



Friends of Jesus and Mary

7th Sunday of Easter, June 2, 2019

Acts 7,55-60; Psalm 96; Revelations 22,12-14; John 17: 20-26

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am, they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

Reflection

Jesus prays for his apostles who will be pastors of His people. Who continues the work of the apostles? (The Pope, the bishops and the priests) **In prayer, what does Jesus ask of God?** (That the apostles will always be in Unity with God and with each other) **Why does Jesus say that unity is important?** (So the world may believe that God sent Jesus.) **When we are in union with God, how do we behave?** (With love, peace, obedience, and joy) **When we are apart from God, how do we behave?** (With fights, anger, and disagreements) **If we are fighting and angry, will people believe that Jesus is in our heart?** Share. **Jesus wants us to be in union with God so we may be with Him in Heaven. Why?** (So we may see the His Glory in Heaven.) **Jesus promises that those who know God, His love and He Himself will stay in them. How?** (The Holy Spirit enters their heart and gives them peace and love to share with others.) **Jesus wants everyone to know and believe in Him; together we can help in His mission. How can you help Jesus in His mission?** (Going to mass; loving and praying for the Church; volunteering in Church by teaching the faith, helping those in needs, assisting in Mass...)



Activity

On the following page, complete the word find. On the next page, color and sing the song to learn the names of the 12 apostles. Talk about each apostle (read the article included in the link). Talk about the mission of the Apostles and the priests, their successors, and the importance of praying for them. On the other page, talk about the hierarchy of the Church and how the priests act In Persona Christi, and In Persona Ministri. Watch the movie about the priest. Make a card for a priest in the parish. Talk about our mission.

Prayer

Lord, we thank you for Pope Francis, our bishops, and our priests. We pray that they will always be in union with You and with the Holy Church giving testimony of God's love for His people. Please send us many Holy priests. Help us to also stay in union with you so we may give testimony of your presence in the world. Amen.

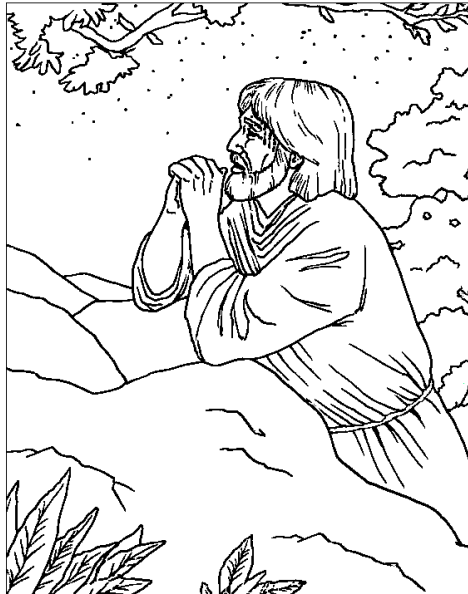
Song: I'm in the Lord's Army, Heritage Kids (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/9FqmiGwTqh4> (3-6 years)

Yancy, Shine and Serve (Ctrl Click) https://youtu.be/gVE8ZNHhd_A (7+ years)

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1DMGy_o--C9whvN0TcZ90rbijvHzumKwk/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true

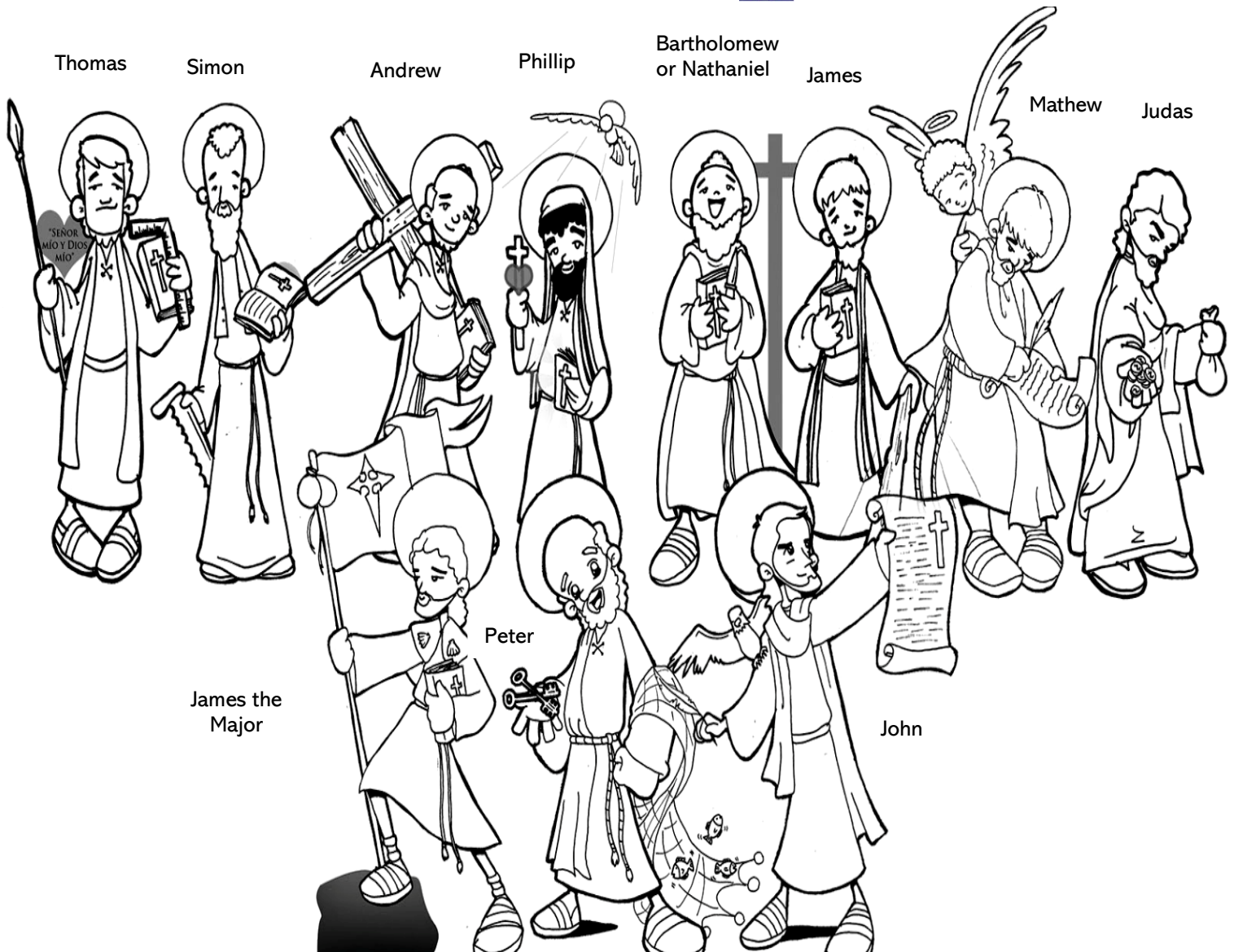


Jesus Prays for His Apostles



John 17,20-26

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heaven			Jesus			Father			
believe			world			perfection			
gift			glory			foundation			
righteous			name			love			



THE 12 APOSTLES

Before the Resurrection

Before the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, Matthias replaces Judas Iscariot, the traitor, and completes the twelve. (Acts 1,26).

Song: 12 Disciples Song, the Bigsby Show, <https://youtu.be/tnAjDIW3If8>

Article: The Apostles, Catholic Online, https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=8



Instructions: Make a card for a priest: cut and color the panels and glue to half a construction paper folded in half as a card. Write names and give to a priest in your parish.

Thank you for serving God and our community with your life.

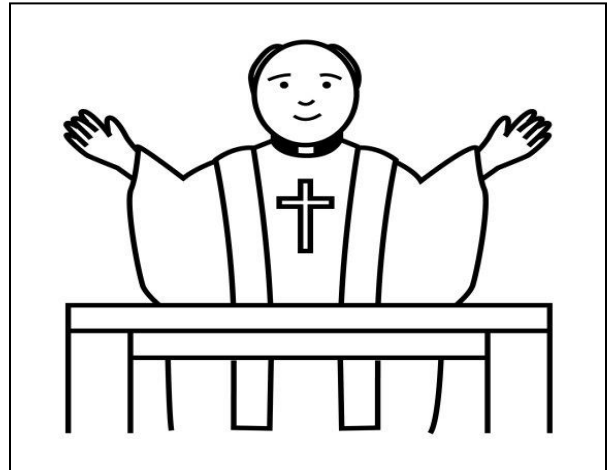
Thank you for giving us Jesus in all the Sacraments especially in the Eucharist.

We pray that you will always remain in union with God and the Church so the world may believe in Jesus and in God's great love for us. We pray that God's love and Jesus Himself remain always in your heart.

God Bless You Always,

From _____

FATHER:



**PRAYING
FOR YOU**

Who is the Priest? Think Priest, <https://youtu.be/i-9RoR6IRdg>

Hierarchy of the Catholic Church



The Priests act in Christ Himself (**In Persona Christi**), with the power of Jesus, because of their ordination, on certain occasions. Specifically, in the Consecration of the Mass, when they repeat Jesus' word at the Last Supper, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine convert to the Body and Blood of Christ. Also, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives our sins through the priests.

In the other sacraments, they act in the person of the minister, (**In Persona Ministri**), as someone who realizes an action: "I baptize you...".