

Looking for Jesus

Edition #5

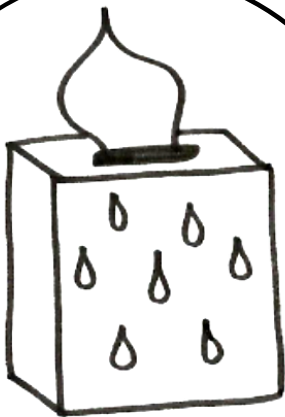
Look Closely: Water

What makes you cry? Maybe you cried the last time you hurt yourself, like scraping up your knee or breaking an arm. You might have cried when you had to say goodbye to someone you loved. Maybe you've cried in frustration when something wasn't going your way.

We don't enjoy crying, and we might even feel embarrassed and try to hide our tears. Feelings like sadness, pain, or disappointment can be overwhelming. Sometimes our strong emotions can cause us to cry.

Water can cleanse. We use water to wash our hands or clean the dishes. Water is also meant to soothe. Cool water feels good in our throat when we take a long drink and comforts us when we take a warm bath. Tears can be a symbol of both cleansing and soothing when we are having a hard time.

God also uses water to cleanse and heal us. Through the waters of Baptism we are made a child of God and cleansed from sin.



Peek Inside the Mass

When someone we love is hurting, we want to fix the problem. We try to help them. Sometimes, we can't fix what is causing their pain, but we can stay with them to bring them comfort. Think about the Blessed Virgin Mary who stood at the foot of the Cross. She couldn't take away Jesus' suffering, but she could remain close to comfort him.

One of the best things that we can do for someone who is going through a hard time is to pray for them. We can do this on our own, but we also pray for others together at the Holy Mass.

At the end of the Liturgy of the Word, we offer the Prayers of the Faithful. These prayers are intercessory, meaning that we are praying on behalf of other people. The list of prayers follows a pattern:

- the needs of the church, the pope, and bishops,
- elected officials, the salvation of the world,
- those who are suffering or sick,
- specific needs of the local community, including those who have recently died or the intention for that Mass.

The next time you are at Mass, listen closely to the Prayers of the Faithful. Pray for those needs with your whole heart.

Crack the Code

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

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"He will wipe every _ _ _ _ from their _ _ _ _ and there shall be no more _ _ _ _ or mourning, wailing or _ _ _ _, for the _ _ _ _ order has passed away."

~Revelation 21:4

Saintly Superstars

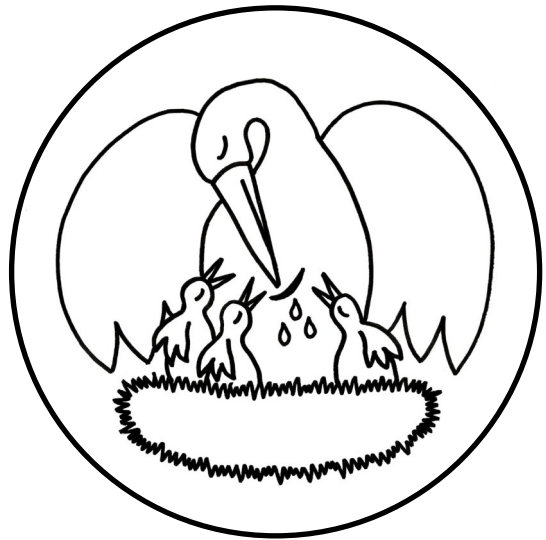
St. Josephine Bakhita once said, "I am definitively loved and whatever happens to me I am awaited by this love." You might think that Josephine had an easy life full of love, but her story is one of profound forgiveness, conversion, and hope.

Born in Sudan around 1869, she was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery. The slave traders called her Bakhita, which mockingly meant "lucky." She was eventually sold and taken to Italy and became a nanny to a young girl.

When she accompanied the girl to a school run by the Canossian Sisters, Bakhita learned about Jesus and her identity as a beloved child of God. She was baptized in 1890 and chose to take the new name of Josephine.

When the family she was working for decided to return to Africa, Josephine refused to leave the Sisters. Slavery had been illegal in Italy since 1895, so with the Sisters' help, Josephine won the legal freedom that she had deserved all along. She entered the Canossians Sisters shortly after.

Josephine's life was marked with peace. She expressed her deep forgiveness to those who had hurt her. Josephine Bakhita was canonized in 2000. She can help us to understand that with Jesus, forgiveness and hope are much stronger than suffering and sadness.



I Spy: Pelican in Her Piety

Legend holds that a pelican, in time of great famine, would pierce its flesh to feed its babies with its own blood. The pelican has become a symbol for Christ who suffered and died to save us from our sins.

The "Pelican in Her Piety" is often featured in Eucharistic art, for example on a priest's chasuble or an altar. This symbol can help us connect Jesus' sacrificial love to the gift of the Eucharist.

St. Thomas Aquinas included this line in a hymn that he wrote: "Lord Jesus, Good Pelican, clean me, the unclean, with your Blood, one drop of which can heal the entire world of all its sins."

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!

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K I R N L C T C C O O X T P
Z N A T E P H M N I U A P E Y
G Y Y E Z H E A H P P B T A Y
O H E R L E Z L L K W I R R Y
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CHALLENGES

WATER

TEARS

PELICAN

PIETY

INTERCESSION

PRAYER

BAKHITA

REVELATION

PETITIONS