in a pilgrimage to the Marian shrine in her town. They are celebrating it with a picnic.



This represents the sacrament of the **EUCHARIST**.





We need to eat and drink to keep alive, and we also get together to celebrate the most important moments of our lives.

● In the Eucharist, we receive the grace of spiritual nourishment: The Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ. Nothing can be compared to the Eucharist, because, Christ gives Himself to us.

Moving on! Next sacrament.



● Just as in life, we seek to form a family, in the supernatural life, Christ wants the spouses to love each other as He loved the Church and that is why He instituted the sacrament of Marriage.



● Here my grandfather is greeting the person in charge of education. My grandfather said that he was very interested in making sure that children received the best education possible.
● Our social life is organized by the civil authority. In the supernatural life, we also need an authority that guides us, and that is why Christ instituted the sacrament of Holy Orders.



This symbolizes **HOLY ORDERS**. Men who are called by God to become priests receive it.

You've guessed it: this is picture of my grandparents' wedding. It represents the sacrament of **MARRIAGE**.



This last picture is in honor of my grandfather, after his death. Everyone loved him very much.

● The **ANOINTING OF THE SICK** is the sacrament that accompanies us in the moment of our illness and death.



● The **ANOINTING OF THE SICK** unites us with the death and resurrection of Christ. We Christians are not alone at the moment of our death.

We need a picture to represent the sacrament of **PENANCE or RECONCILIATION**



It is the medicine that we need in our natural life to become healthy again. In the supernatural life, it takes away our sins and heals the wounds that sin produces.

Since Lent is coming up soon, we would like to ask you what we can do to receive this sacrament better.



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Our Lady of Charity



Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary

Remember, O most Gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, My mother; to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer

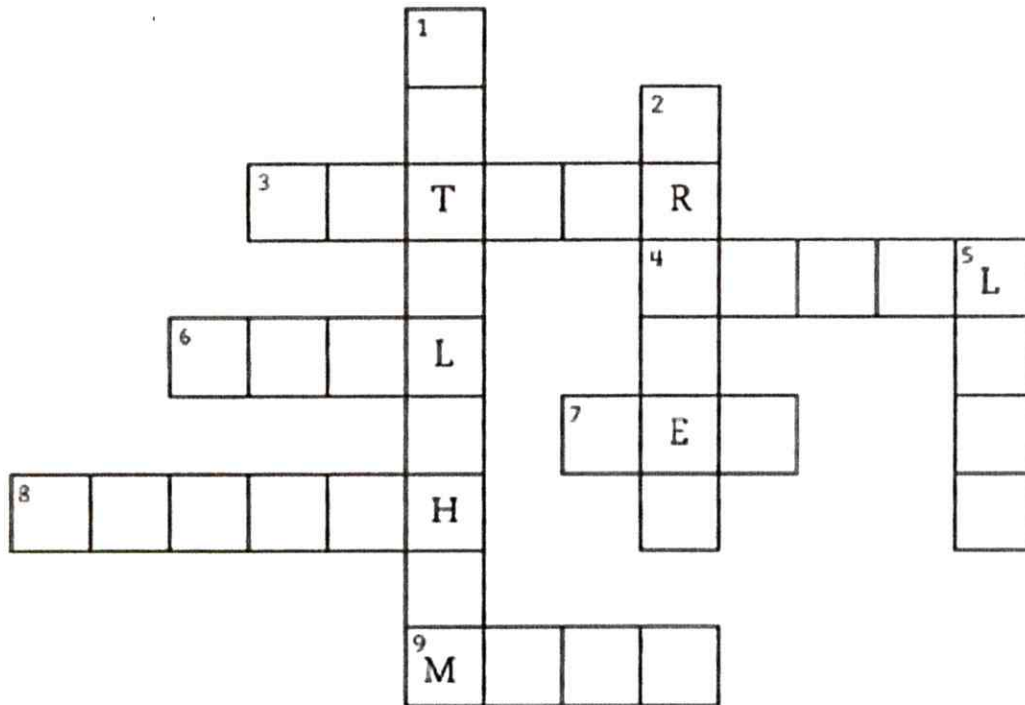
Prayer of Consecration to Mary

O my Queen and Mother, I give myself entirely to you.

To show my devotion to you I consecrate to you this day my eyes, ears, mouth, heart, and whole being without reserve.

Therefore, good Mother, since I am your own, keep me and guard me as your property and possession.

We Celebrate Mary: Saying Yes to God



Across

3. Mary is the _____ of the Church.
4. The _____ told Mary she would be the mother of Jesus.
6. _____, Mary, full of grace.
7. Mary said _____ to God.
8. _____ was a carpenter.
9. _____ is the mother of Jesus.

Down

1. Mary and Joseph went to _____, where Jesus was born.
2. The Hail Mary is our special _____ to Mary.
5. Mary can teach us how to _____.

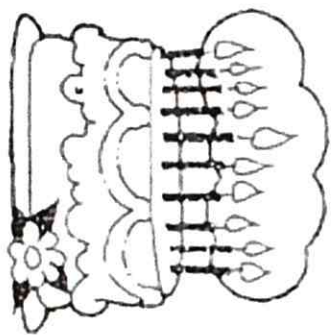


Happy Birthday
Mummy!



*"I have called you by name,
You are mine."*

Isaiah 43:1



To: Mary ,

Happy Birthday!
With love,

From,





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XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time September 14, 2014
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 desert, 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 hopes 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 help to break free of those bad habits?



Activity

Draw and cut crosses on cardboard paper. Each child writes on one side a need or illness that he wants Jesus to heal. 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.

Famous phrases about Forgiveness

Humility

Pace

Piety

FORGIVE
70 X 7
=ALWAYS

Love

Courage

Compassion

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 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.



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XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 2014

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 he 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 begun 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."

Reflection

God's ways are not our ways. God is more 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.





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XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 2014

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 what is 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.**



Let's play

3.- Whom does St. Michael defend us from?
Join the dotted line following the numbers and you will find out.



H.M. for Children 10

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



CODE

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	= E		= T
	= F		= U
	= H		

