

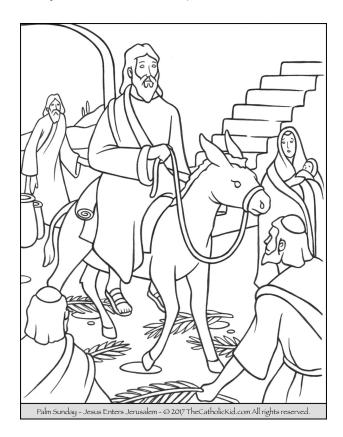
Sunday, April 2, 2023

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

Saint John Baptist de la Salle was born in 1651 in Reims, France, to aristocratic Catholic parents at a time when most people in that country were poor. Unlike many children, De La Salle was given an excellent education & later ordained a priest. His initial plan to work among the wealthy changed when he witnessed the plight of poor children who did not have educational opportunities and seemed "far from salvation." He gave up his wealth to work with teachers and start schools all over France. The Lasallian tradition is rooted in the fact that all people, especially the young, have dignity because they were created in the image of God. He is the Patron Saint of Teachers and his feast day is April 7. Saint John Baptist de la Salle, pray for us! (ref. Christian Brothers University)

"Let us pray before starting whatever we do."

- St. John Baptist de la Salle



FAMILY TIME

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



Today we begin Holy Week & are reminded of when Jesus entered Jerusalem to adoring crowds and later suffered and died for us on the cross.

LITTLE ONES: We might feel sad knowing that Jesus suffered and died for us, but we can also feel hopeful and happy when we remember this sacrifice saved us from sin & gave us eternal life!

BIGGER ONES: Jesus prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, concludes by affirming His obedience to the Father's will. Jesus' obedience won your salvation. Pray to God for obedience to do His will & make sure you go to confession before Easter.

FAMILY CHALLENGE: The length of the Passion narrative can be difficult for little ones to sit through. Try breaking down this Sunday's reading over the course of Holy Week and read a little together every night. (ref. LoyolaPress.com)

Psalm 22:

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"



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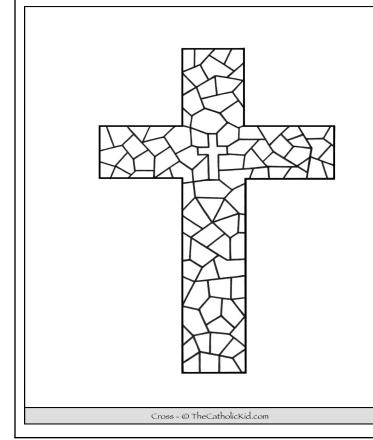


Observing Holy Week

Would your family like to learn ways to celebrate Holy Week or pick up a new tradition? Kenda Tierney, author of *Catholic All Year*, has some great resources on her also-named website.

Use the QR code to learn all about Spy Wednesday, foot washing on Thursday, Rice Krispie lambs, why you might want to pass on Easter Egg hunts until Easter Sunday, and how you can make this "week solemn, meaningful and memorable...without a whole lot of advanced planning."





Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name.

Philippians 2:8-9

The cross represents death and suffering but it also represents life and hope! Color this stained glass cross or make a bigger one of your own to hang up on Easter Sunday and all other days as a reminder that Jesus conquered death for us and promised us eternal life.