

The Crusader of the Eucharist is the soldier of Jesus Christ, who fights for the reign of Christ the King in the world by offering prayers, Communions, sacrifices, and the apostolate of good example for the chosen intention each month.

Intention for December
The Sanctification of Children

Daily Offering

To be recited every morning when you wake up:



O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, and in reparation for my sins. I offer them particularly
for the sanctification of children.

PRAYER



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CATECHISM OF PERSEVERANCE

Q. What is Advent?

A. The word Advent signifies *coming*. Advent is a time of prayer and penance, established by the Church, to prepare for the feast of Christmas

Q. With what sentiments does the Church wish to inspire us during advent?

A. During advent the Church wishes to inspire us first with the spirit of penance, to prepare our hearts for the birth of the Messiah; she repeats to us the words of St. John, addressed to the Jews on the banks of the Jordan: "Do penance"; "prepare ye the way of the Lord"; "make straight his paths."

Q. What more does she do?

A. She puts on her garb of purple, and suppressed the *alleluia* in a part of her office,

Q. What other sentiments does she wish to inspire?

A. She wishes to inspire us also with hope for which reason she announces to us in the

Epistles and Gospels the speedy coming of the Messiah.

Q. What does Advent represent?

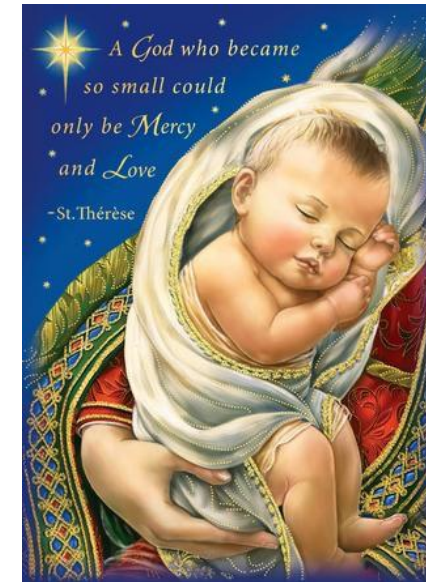
A. Advent represents the 4000 years during which Our Saviour was expected. The Church invites us to sigh for his coming, as did the patriarchs and prophets. From 17 to 23 December she uses the *Great Antiphones*, which are so many ardent sighs after the Messiah.

Q. What must we do to spend Advent well?

A. In order to spend advent well we must, 1st, renounce sin; 2nd, do some works of mortification; 3rd, desire ardently the coming of the Messiah in our hearts; 4th, live in greater recollection and with more fervour than usual.

Q. What motives have we for passing advent well?

A. 1st, obedience to the Church; 2nd, gratitude to Jesus Christ; 3rd, our spiritual interest; for, proportioned to our fervour will be the favours of the Messiah to us.



LITURGY THIS MONTH

The month of December is dedicated to the Holy Child Jesus



December 4th and 5th: First Friday, First Saturday

Remember the special devotions for these days:

First Fridays – Holy Communion of reparation to the Sacred Heart.

First Saturdays – Confession, Holy Communion, rosary, and 15 minutes' meditation on one or more mysteries of the Rosary while keeping our Lady company.

December 8th: The Immaculate Conception of the BVM

Our Lady was preserved from Original Sin because she was to become the Mother of God and save us with her Son.

December 13th: Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete!

The Church rejoices in the middle of Advent because the coming of Our Lord is near and He will deliver us from sin.

December 25th: NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Let us remember that Jesus comes to us, for us, and we must give our hearts to Him.

Eucharistic Crusade treasures for October

City	Sheets returned	Daily Offerings	Mass	Sacramental Communion	Spiritual Communion
Brazil	2	62	0	0	37
Brisbane	5	206	85	82	74
Goa	0				
Ireland	4	124	20	5	269
Quebec	4	124	0	0	121
USA	5	155	156	15	217
Wanganui	9	277	20	20	812
Winnipeg	7	183	5	5	367
TOTALS	36	1,131	145	127	1,897

	Sacrifices	Decades Rosary	Visits Blessed Sacrament	Fifteen minutes' meditation	Good Example
Brazil	142	1,005	0	9	44
Brisbane	66	721	60	4	7
Goa					
Ireland	136	631	0	2	167
Quebec	54	719	0	18	2
USA	215	461	7	13	10
Wanganui	18,077	1,508	86	90	1,246
Winnipeg	358	1,647	1	165	463
TOTAL	19,048	6,692	154	301	1,939

ANSWERS TO GAMES AND PUZZLES
Across – 3. Room 5. Augustus 9. Bethlehem 11. Swaddling 12. Shepherds 14. Virgin 15. Mary 17. Incarnation 20. Manger 21. Nativity 22. Great joy 23. Emmanuel
Down -- 1. Joseph 2. Francis of Assisi 4. Baltheasar 6. Good will 7. December 8. Christmastide 10. Antiphons 13. Host 16. Infant 18. Advent 19. Gabriel

follow our own ways any longer. The ways of the Infant Jesus may be difficult to learn at first, but let us remember they are the ways of God. Oh! Let us cry out to Him with our whole hearts, "Teach me Thy ways." His ways are not like our ways. Our ways are the ways of ignorance, the ways of sin, the ways of short-sighted mortals; the ways of the Infant Jesus are the ways of eternal wisdom, the ways of perfect holiness, the ways of an omniscient God. Let us weep before Him that we have so long followed our own ways, that we have been so fearfully bent on them, to our own destruction, had not His mercy saved us. But we must also "walk in His paths." All that He teaches us to do, He has already practised. The lawgivers of this world may coldly and sternly give laws which they never intend to keep themselves; they may write their laws in blood, in the blood of those whom they drive to sin and desperation by cruel enactments – but it is not so with Jesus. He is the first, the only lawgiver who keeps His own precepts before He asks others to keep them ; and if His laws were written in blood, it is His own Blood, His own most precious Blood, which He has shed even while yet an Infant, to atone for the transgressions which He knew we would commit against the blessed, holy, peaceful laws He came to enact. Was there ever a lawgiver who died to atone for the

sins which would be committed against His laws, who suffered death because justice must have its due, and preferred to suffer instead of the guilty?

3rd Point. -- O my Saviour, my sweet Infant Jesus, teach me. I will try to listen meekly, to obey faithfully. My sweet little Lawgiver, I cannot bear to think that Thou shouldst suffer because I will sin – because I *will* to sin. Oh, take my will from me – my wicked will – since it causes Thee so much suffering! I give Thee up my will : oh, give me Thine in exchange! I will listen for Thy lowest whisper. I will hear and obey Thy voice in the duties of my state, in the requirements of my holy Rule, in the slightest intimation of the wish of my Superior. O my sweet Infant Lawgiver, I will be so anxious to obey Thee, that I will consider even the slightest intimation of Thy will as a treasure, above all when it contradicts my own ; and I will seek for Thy footsteps, and walk in Thy paths, the paths of lowly, unasking obedience, the paths which lead to Paradise, whither Thou wilt bring me, O my Infant Love; where there will be no law but love, and where love will never be grieved or disobeyed.

Sweet Infant Jesus, rule me and guide me for ever.

Form your resolutions, &c. Examen

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Dear Crusaders,

Our intention is "the sanctification of children". We are praying that children become holy; become saints. This includes all of you. Each of you should say "this means me". I must be holy.

What does it mean to be holy? We say at Mass, Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, = Holy, Holy, Holy. The Father is Holy, the Son is Holy and the Holy Ghost is Holy. For a child to be holy he must be like God. We go to baby Jesus this month and we see that he is holy. We have to become like Him to be holy. What did Jesus do? Always He did the will of the Father. During His Agony in the Garden He said "Father not my will but thine be done." As man he did not want to be scourged, spat upon, crowned with thorns, carry the cross be crucified and die. But since it was the Will of His Father He wanted it also. For a child to become holy He must also always do the Will of the Father. Crusaders must make efforts to become holy to be good Crusaders.

The first requirement to become holy is that you want to be holy. If you don't want to become holy you will not become holy. It is ordinary that a Catholic Child want to be holy. This the work of your grace of baptism. God is your Father and you want to be like Him. Unfortunately many children do not know God their Father very well and do not want to be like Him. "God made me to know, love, and serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him in the next." We have to make efforts to know God. Then we will desire to be like Him; to be Holy. We must pray and learn our catechism and attend Mass and devotions when possible to know God.

This is not yet enough to be Holy. Once we want to be like God, we must learn what God wants so that we can say "I want to do the Will of God." Some things God does not want. The worst ones He has forbidden. If we do them we commit sin and are not holy. Other things God has not forbidden but He still does not like them. The Angel complained to Lucy, Jacinta and Francesco at Fatima when they were playing. He said, "What are you doing?" It was not a sin for them to play but it was not the Will of God. God chose them to pray and make sacrifices for sinners. Likewise, it is not a sin for you to play, but if you want to be a saint you will sometimes shorten your playtime and say some prayers or make some sacrifice or do some work. Saints choose to do what is more pleasing to God. For children to become saints they must acquire the habit of asking themselves: Is this (that is what you are doing) what God wants me to do? or would He prefer that I do something better?



This is not easy, but we have examples of children who did become Holy. Little Nellie of Cork, Blessed Anne de Guigne, our patron Dominic Savio are some examples. You must imitate them and deny your own will to prefer doing the Will of God.

Ask your guardian Angel to help you to deny yourself -- that is often hard -- and do rather the things that God wants you to do. Pray and sacrifice this month that other children do likewise. If many children become sanctified they would make the whole world more pleasing to God.

May God bless you,
Fr. MacDonald

LIVING THE RULE



Bulletin de la
Croisade eucharistique

The December Treasure will be offered at Mass on Sunday January 31st 2021.

Dear Crusaders of the Eucharist,

Or rather "dear Apostles of Jesus!"

Go off this month on a conquest for souls... the souls of children, from your family, your country, or the whole world, those who aren't baptised, who do not know God, Jesus, or their heavenly Mother. How many of them will grow up without God and will go to hell because "no one prays and makes sacrifices for them"? (Our Lady at Fatima).

At Christmas, even if bad people prevent us from going to Midnight Mass, you must be able to offer our Little King of Love many, many efforts, prayers and sacrifices so that He might give many, many graces to children and that many, many of them may sanctify themselves and save their souls!

I wish you a very fervent and ardent Advent to prepare for the coming of our Redeemer this Christmas 2020.

Sister Marie-Liesse

PS: The Sisters pray for you and for your families.



PROMISES IN THE EUCHARISTIC CRUSADE

PAGE: Morning prayer and offering; evening prayer and treasure sheet

CRUSADER: Also... two decades of the Rosary daily, Holy Communion every Sunday and Confession every month if possible, at least one sacrifice daily, fight against predominant fault.

KNIGHT or HANDMAID: Also... five decades of the Rosary daily, spiritual Communion each day, fifteen minutes' meditation or spiritual reading, Confession every two weeks if possible.

Knights' and Handmaids' Corner

MEDITATIONS

Begin your meditation by recollecting yourself, adoring God and offering these 15 minutes to Him. Then read slowly; after each paragraph, put your *Deus Vult* aside and pause for a few minutes: talk to Our Lord about what you have just read. Then go on to the next point.

From *Meditations for Advent and Easter* by the author of "Meditations for Lent," "St. Francis and the Franciscans," "The Life and Revelations of St. Gertrude," etc., etc.

THE HEART OF THE INFANT JESUS, OUR COMING LAWGIVER

"He will teach us His ways, and we will walk in His paths : for the law shall come forth from Sion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."
(Is. ii. 3.)

1st Prelude. -- Represent to yourself the Infant Jesus as your lawgiver.

2nd Prelude. -- Pray earnestly that you may have grace to obey all His precepts.

1st Point. -- Consider the office and authority of a lawgiver. It implies a power to command, and a power to enforce the execution of commands. Our Infant Jesus comes now to fulfil the former of these functions ; He will come a second time

to compel the latter. Jesus comes now to give us laws, to explain them, and to exemplify in His own person how we should practise them. He tells us to be meek and lowly of heart ; He explains to us the nature of this meekness and lowliness, and He practises the



lesson He teaches, so that we can have no excuse if we refuse to obey the law. We cannot complain that we do not understand what has been fully explained ; we cannot complain that we are not able to do what another has done. And thus has our dear Infant Jesus explained and practised every precept which He has given. What excuse, then, can we find for disobedience.

2nd Point. -- "He will teach us His ways." We must not

Angels, **SAINTS AND NATIONS** sing,
Praised be Jesus Christ, our King!

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
(December 22nd)



Mary Frances Cabrini was a farmer's daughter who was born near Lodi, in Lombardy, in 1850. She was the youngest child of thirteen, and from very early days she wanted to become a missionary. Once, when she was a little girl picnicking by the river,

she decided to turn the waxed paper in which the food had been wrapped into paper-boats. It was, of course, something that any child might have done. But Frances filled each boat with masses of wild violets, and when her elder sister said she was being silly and that they would all sink and scatter on the water, she answered: *"God will take care of them. They're missionaries. They will go all the way to China."* Even then she was thinking of the great missionary work of St. Francis Xavier, and wanting to follow in his footsteps. And always it was to the Far East that she dreamed of going.

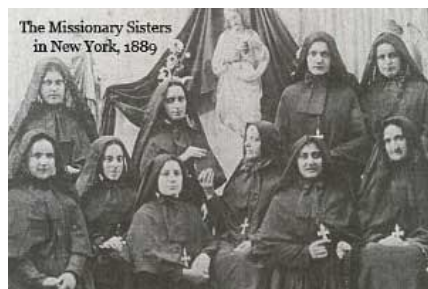
At 18, Mary Frances received her teacher's certificate; and when her parents died the following year, she sought admission in two different sisterhoods but was rejected because of her poor health. During the next 10 years she devoted herself to teaching and directing a school for orphans, and satisfied her zeal by giving catechism instructions and visiting the poor during free time. During a smallpox epidemic in 1872 she did heroic work as a nurse.

But Mary Frances still wanted to be a missionary; and in 1880, with the encouragement of the bishop of Lodi, she and a few companions took up their residence in a former Franciscan Friary and founded a new religious community, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. In 1888 Mother Cabrini's institute received the approval of the Holy See; and the next year Pope Leo XIII directed her to go, not to the East – to China – but West to the United States, to work among the Italians who had emigrated there, and who were

working in such bad conditions that they were almost like slaves and had lost faith in their religion.

With six of her nuns, she arrived in New York on March 31, 1889, after an unpleasant voyage, only to find that there was no convent ready for her. There had been some misunderstanding, and the Archbishop of New York suggested that she should return to Italy. But when she showed him the Pope's order to her he changed his mind and found a home for her with some Sisters of Charity.

Mother Cabrini, however, was determined to have her own convent from which to look after orphans and minister to the inhabitants of "Little Italy", as the Italian quarter of New York was called, and she managed, in the end, to take over a house which the

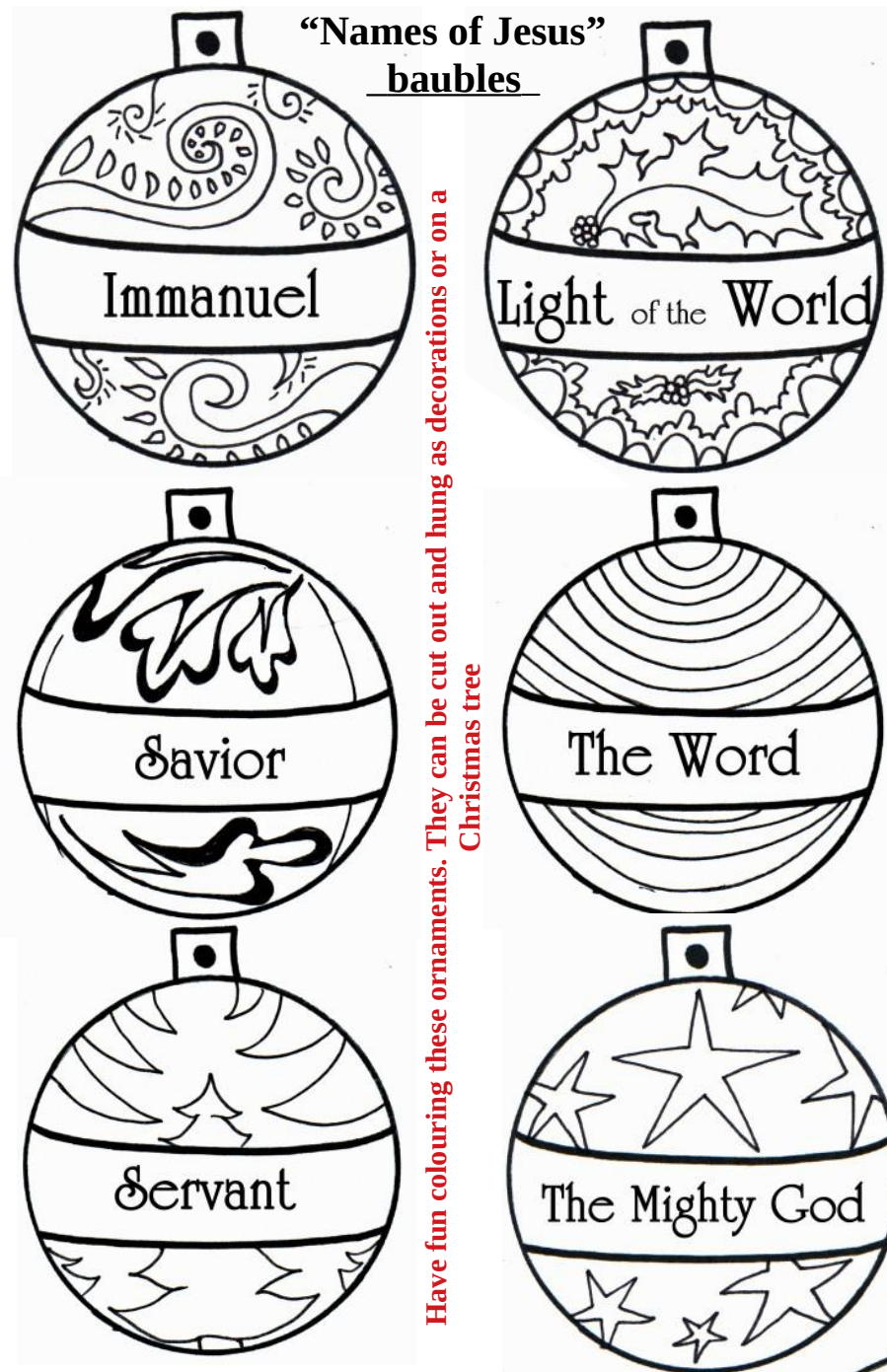


Jesusuits no longer needed. Her order was established in America at last, and she herself became an American citizen. But this was not the end of her missionary journeys. She returned more than once to Europe; she crossed the Andes on a mule-train; she sailed to South America. In 1898 she visited London, and fell in love with England and the English: *"In other countries they speak of nobility and courtesy," she said; "in England they practise it. God will bless this nation and give it the grace of re-entering the One True Church."* In 1902 the first English convent of her Order was opened in Southwark.

Mother Cabrini died in Chicago on December 21, 1917, during the First World War. Just before her death, she had been told that more than five hundred children of Italian immigrants would have no Christmas gifts. She gave an order that presents were to be bought for them out of the funds of the Convent, and though very ill, she insisted on helping to pack them up. She was able to complete this before, that winter morning, she collapsed into her chair and died.

She was canonized under the name of St. Frances Xavier, in 1946 – the first citizen of the United States to be pronounced a saint – and at the ceremony were several Chinese who had joined her order. She had, in God's way, missionized in China in the steps of St. Francis Xavier, as she had wished.

"Names of Jesus" baubles



STORY OF THE MONTH



Did you ever go to the church on Christmas Day and kneel near the crib to pray before the statue of the Infant Jesus? Do you remember the little stable with the two animals looking down

at the tiny Baby? Our Blessed Mother was there, too, and dear St. Joseph was close by. The Divine Infant was lying in a small crib, in which some straw had been placed to keep Him warm.

Would you like to know about the saint who first built such a crib? He did so to put us in mind of our dear Lord who was born at Bethlehem more than a thousand years ago. This saint was a man named Francis. He lived in a little town in Italy. His father was very rich. Francis loved fine clothes, and very often he would go out with his young friends to have a pleasant time.

But soon Francis heard our Lord's sweet voice in his heart. Our Lord told Francis to give up his fine clothes and his pleasures. So Francis left his father's rich home and went to live in a tiny chapel of our Blessed Mother. Francis dressed himself in poor clothing and went around the country preaching to the people. Many other men came to live with Francis. He taught them how to love and serve God in poverty and humility, calling themselves the "Little Friars".

For the Saint, Christmas had always been the Feast of Feasts, yet he did not think it had been celebrated as it could have been. The poverty of Christ had become lost in the extravagance of the Christmas festivities. An idea occurred to him and while on a visit to Rome, he received permission from the Pope to put his idea to work. One of his fellow friars, Thomas of Celano, tells us:

"Blessed Francis called a friend about two weeks before Christmas and said to



him: 'If you desire that we should celebrate this year's Christmas together at Greccio, go quickly and prepare what I tell you; for I want to enact the memory of the Infant Who was born at Bethlehem, and how He was deprived of all the comforts babies enjoy; how He was bedded in a manger on hay, between an ass and an ox. For once I want to see all this with my own eyes.' When the good and faithful man had heard this, he departed quickly and prepared in the above-mentioned place everything that the Saint had told him.

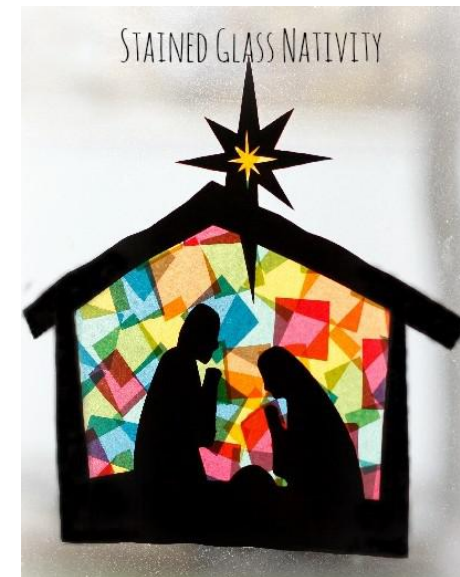
The joyful day approached. The Franciscans were called from many communities. The men and women of the neighborhood, as best they could, prepared candles and torches to brighten the night. Finally the Saint of God arrived, found everything prepared, saw it and rejoiced. The crib was made ready, hay was brought, the ox and ass were led to the spot and Greccio became a new Bethlehem. The night was radiant with joy. The crowds drew near and rejoiced in the novelty of the celebration. Their voices resounded from the woods, and the rocky cliff echoed the jubilant outburst. As they sang in the praise of God, the whole night rang with exultation. The Saint of God stood before the crib, overcome with devotion and wondrous joy. A solemn Mass was sung at the crib.

The Saint dressed in deacon's vestments, for a deacon he was. He sang the Gospel. Then he preached a delightful sermon to the people who stood around him, speaking about the nativity of the poor King and the humble town of Bethlehem."

God was so pleased with the efforts of His devoted servant Francis to bring others to love Him better through the events of that night, that He appeared then to the Saint as the Babe of Bethlehem, "an Infant marvellously beautiful, sleeping in the manger, Whom the blessed Father Francis embraced with both his arms, as if he would awake Him from sleep."



THINGS TO MAKE AND DO



This simple, stained glass nativity scene makes a lovely ornament or you could use it as a gift tag or card.

Stained Glass Nativity materials:

- Contact paper
 - Nativity Silhouette (overleaf)
 - Colourful tissue paper cut into squares
 - Scissors
1. Trace or photocopy and cut out the nativity silhouette.
 2. Lay out contact paper sticky side up and center the silhouette on top of the contact paper.
 3. Place squares of tissue paper inside the nativity silhouette to create the look of stained glass.
 4. Once the nativity is filled with tissue paper, lay a second sheet of contact paper on top of the entire project. Be careful not to trap air bubbles. Trim the excess contact paper with scissors.



A Hymn on the Nativity of My Saviour

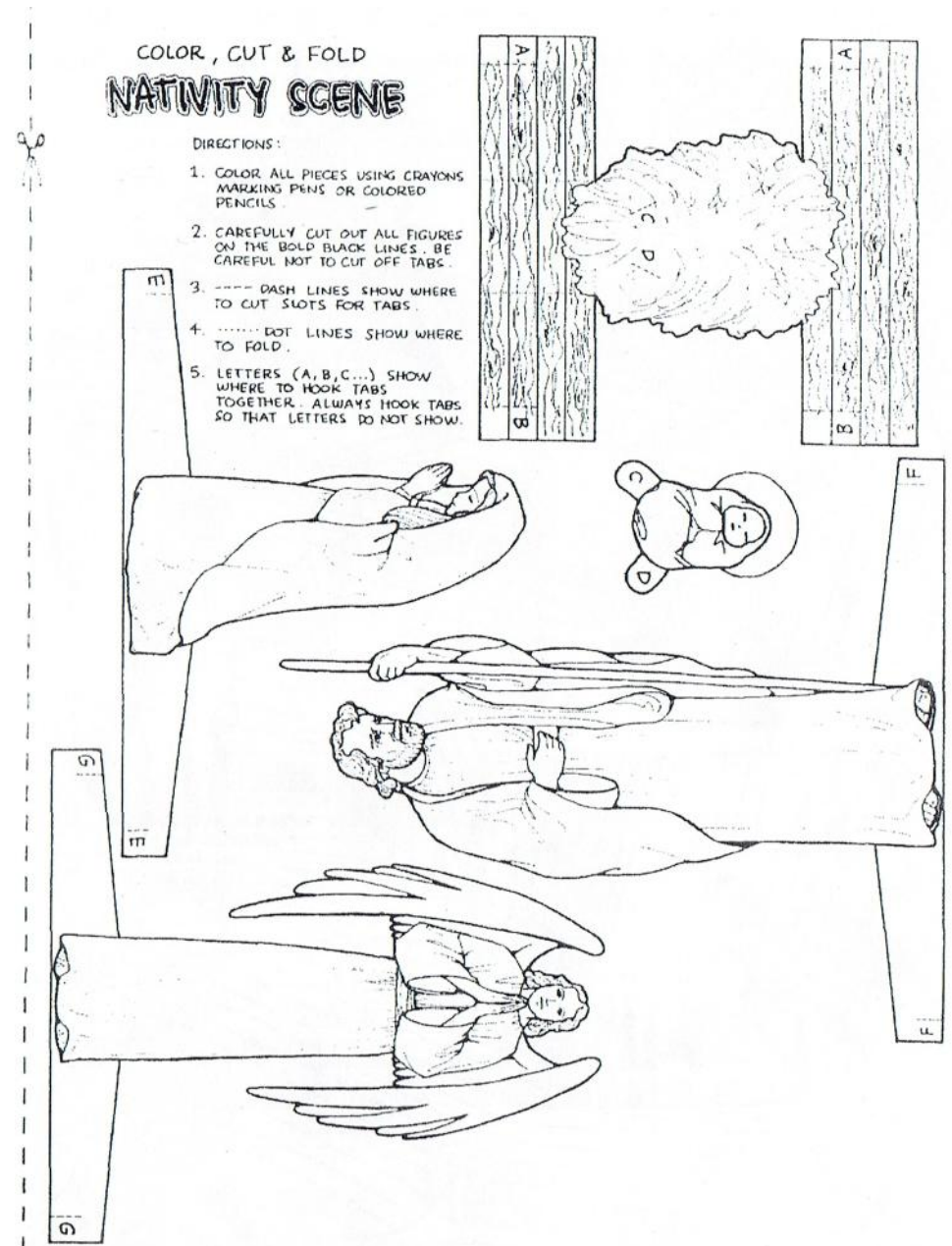
I sing the birth was born to-night
 The author both of life and light;
 The angels so did sound it,
 And like the ravished shepherds said,
 Who saw the light, and were afraid,
 Yet searched, and true they found it.

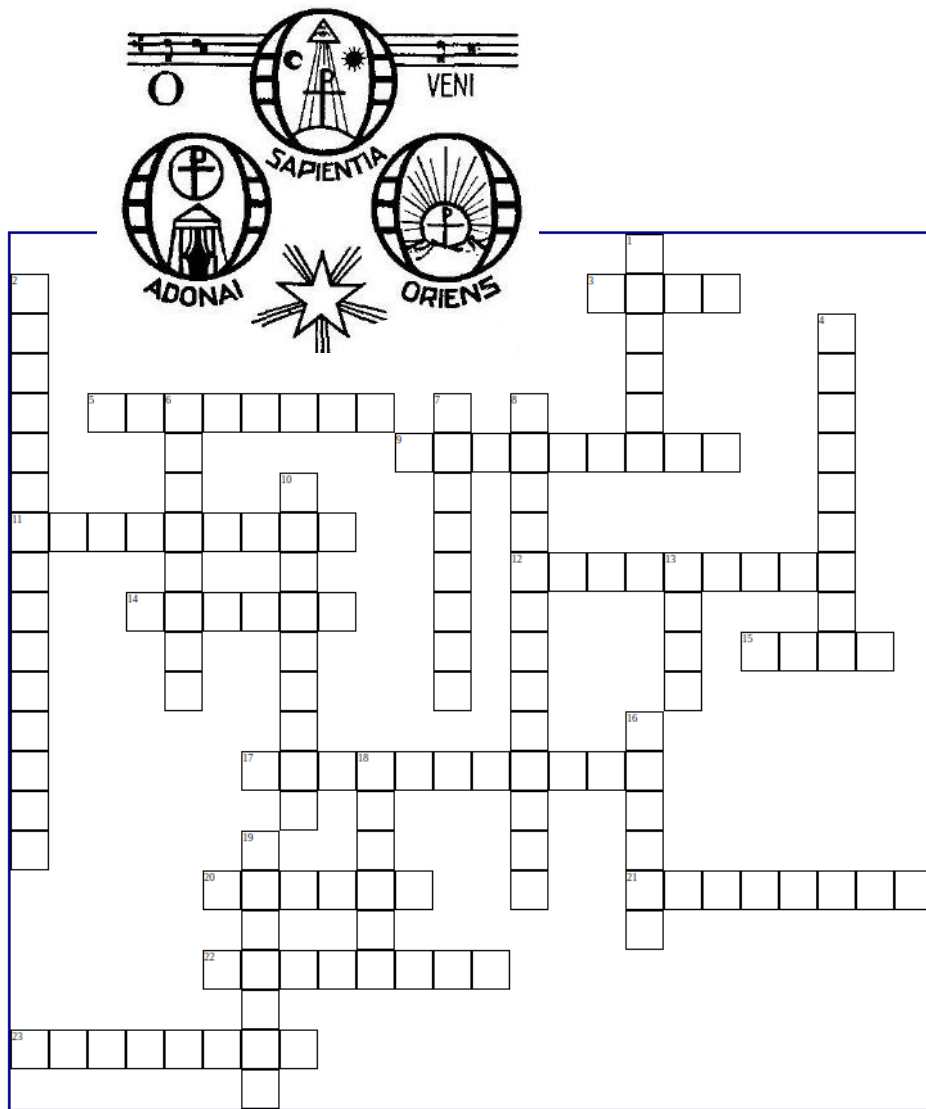
The Son of God, th' Eternal King,
 That did us all salvation bring,
 And freed the soul from danger;
 He whom the whole world could not take,
 The Word, which heaven and earth did make
 Was now laid in a manger.

The Father's wisdom willed it so,
 The Son's obedience knew no *No*,
 Both wills were in one stature;
 And as that wisdom had decreed,
 The Word was now made Flesh indeed,
 And took on Him our nature.

What comfort by Him do we win,
 Who made Himself the price of sin,
 To make us heirs of glory!
 To see this Babe, all innocence,
 A martyr born in our defense:
 Can man forget this story?

GAMES AND PUZZLES





Europe ; as if to show by its very situation that the Land from which salvation flowed to all lands should be the centre to which the men of every age and race and clime should turn with love and thankfulness.

It seems to belong to all lands in another way — by sharing what is special to each. Nowhere out of Palestine are to be found natural features so opposite, and the animal and vegetable life of such different parts of the globe.

In a country about the size of Switzerland are snow-capped mountains, parched deserts, beautiful lakes; plains scarlet with poppies, and desolate stony wastes ; groves of feathery palms, and oaks, chestnuts, pines, and firs; vines, melons, pomegranates, the sugar cane; and apples, nuts, and fields of waving corn.



The lion, rhinoceros, wild bull, and bison, are no longer found, but there are camels and bears, wolves and hyenas, jackals and apes, with the horses, asses, sheep, and goats, hares and foxes of our own land.

Palestine has our birds, too, all the warblers of our woods and hedges, the blackbird, thrush, and cuckoo, with sparrows, rooks, and jackdaws. The robin spends his winter there; all about Bethlehem the goldfinch is common, wild ducks abound in the Jordan valley, whilst soaring above most rocky ravines are the vulture and the eagle. Might we not think that the



various creatures familiar to us in different parts of the world are gathered together in the Holy Land to be blessed for every land?

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

From *Jesus of Nazareth: The Story of His Life Simply Told*
By Mother Mary Loyola



XIV. PALESTINE AND ITS PEOPLE



" Too long hast Thou been silent, O Lord Jesus, and very much too long; begin now at last to speak," says St. Bernard in one of his sermons.

We can scarcely imagine a greater contrast than the thirty years of our Lord's Life now past, and the three that are to come. Hitherto He has been hidden away as the carpenter of an obscure village, unknown except to His humble relations, and very imperfectly known even to them. Now, with a band of devoted disciples. He is to come and go along the highways of the land, to be a familiar Figure in the Temple at the time of the great yearly Feasts, a Teacher in the synagogues up and down the country, the Guest of Pharisees of distinction. He will be followed from city to city, and across the wilderness and up the mountain slopes by multitudes of every age and class and calling. He will be found amidst friends and enemies, at festive gatherings, at the bedside of the sick and lonely poor.

To know Him better we will try to get some idea of the land to which He is coming as Teacher of its people.

If we take a map of the world we shall find that the little country of Palestine lies just in the heart of the Eastern hemisphere. It forms part of Asia, it adjoins Africa, and the same sea that bathes its shore washes all those of southern



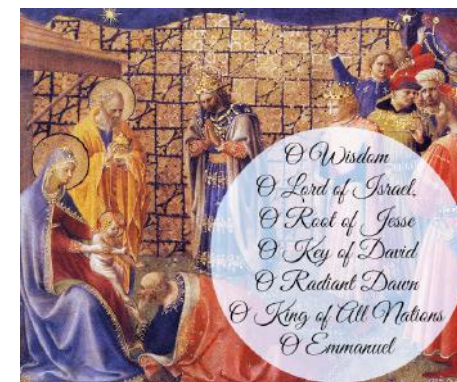
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3. No ____ for them in the inn
5. Caesar _____
9. House of Bread
11. _____ clothes
12. And the _____ returned, glorifying and praising God, for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.
14. _____ Mother
15. Blessed Virgin _____
17. The assumption of human nature – both body and soul – by the second Person of the Blessed Trinity
20. Laid in a _____
21. The _____
22. Good tidings of _____
23. God is with us



Down

1. Foster father of Jesus, St. _____
2. The nativity scene is attributed to St. _____
4. St. Caspar, St. Melchior, and St. _____
6. Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of _____
7. _____ 25th
8. Season of the Church which goes from December 24 to January 13
10. O Sapientia, O Adonai, O Radix Jesse, O Clavid David, O Oriens, O Rex Gentium, O Emmanuel: Greater _____
13. Heavenly _____ (of angels)
16. _____ (baby) Jesus
18. Preparatory period for Christmas
19. Archangel _____



Please add the totals from all individual Treasure Sheets for your family, record the family total here and send one copy to Father Edward MacDonald



Family Grand Total
December 2020



Number of sheets returned	
Daily offering	
Holy Mass	
<u>Communion</u>	
~ Sacramental ~	
~ Spiritual ~	
Sacrifices	
Decades of the Rosary	
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	
Fifteen minutes' meditation	
Good example	



Eucharistic Crusade Treasure
December 2020

Day of month	Daily Offering	Masses	Communions		Sacrifices	Decades of the Rosary	Visits to Blessed Sacrament	15 minutes meditation	Good Examples
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