

Looking for Jesus

Edition #3

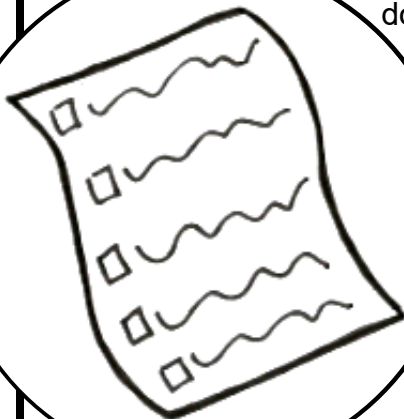
Look Closely: Sacrifices

What kind of responsibilities do you have? Maybe you have chores to do or homework to complete. Maybe you help watch your younger siblings or care for your family's dog. Maybe you are in charge of keeping your room clean or watering the garden. All of these responsibilities require hard work on your part!

Our work sometimes doesn't seem very fun. It requires a sacrifice on our part. We often have to give up something we want to do in order to complete the task we should do.

To choose the greatest good we often have to make a sacrifice. We also make sacrifices when we fast (give something up) or share generously of our money or time.

Making sacrifices and doing our work well are like spiritual strength training for our souls. They help us be ready to choose what is most important, which is to love God and love others.



Peek Inside the Mass

After the Liturgy of the Word, the next part of the Mass is the Offertory. We offer the gifts we have, but God will soon transform them into something much greater.

The gifts of bread and wine are taken to the altar, often in a procession. Along with the bread and the wine, we sometimes carry up the donations of money collected in the offering. All of these gifts represent the work of our hands as the people of the Church.

We offer that work back to God during the Offertory. The priest accepts our gifts of bread and wine, which will then be given back to us as the Body and Blood of Christ.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote this about the Offertory: "God invites man to participate in bringing to fulfilment his handiwork, and in so doing, gives human labor its authentic meaning, since through the celebration of the Eucharist, it is united to the redemptive sacrifice of Christ" (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, no. 47).

How beautiful it is that our hard work and sacrifices can be united to the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross!

Crack the Code

Use the key to find the missing words in this verse. Then use your Bible to check!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
☆	⊕	☺	⊗	⊗	⬆	⬇	⊗	★	⊕	☹	⊕	⊗	⬇	○	⬆	☆	⊕	☺	☺	⬆	⬇	⊗	⬆	●	⊗

"So they took _____, and carrying the _____ himself he went out
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to what is called the Place of the _____."

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~John 19:16-17

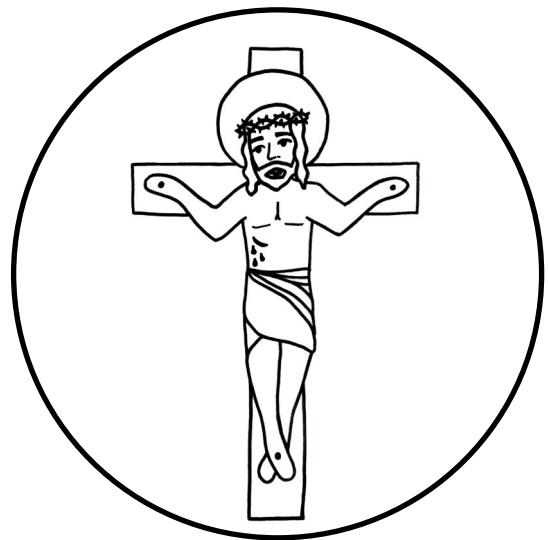
Saintly Superstars

Saint Tarcisus was a young boy from the third century. He lived at a time when Christians were not allowed to publicly practice their faith. Tarcisus was a faithful, prayerful, and trustworthy boy.

One day, Tarcisus was asked to do a very important task. After Mass, he was given the responsibility of taking the Holy Eucharist to a group of Christians who were in prison. He had to do it secretly for fear of being arrested or punished. Tarcisus willingly took on this responsibility, knowing that he was carrying the very Body and Blood of Christ.

While on his way to the prison, Tarcisus ran into some other boys. They were playing, and Tarcisus loved games. But he knew that he couldn't stop until he safely carried the Holy Eucharist to the imprisoned Christians. His friends teased him and tried to stop him, wanting to know what Tarcisus was carrying.

A crowd grew and they began to beat Tarcisus. He held tight, guarding the hosts with his body. Saint Tarcisus died as a martyr, courageously sacrificing himself to protect the Holy Eucharist.



I Spy: The Crucifix

A crucifix is a cross that holds a corpus, an image of the crucified body of Jesus. While an empty cross points us to the hope of the Resurrection, seeing the corpus on the crucifix helps us always remember Jesus' great love for us, shown through his death on the very first Good Friday.

We hang crucifixes in our churches and homes, have small ones hanging on our rosaries, and even can wear them on a necklace. The crucifix helps us to always keep the sacrificial love of Jesus close in our minds and hearts.

Seek & You Will Find

Can you find these ten words in the word search?

They might be across, up and down, or diagonal.

Circle or highlight the words inside the word search, and then cross them off the list as you find them!

R A W R E V S A C R I F I C E
 S E K N T I T A P R M C R U S
 E A S B K K T U T L E H C J H
 R S L P A C T A R C I S I U S
 V K O G O G P F G R O Q U Z I
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 D E E H L Q O M N C T L H F R

RESPONSIBILITY

CRUCIFIX

OFFERTORY

GOLGOTHA

CROSS

TARCISIUS

SERVICE

SACRIFICE

LOVE

GENEROSITY