

# HUMBOLDT AREA

# Catholic Community

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Please register after weekend mass or contact a Parish Secretary. WE WELCOME YOU!

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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Please call St. Mary's Parish Office in the event of illness or hospitalization. Communal celebrations in the Fall & Spring.

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please call or e-mail St. Mary's Parish Office by 2pm on Wednesdays.

## Today's Readings:

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**Lectionary: 34**

### Reading 1

**Ezekiel 37:12-14**

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Thus says the Lord GOD:  
O my people, I will open your graves  
and have you rise from them,  
and bring you back to the land of Israel.  
Then you shall know that I am the LORD,  
when I open your graves and have you rise from them,  
O my people!  
I will put my spirit in you that you may live,  
and I will settle you upon your land;  
thus you shall know that I am the LORD.  
I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 130:1 – 2, 3 – 4, 5 – 6, 7 – 8**

R. (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.  
Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my voice in supplication.  
R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.  
If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,  
LORD, who can stand?  
But with you is forgiveness,  
that you may be revered.  
R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.  
I trust in the LORD;  
my soul trusts in his word.  
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,  
let Israel wait for the LORD.  
R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.  
For with the LORD is kindness  
and with him is plenteous redemption;  
And he will redeem Israel  
from all their iniquities.  
R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

## Reading 2

Romans 8:8 – 11

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh;

on the contrary, you are in the spirit,  
if only the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you,

although the body is dead because of sin,  
the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,  
the one who raised Christ from the dead

will give life to your mortal bodies also,  
through his Spirit dwelling in you.

## Verse Before The Gospel

John 11:25A, 26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

## Gospel

John 11:1 – 45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany,  
the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil  
and dried his feet with her hair;  
it was her brother Lazarus who was ill.

So the sisters sent word to him saying,  
“Master, the one you love is ill.”  
When Jesus heard this he said,  
“This illness is not to end in death,  
but is for the glory of God,  
that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

So when he heard that he was ill,  
he remained for two days in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to his disciples,  
“Let us go back to Judea.”

The disciples said to him,  
“Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you,  
and you want to go back there?”

Jesus answered,  
“Are there not twelve hours in a day?  
If one walks during the day, he does not stumble,  
because he sees the light of this world.  
But if one walks at night, he stumbles,  
because the light is not in him.”

He said this, and then told them,  
“Our friend Lazarus is asleep,  
but I am going to awaken him.”  
So the disciples said to him,  
“Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved.”  
But Jesus was talking about his death,  
while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep.  
So then Jesus said to them clearly,  
“Lazarus has died.  
And I am glad for you that I was not there,  
that you may believe.  
Let us go to him.”  
So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples,  
“Let us also go to die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus  
had already been in the tomb for four days.  
Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away.  
And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary  
to comfort them about their brother.  
When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,  
she went to meet him;  
but Mary sat at home.  
Martha said to Jesus,  
“Lord, if you had been here,  
my brother would not have died.  
But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,  
God will give you.”  
Jesus said to her,

“Your brother will rise.”  
Martha said to him,  
“I know he will rise,  
in the resurrection on the last day.”  
Jesus told her,  
“I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.  
Do you believe this?”  
She said to him, “Yes, Lord.  
I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,  
the one who is coming into the world.”

When she had said this,  
she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying,  
“The teacher is here and is asking for you.”  
As soon as she heard this,  
she rose quickly and went to him.  
For Jesus had not yet come into the village,  
but was still where Martha had met him.

So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her  
saw Mary get up quickly and go out,  
they followed her,  
presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there.  
When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him,  
she fell at his feet and said to him,  
“Lord, if you had been here,  
my brother would not have died.”  
When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping,  
he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said,  
“Where have you laid him?”  
They said to him, “Sir, come and see.”  
And Jesus wept.  
So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.”  
But some of them said,  
“Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man  
have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.  
It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.  
Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”  
Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him,  
“Lord, by now there will be a stench;  
he has been dead for four days.”  
Jesus said to her,  
“Did I not tell you that if you believe  
you will see the glory of God?”  
So they took away the stone.  
And Jesus raised his eyes and said,

“Father, I thank you for hearing me.  
I know that you always hear me;  
but because of the crowd here I have said this,  
that they may believe that you sent me.”  
And when he had said this,  
He cried out in a loud voice,  
“Lazarus, come out!”  
The dead man came out,  
tied hand and foot with burial bands,  
and his face was wrapped in a cloth.  
So Jesus said to them,  
“Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary  
and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

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## Reflection for the 5th Sunday of Lent, Year A

March 29, 2020

Fr. Dan Guenther

When I went to college, I was not in the seminary. I initially studied business and accounting, but I finished as an English teacher on the secondary level. I student taught at Wahlert Catholic High School in Dubuque, and was offered a teaching position at the end of the semester, at the end of college. I didn't take the job, however, because I was discerning going to seminary.

I remember visiting with a few priest friends at the time, and that helped a lot. I finally did make the decision to enter seminary, and after visiting with Bishop Greteman, our bishop at the time, he indicated that he wanted to send me to Rome to study. I had good grades in college and high school, and he thought I would do well studying overseas in Rome. That was his wish, his choice of seminary for me.

Well, I was flattered and touched by his confidence in me, but I had another issue going on in my life. At the time, the end of my college years, my mother was already seriously ill with cancer, and her future was very uncertain. So I visited again with Bishop Greteman, and respectfully asked him if I could stay and study in the United States instead of overseas, knowing that I would likely be called home if and when my mother's cancer got really bad.

Keep in mind that these were the days when a seminarian would not question or ask a bishop to change his thinking. Bishop Greteman, however, was wonderfully kind and accommodating to me. He suggested that I go to St. Paul Seminary in the Twin Cities, which was the closest seminary to Sioux City. He told me that I would be allowed to come home any time my dad felt that I should be home, and he would support me in any way. I never did share with my parents or family or even friends that I was supposed to be going to Rome to study.

As things went, I was called home a few different times during my seminary years, but mom pulled through each time. In the last year of her life, the best month for her was right when I was ordained. She had strength enough to attend the ordination and my first Mass and the celebrations afterwards. About three months later, however, she slipped into a coma and eight months later, at the age of 52, she died.

My mother's funeral was the third funeral I had as a young priest. I decided to not only preside at the funeral, but to give the homily as well. This was the first time I had really lost anyone close in my life, and I remember having all kinds of feelings and emotions....numbness, sadness, confusion, but even feelings like joy and comfort that mom was no longer in the coma and suffering the way she was. Probably my greatest consolation was in the feeling that Jesus *understood* my pain, my feelings, and my life in this very trying time. And the reason for this feeling comes from today's Gospel.

In this Gospel account about Lazarus and his sisters, Jesus was going through a great amount of pain and emotional suffering. Martha, Mary and Lazarus were probably the closest friends of Jesus. Recall that the Gospel spoke about how Jesus *loved* Lazarus, Martha and Mary. They were probably like a brother and sisters to Jesus.

Very likely, when Jesus learned that Lazarus had died, he was shocked and stunned. Describing his reaction to the news, the Bible says, "And Jesus wept." This is the shortest verse in the Bible. It is just three words: "And Jesus wept." Yet, it describes the most *moving* scene in the Gospels.

And the reason it is so moving is that it gives us an insight into the humanity of Jesus. It gives us an insight into the heart and inner soul of Jesus. We tend to forget that Jesus had a heart and loved, as we do. We tend to forget that Jesus had emotions and cried, as we do. We tend to forget that Jesus had a body and suffered, as we do.

Why is it so important to remember these things about Jesus?

It's important because it makes it all the more possible for us to relate to Jesus. He is like us in all things but sin. Because Jesus loved, because he cried, because he suffered, he understands how we feel when we love, when we cry, when we suffer. This understanding about Jesus personally gave me great comfort in my mother's death. And for all of us, just knowing that Jesus understands us can hopefully inspire us to carry on now as life is hard, as life seems dark, as life may seem very confusing. Jesus fully understands and carries us in these difficult days. That's good news! Let us hang onto this belief!

But there's more good news here! Today's gospel shows us something even more important about Jesus. Besides showing Jesus weeping for Lazarus, it shows Jesus *raising* Lazarus to life. In other words, besides showing the humanity of Jesus, it shows us the *divinity* of Jesus. It shows that Jesus was not only human, like us, but that he was also the Son of God.

But today's gospel even goes further. It shows Jesus making a remarkable promise to us. He says, "Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, *will live.*"

In other words, Jesus will do something even greater for us than he did for Lazarus. Lazarus eventually grew old and died. Jesus' gift to him was only a temporary gift of earthly life. But Jesus' gift to us is a *permanent* gift of eternal life. It doesn't get any better than this! I remember this thought gave me comfort at the time of my mother's death. And this same can be true for all of us!

Regardless of whatever pain or suffering, agony or hardships of life you may be feeling right now, we have a loving and understanding brother with us in Jesus. Our God is not a distant God, but an intimate and caring one. Jesus himself wept when a loved one of his suffered and died. I have no doubt that Jesus probably weeps with us when we suffer or when we cry. Jesus is with us! Jesus understands us! Jesus wants to hold us now in our time of pain.

As the old song goes, what a friend and what a brother we have in Jesus!



**March 16 -22 Collections**

Weekly Envelopes	\$5794.00
Online Giving	\$3058.00
Parish Needs	\$535.00
Easter Flowers	\$140.00
Donation	\$100.00
Retired and Infirm Priests	\$200.00

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**ST. MARY'S PARISH & SCHOOL SCRIP PROGRAM**

Weekly Sales 3/16 – 3/22	\$2,300.00
Weekly Profit 3/16 – 3/22	\$85.50
Year-To-Date Sales Totals	\$75,920.00

***SCRIP is still available in the parish office. Please call ahead and we will get your order ready. Please also consider ordering E-scrip at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com).***

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**Church is locked:** From direction of the Bishop the church doors are now locked until further notice.

### **Mass Available Online**

In an effort to keep our worship community together, a Facebook group named Humboldt County Mass

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/243940120098891/> has been started. Search for this group (Link is posted above) and click "Join".

Please help older family members and friends find us. The weekend Mass will be posted at 3 p.m. Saturday for viewing at anytime after that. Please join with your family. We want our children to know our church community and our faith is especially important in uncertain times. Our faith community is there for each other and for them.

***Please share this information with anyone that may be interested.***

### **A message from the Tom & Sara Carlson family:**

Our family is willing to go out for necessities for elderly or individuals with compromised immune systems who don't want to "brave the outside world". If someone needs something, they can call Sara directly at 515-890-8147 and they can make arrangements.

### **New for Parish Office Visits:**

We will still take limited parish office visits, but as the other parishes of the diocese are doing, we will not leave the front door open for drop-in visits. If you need to see someone in the offices, you must call ahead (332-2856) or email them to see them. The visit needs to be very brief, taking care of the necessary business and then kindly moving on! Note that the front door does have a mail slot if you are dropping off something in an envelope. If you are ordering scrip, call ahead so it can be ready and the transaction can be quick and simple. If you are dropping off Gala items yet, again, quick and simple! For safety, we appreciate everyone's cooperation in this way!



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Parishioner Resources page:

<https://scdiocese.org/parishioner-resources>



**SAINT MARY SCHOOL**



The mission of St. Mary School is to provide a Catholic education in a Christ-Centered environment, which enables students to attain religious and academic excellence.

We have missed your children dearly. The daily announcements continue to be posted in the mornings to the St. Mary School Facebook website. Teachers have been sending packets, websites, and activities to keep your children spiritually and academically engaged. I have had the opportunity to visit with most families. I am very happy to know you are staying healthy, praying, reading, learning on the educational websites, helping your parents, playing games and playing outdoors, going on walks and spending quality time with your family! Please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Edge if we can be of assistance!

### **The deadline date for applying for the MLTF**

**Scholarships remains April 1, 2020.** Application

can be made through the TADS site at <https://www.mytads.com>. You will also need to include information for taxes completed for 2019. This can be sent in later in the process of submitting an application. If you are in need of assistance completing the application, please contact Cindy Johnson in the Parish office, at 332-2856. Because of shortened office hours, please be sure to leave a message and you will be contacted.

### **Meals on Wheels for May:**

St. Mary's is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels for the month of May. This is an opportunity to do a feel good project that takes about an hour of your day. You can do 1 or 2 days or a whole week. If this is a new project for you, we will be sure to put you with a "veteran" helper. Please call Dianne Andersen at 332-3340 to sign up.

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# The 2020 Gala online auction bidding will begin THIS Saturday, March 28th at 7 p.m.

Bidding will close on Saturday, April 4th at 10 p.m. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we took the time necessary to switch gears on the planning of this year's event.

All funds raised via the on-line process will greatly benefit the operations of St. Mary's Catholic Grade School. ***Because the gala is our school's largest fundraiser, please know that your support is needed now more than ever.***

Online bidding will begin at 7 pm this Saturday, (March 28th) with both silent and live auction items. Donors will also be able to purchase Wine Pull chances, Cash raffles, and Tuition Voucher raffles online once the link has been activated. The raffle winners will be drawn one week from Saturday via our Facebook live event on April 4th at 7 pm. Online bidding will officially end at 10 pm on Saturday, April 4th. All purchases can be picked up at the St. Mary's Rectory, 311 4<sup>th</sup> St. N in Humboldt, on Monday, April 6th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please be sure to follow this link and complete an online bidding profile.  
EVERYONE THAT WANTS TO BID MUST DO THIS!

<https://galaignite2020.ggo.bid/bidding/package-browse>

Step by step instructions:

1. Follow the link
2. Choose Start Bidding
3. Create account (Gala 2019 login is valid if you remember it)
4. Enter email address and Confirm  
[It might take up to 24 hours to receive this email, depending on your server.]
5. Follow the link in your email to finish setup and Create your account.
6. Your bid number will be assigned to your account internally.
7. The on-line bidding will begin at 7 p.m. this Saturday, March 28th.

Please consider letting friends and family know about the online auction and send them the link so they can participate also!

The Gala 2020 team thanks you for your generosity, and continues to pray for the health of everyone in our school and parish.

God Bless you all!

Fr. Dan Guenther, Pastor--Mrs. Cindy Edge, Principal--Suzanne Newton, Development Director, Dan and Mindi O'Hern & Nick and Stephanie Harklau, Gala Host Couples



The parish office has been working to get as much information out to our parishioners as possible in a timely manner. If you know of someone that is not receiving our e-mails please have them notify the office. If you know of someone that does not have access to e-mail please share information with them as you receive it. We are trying to get as many e-mail addresses into our database as we can. If during this process you receive multiple e-mails please be patient and understanding as we try to organize things differently to communicate as effectively as possible. Thank you!

**PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING AT THIS TIME**



Parishioners who use the service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. If you have not yet signed up for Online Giving, please consider this option. Reasons to sign up for Electronic Giving:

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By using Online Giving you are helping the parish improve our operational efficiency. Visit our parish website at <https://www.humboldtareacc.org/> and select Online Giving.

**SCRIP NEWS**

At this time SCRIP is still available in the Parish Office during office hours. We ask that you e-mail or call ahead with your order so we can have it ready for you.

**We would encourage the use of online ordering:**  
 Easy & Convenient Scrip Ordering Online: "Presto Pay" is the secure online payment system for families that lets them pay for orders and receive e-gift cards and reload their cards immediately. "MyScripWallet" is the mobile website where families can reload their gift cards and order e-gift cards right from their phone.

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**Prayer for Lent**

Loving God,

As the season of Lent unfolds, you call us to return again and again.

As you invite us to reflect on your love made visible in the person of Jesus, align our lives more closely with you through prayer, fasting and generous giving.

Bless our desire to accompany Jesus' suffering here and now in the crucified people of our world.

With your grace, may we live Lent fully and move with transformed hearts into the abundant life of Easter morning.



Amen.

**A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC**



O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,  
 O Holy Mother of God.  
 In our needs, despise not our petitions,  
 but deliver us always from all dangers,  
 O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

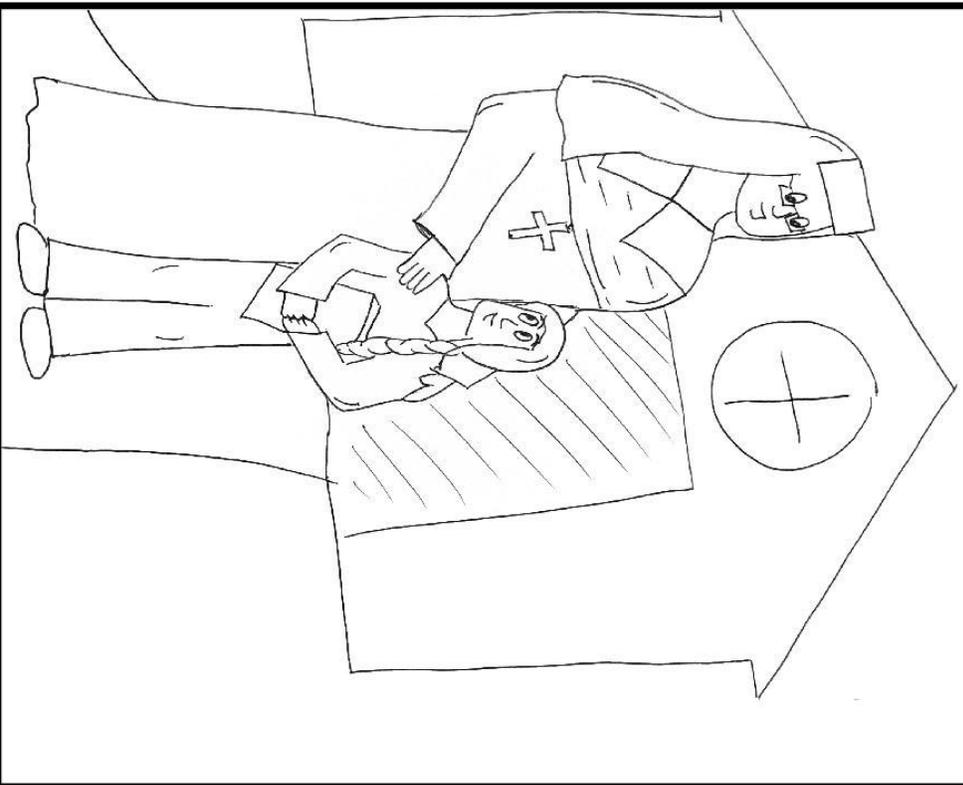
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# Saints Katharine Drexel

Saint Katharine Drexel grew up very rich. As an adult, she used all of her money to build schools for Native Americans and African Americans. Ask Saint Katharine to pray for your school.



Year A: Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020  
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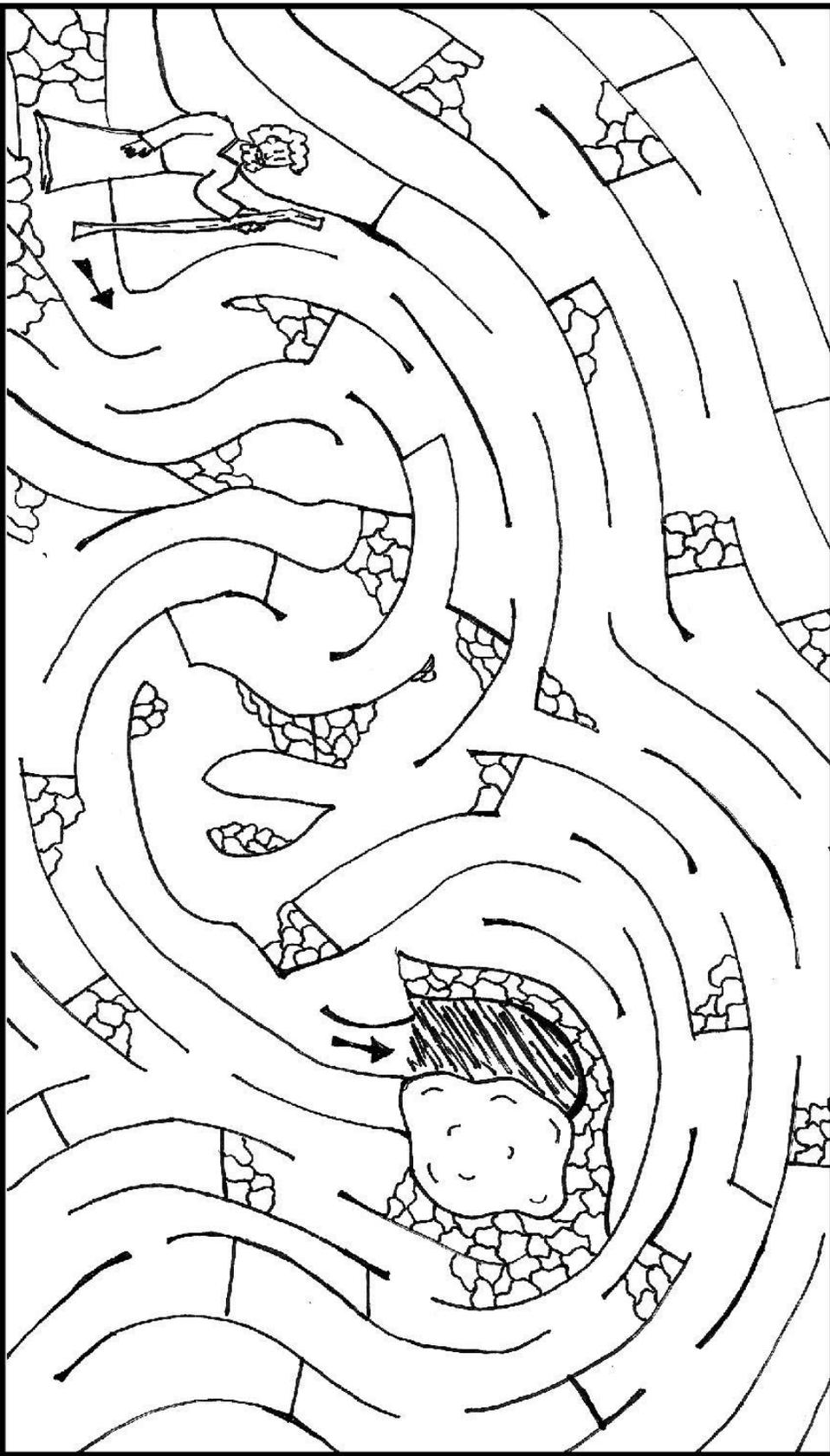
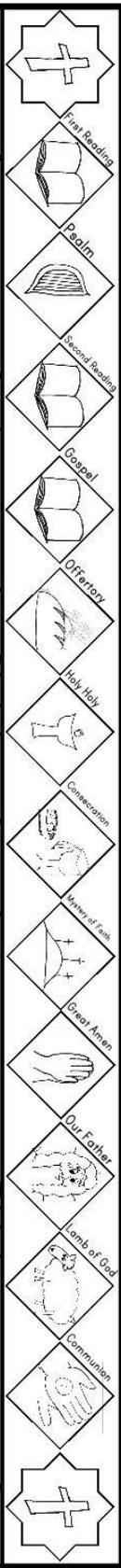
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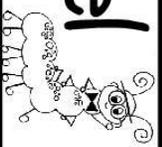
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There are pictures or statues of the Stations of the Cross in your church. Ask your family to help you find them.



# Gospel



Lazarus was very sick and he died. Jesus went to visit his tomb and yelled, "Lazarus, come out!" Listen to the Gospel to find out what happened next.

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