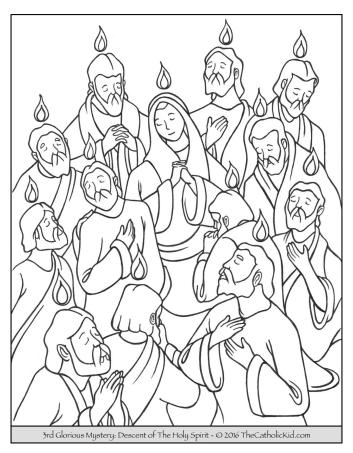


Sunday, May 28, 2023

Gospel: John 20:19-23





FAMILY TIME

At the dinner table, in the car, we talk about our faith, wherever we are!



This week, we celebrate both the Solemnity of Pentecost *and* the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin, Elizabeth!

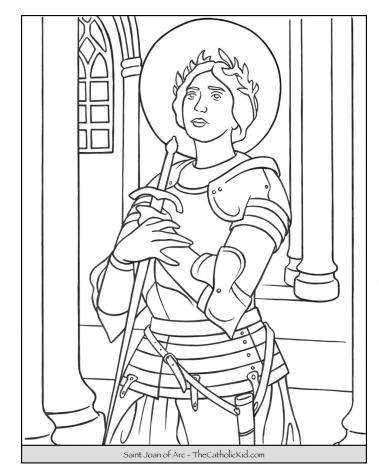
LITTLE ONES: The Visitation commemorates Mary as the first evangelist bringing Jesus to others. John the Baptist leapt with joy in his mother's womb at being in the presence of Jesus. Does Jesus make you leap for joy? How can you share that joy with others?

BIGGER ONES: It takes courage to share the Faith with others as the apostles did after Pentecost. Which two Sacraments allow us to receive the Holy Spirit in ways that enable us to "go forth and make disciples of all the nations"? Thank the Lord today for these Sacraments and commit to serving the Lord's Church this way.

FAMILY CHALLENGE: As a family, ponder these two celebrations of the church and the relationship between them as you pray two decades of the rosary - the 2nd Joyful Mystery: The Visitation and the 3rd Glorious Mystery: The Descent of the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 104: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

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Saint Joan of Arc lived in France during the early 1400s. As a young girl, Joan had a vision of St. Michael the Archangel, and he told her she was to lead a battle against the English. She continued to have visions and when she was 16, she went to work fulfilling the role God intended for her. She became a successful military leader and defeated the English during many battles even though she was young and even though, at the time, women didn't go into battle. Eventually, she was captured by the English and put to death at the age of 19. As she died, she asked to be given a cross to hold and look at, and she called on the name of Jesus as she died. She teaches us that the Lord will give us all the courage and special graces we need to accomplish whatever He asks of us. She is the patroness of France, prisoners, soldiers, and people who are persecuted for faith. We celebrate the feast of Saint Joan of Arc on May 30. Saint Joan of Arc, pray for us! SOURCE: CatholicSaintMedals.com

"I am not afraid; I was born to do this."

- Saint Joan of Arc