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**MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO DE MISAS**

Saturday/Sábado
5:00 pm English

Sunday/Domingo
10:00 am English
12:30 pm Español

Tuesday-Thursday / Martes-Jueves
8:15 am English

First Friday/Primer Viernes
10:00 am English

CONFESSION/CONFESIÓN:
Saturday/Sábado
4:00– 4:45 pm or by appointment. *O con cita*

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY/
SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO**
Please call the Parish Office for appointment (6 months of marriage preparation required).
Favor de hablar a la oficina para una cita (6 meses de preparacion requerida).

BAPTISM/BAUTISMOS
Please call the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS
Please visit the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

CONFIRMATION/CONFIRMACIÓN
Confirmation is every year with a 2 year preparation. *La confirmacion se realiza cada ano con una preparacion de 2 anos.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Grades K-6/Grados K-6:
Sundays/Domingo 11:00 am -12:15 pm
Grades 7-12/Grados 7-12:
Wednesdays/Miércoles 7:00 pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION/PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN Y PRIMERA COMUNIÓN
Children in first grade must be enrolled in the Parish School/Parish School of Religion (PSR) to receive the sacrament in second grade. *Los niños en primer grado deben estar inscritos en la Escuela Parroquial/Escuela Parroquial de Religión (PSR) para recibir el sacramento en segundo grado.*

EMAUS: Invites you to pray the Holy Rosary every Saturday at 7:50 am. *Se les invita a rezar el Santo Rosario cada sábado a las 7:50 am.*

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Office Hours/Horas de Oficina: Monday-Friday/Lunes-Viernes 9:00am-3:00pm

Please remember St. Lawrence Church and School in your will.

Parish Mission Statement/ Misión Parroquial

"We children of God and the Catholic community of St. Lawrence parish are committed to the worship of God and the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through education and our living example of love and concern for all the people of our area."

"Los hijos de Dios y la comunidad Católica de la parroquia de San Lorenzo estamos comprometidos con la adoración a Dios y la difusión del Evangelio de Jesucristo a través de la educación y nuestro ejemplo vivo de amor y preocupación por todas las personas de nuestra área".

ANGEL TREE

This year, we are collecting toys and gift items for parishioners, local families, and foster families in need of assistance with Christmas gifts for their children. None of the gifts need to be wrapped this year! Please bring gifts to the office as soon as possible so that we can arrange for deliveries. If you know of a local family who could benefit, please call Michelle Cornell at (417)669-3814.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Pictures will be taken on January 23-24. To schedule your photography appointment online, go to www.ucdir.com, click on Photography Session Sign-Up on the right side, enter MO257 in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. For assistance in setting your appointment please call 816-501-8652.

Did you know that you could invite a friend or family member to take a picture? While they won't appear in our book, they will get a free 8x10 and an opportunity to purchase pictures of their family. How about a group picture of family (grandparents with children and grandchildren)...and you can bring a pet! Pictures make wonderful Easter gifts.

Universal Church Directories works hard regarding not applying pressure to buy photos. While we want to give everyone the opportunity to purchase pictures, we also respect your wishes and work hard at making your experience with us professional and hassle free.

WEEKLY COLLECTION**December 7, 2025**

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$5,307.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$1,278.85
Catholic Charities	\$2,000.00
Children's Collection	\$52.58
Votive Candles	\$42.00
Mass Offerings	\$20.00
School Support	\$685.00
Outreach	\$110.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Religious Good Store	\$5.00
Stole Fees	\$150.00
Christmas Flowers	\$958.00
Immaculate Conception	\$90.00
Total	\$10,710.43

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**Christmas Eve**

7:30pm - St. Lawrence - Monett

10:00pm - Sacred Heart - Verona

Christmas Day

10:00am - St. Lawrence - Monett

8:00am & 12:30pm - Sacred Heart - Verona

SCHOOL NEWS

During our second week of advent we were closely accompanied by Mary! We enjoyed our day off for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, and celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with danzas, devotions and delicious foods on Friday!

I was able to join the principals of our area in Joplin on Wednesday for meetings. Our Bishop and our superintendent care for us! It is also very enriching and edifying to be with the many caring and dedicated administrators of Catholic schools in our area.

Deacon Rob Huff (our diocesan superintendent) asks that all shareholders of the school fill out a survey to give feedback about the principal, Ms. Martha Yates. If you would like to fill it out it would be appreciated!

Follow the link to a google survey at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedkQooUwJepzF0jWyzpa8_j6YM23cOCx-uxlrRbi66g2HpaQ/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=108363603630229880727

On to our third week of Advent characterized by the virtue of JOY! May God bless you all.

PENANCE SERVICE

- **Sacred Heart—Verona:** Dec.16th at 7pm
- **St. Lawrence—Monett:** Dec.18th at 7pm
- **St. Susanne—Mt. Vernon:** Dec.19th at 6pm
- **St. Joseph—Billings:** Dec. 21st at 4pm

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Fr. Rahab thanks everyone for your generous contributions to our Parish.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- Dec. 25—Seminarian & Diocese Retired Clergy

DIOCESAN NEWS

Bishop Rice's December Prayer Intention

May our hearts be prepared to receive Him at His coming this Christmas. May we see the face of Jesus in the poor and homeless, caring for them through our works of mercy.

Eucharistic Reflection

During this Eucharistic Revival, Fr. David Coon offers the following quote for reflection on the Eucharist: *Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that the Sacrament of Love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that through all the manifestations of worship due Him shall be given back 'love for love' and truly become the life of our souls.* Pope St. John Paul II

Rite of Election—Save the Date

Sunday, February 22, 2026—St. Agnes Cathedral at 3:00pm

The Gathering

Registration for The Gathering is open! If you minister with youth in 7th-12 grades, this "gathering" is for you! This year, Pat Millea, of the Martin Center for Integration, will be addressing the modern-day struggle with mental health issues through sessions on "Ministering to Mental Health Struggles" and "Being a Healthy Minister to Lead a Healthy Ministry." Come with your questions and concerns so that we can discuss practical solutions and encourage each other in this most important area of ministry. **The Gathering will be held Feb. 27-28, 2026** at the Landing, Van Buren, MO.

Chrism Mass - The Chrism Masses will be held on the following days:

- **Mon., March 30, 2026, in the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Annunciation, Cape Girardeau**
- **Tues., March 31, 2026, in the Cathedral of St. Agnes, Springfield**

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Due to weather concerns, we will not be having first Friday adoration during the months of January, February, March and April 2026. There will still be a mass, but no adoration following.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request, please call Joan McNerney (417) 235-3836 or Marlene Hayes (417) 235-5524

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Alvarez; Sarah Sylvain Isidor(Father's Mom); Maria Padilla; Juan Cecenas; Maria Rueda; Parker Laning; Rosemary Schmidt; Kenneth Wroblewski; Bob DeGraff; Irene Cavazos; Oaklee Kay White; Al Fiffe; Debbie Erwin; Corey Sandwisch; Regina Peterson; Erin Hunt. To put a name in the bulletin or arrange a visit for sick or homebound parishioners, please call the parish office.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADIES AUXILIARY



- ♦ Meetings held every 1st Sunday of the month at 6:00pm in the church basement.
- ♦ Join us in praying the rosary, every Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm and before Mass on the 5th Sunday at 9:30am.

PARISH MAINTENANCE

We have received several donations for the maintenance fund! This will help cover other areas in need of repairs. More info to come!

Thank you for your support of our parish and school needs!

FINANCIAL CORNER

Financial Corner	Oct 2025	Oct 2024
Regular Operations		
Sunday Contributions	\$ 29,926.94	\$ 22,421.78
Other Income*	\$ 1,700.07	\$ 2,570.02
Endowment/Cemetery/School Support	\$ 1,114.00	\$ 1,598.00
Collections for Diocese projects	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 1,419.17
2nd Collections/Non-revenue	\$ 2,749.25	\$ 2,378.12
Total Operational Income	\$ 37,350.26	\$ 30,387.09
Expenses		
Operational Expenses	\$ 23,488.03	\$ 24,141.34
School/Parish Education Expenses	\$ 8,109.00	\$ 14,400.04
Payouts to Diocese/2nd Collections	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 2,142.80
Total Expense	\$ 33,457.03	\$ 40,684.18
Net Income (Net Loss)	\$ 3,893.23	\$ (10,297.09)

*Masses/Stole fees, Votive candles, Religious goods, Advertising

ENGLISH LECTORS**Saturday 5:00pm**

- **December 13th.....**Patricia Randall
- **December 20th.....**Jim Haston
- **December 27th.....**Al Dohmen

Sunday 10:00am

- **December 14th.....**Youth
- **December 21st.....**Lynda Velten
- **December 28th.....**Emma Outhouse

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Saturday 5:00pm**

- **December 13th—**Jim Haston, Marilyn Ceselski, Jason Ceselski, Ashely Ceselski, Geri Carey
- **December 20th—**Jim Haston, Teresa Verhoff, Aaron Holmes, Al Dohmen, Kirk Verhoff
- **December 27th—**Jim Haston, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Patty Allcock, Marilyn Ceselski

Sunday 10:00am

- **December 14th—**Youth
- **December 21st—**Jay Jastal, Emma Outhouse, Jerry Hudson, Judy Hudson, Ann Saunders
- **December 28th—**Ed Velten, Lynda Velten, Cathy Velten, John Velten, Suzie/Tim Curry

SERVERS 10AM MASS

- **December 14th—**Youth
- **December 21st—**Joseph Velten, Sydney Garcia, Brooklynn Outhouse
- **December 28th—**Isaac Saunders, Pedro Contreras, Johana Piedra

December 14, 2025

1st Read: Isaiah 35:1-6,10; **Psalm:** Psalm 146:6-10; **2nd Read:** James 5:7-10; **Gospel:** Matthew 2-11

December 15, 2025

1st Read: Number 24:2-7,15-17; **Psalm:** Psalm 25:4-9; **Gospel:** Matthew 21:23-27

December 16, 2025

1st Read: Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13; **Psalm:** Psalm 34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23; **Gospel:** Matthew 21:28-32

December 17, 2025

1st Read: Genesis 49:2,8-10; **Psalm:** Psalm 72:1-4,7-8,17; **Gospel:** Matthew 1:1-17

December 18, 2025

1st Read: Jeremiah 23:5-8; **Psalm:** Psalm 72:1-2,12-13,18-19; **Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-25

December 19, 2025

1st Read: Judges 13:2-7,24-25; **Psalm:** Psalm 71:3-6,16-17; **Gospel:** Luke 1:5-25

December 20, 2025

1st Read: Isaiah 7:10-14; **Psalm:** Psalm 24:1-6; **Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

**WEEKLY CALENDAR/
CALENDARIO SEMANAL****SATURDAY, DEC. 13TH: ST. LUCY**

4:00 pm Confessions - Monett

5:00 pm Mass - Monett+ Leland & Bea Noe, Frank & Ellen Schmidt

6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish

SUNDAY, DEC. 14TH: 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am Mass - Verona

10:00 am Mass - Monett +Mildred & Francis Monto and Alejandro Rivera

11:00 am PSR - 1st-6th grades

12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish +Padre

Rogelio Tovar Perez, Petra Flores, Maria

Concepcion Jaquez, Vincente Soriano y Rito

Barrientos; Samuel & Rosa Patino Anniversary 54 years

MONDAY, DEC. 15TH

6:00 pm Prayer Group

TUESDAY, DEC. 16TH

8:15 am Mass - Monett +Kenny Lechner

7:00pm Penance Service - Verona

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17TH

8:00am Mass - Verona

6:30 pm Youth Group

7:00 pm PSR

THURSDAY, DEC. 18TH

8:15 am Mass - Monett - Healing for Erin Hunt

7:00 pm Penance Service - Monett

FRIDAY, DEC. 19TH

8:00 am Mass - Verona

1:00 pm Dominoes/Puzzles - Church Basement

SATURDAY, DEC. 20TH

4:00 pm Confessions - Monett

5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Maria Clementina

Gaucin; Clemente & Marilyn Schmidt Anniversary

6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish

**SUNDAY, DEC. 21ST: 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT;
FIRST DAY OF WINTER**

8:00 am Mass - Verona

10:00 am Mass - Monett +Earl Andrews and Alejandro Rivera

11:00 am PSR - 1st-6th grades - No Class - Merry Christmas!

12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish

NOTICIAS ESCOLARES

Durante nuestra segunda semana de Adviento, ¡estuvimos muy acompañados por María! Disfrutamos de nuestro día libre por la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción el lunes, y celebramos la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe con danzas, devociones y deliciosas comidas el viernes.

El miércoles pude reunirme con los directores de nuestra zona en Joplin. ¡Nuestro obispo y nuestro superintendente se preocupan por nosotros! También es muy enriquecedor y edificante estar con los muchos administradores dedicados y comprometidos de las escuelas católicas de nuestra área.

El diácono Rob Huff (Nuestro superintendente diocesano) solicita que todos los miembros de la comunidad escolar completen una encuesta para brindar su opinión sobre la directora, la Sra. Martha Yates. Agradeceremos mucho su participación! Pueden acceder a la encuesta de Google a través del siguiente enlace: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedkQooUwJepzF0jWyzpa8_j6YM23cOCx-uxlrRBI66g2HpaQ/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=108363603630229880727
Comenzamos nuestra tercera semana de Adviento, caracterizada por la virtud de la alegría!

HORARIO DE MISAS DE NAVIDAD

Nochebuena

7:30pm - San Lorenzo - Monett

10:00pm - Sagrado Corazón - Verona

Día de Navidad

10:00am - San Lorenzo - Monett

8:00am y 12:30pm - Sagrado Corazón - Verona

MANTENIMIENTO DE LA PARROQUIA

¡Hemos recibido donaciones para el fondo de mantenimiento! Esto cubrirá varias áreas más que necesitan reparaciones. ¡Gracias por su apoyo a las necesidades de nuestra parroquia y escuela!

14 de Diciembre de 2025

Primera: Isaías 35:1-6,10; **Salmo:** Salmo 145:7-10;
Segunda: Santiago 5:7-10; **Evangelió:** Mateo 11:2-11

15 de Diciembre de 2025

Primera: Numeros 24:2-7,15-17; **Salmo:** Salmo 24:4-9; **Evangelió:** Mateo 21:23-27

16 de Diciembre de 2025

Primera: Sofonías 3:1-2,9-13; **Salmo:** Salmo 33:2-3,6-7,17-19,23; **Evangelió:** Mateo 21:28-32

17 de Diciembre de 2025

ADORACION DEL PRIMER VIERNES

Debido a las condiciones climáticas, no tendremos la adoración del primer viernes durante los meses de enero, febrero, marzo y abril de 2026. Habrá misa, pero no habrá adoración posterior.

ANUNCIOS DE PSR

Las inscripciones están cerradas para 2025-2026. Si aún no ha pagado las tarifas de PSR de su(s) hijo(s), por favor hágalo lo antes posible. Esto ayuda a cubrir el costo de los libros. Gracias a quienes han donado útiles escolares a la PSR este año. ¡Se lo agradecemos mucho!

Materiales necesarios para la PSR:

Papel para fotocopias Toallas de microfibra
Pañuelos desechables Toallitas húmedas lysol

ARBOL DE LOS ANGELES

Este año, estamos recolectando juguetes y regalos para feligreses, familias locales y familias de acogida que necesitan ayuda con los regalos de Navidad para sus hijos. ¡Este año no es necesario envolver los regalos! Por favor, traigan los regalos a la oficina lo antes posible para que podamos organizar la entrega. Si conocen a alguna familia local que pueda beneficiarse, llamen a Michelle Cornell al (417)669-3814.

DIRECTORIO PARROQUIAL

Las fotos se tomarán del 23 al 24 de enero. Para programar su cita de fotografía en línea, simplemente vaya a www.ucdir.com, haga clic en inicio de sesión de programación de citas de fotografía en el lado derecho, ingrese MO257 en el campo Código de la Iglesia y escriba **photos** en el campo Contraseña de la Iglesia. Siga las indicaciones para programar la hora de la cita de su familia. Si tiene 5 o más miembros en su familia, utilice 2 horarios consecutivos. Para obtener ayuda para programar su cita, llame al 816-501-8652.

Primera: Génesis 49:2,8-10; **Salmo:** Salmo 71:2-4,7-8,17; **Evangelió:** Mateo 1:1-17

18 de Diciembre de 2025

Primera: Jeremías 23:5-8; **Salmo:** Salmo 71:2,7-8,12-13,17; **Evangelió:** Mateo 1:18-24

19 de Diciembre de 2025

Primera: Jueces 13:2-7,24-25; **Salmo:** Salmo 70:3-6,16-17; **Evangelió:** Lucas 1:5-25

20 de Diciembre de 2025

Primera: Isaías 7:10-14; **Salmo:** Salmo 23:1-6; **Evangelió:** Lucas 1:26-38

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When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- **Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.**
If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- **Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!**
- **Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!**
You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

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***Gathering families,
Connecting generations.***



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Querida familia de la Iglesia, ¡Es hora de un nuevo directorio!

Evento de Conexiones

Nuestro directorio de la iglesia no estará completo sin ti. Únete a nosotros para celebrar la fe y la familia con nuestro nuevo álbum familiar.

- Agenda tu sesión de fotografía profesional cuando pases por la mesa de registro en la iglesia o simplemente conéctate en línea y sigue las instrucciones a continuación. Si no vemos tu nombre en nuestra lista de citas, recibas una llamada telefónica invitándote a participar.
- Todos los que sean fotografiados por Universal recibirán un retrato de 8x10 de cortesía y un directorio.
- ¡Universal demostró ser un estudio de retratos profesional completo aquí mismo en nuestra iglesia! Disfrutaras de una variedad de poses, fondos tamaños de retrato, opciones de acabado y enmarcado, y la oportunidad de comprar retratos para regalar a familiares y amigos.

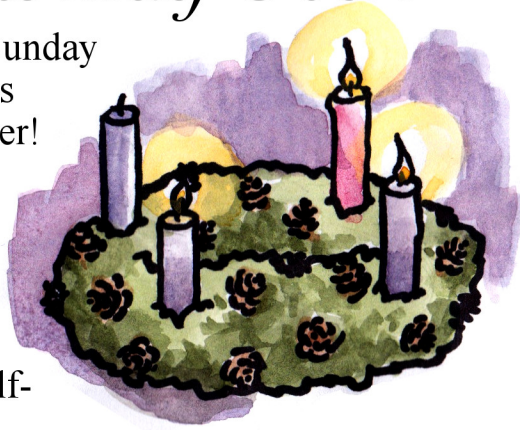
¡Agenda tu cita con Universal hoy mismo!

Celebrando la fe. Conectando familias. Compartiendo esperanza.

Cuando las personas entran a nuestra iglesia, buscan un lugar donde sentirse parte. Nuestro directorio no reúne para cultivar nuevas relaciones, conectar con nuestras familias y reconectar con quienes no hemos visto en mucho tiempo. ¡Únase a nosotros en este “Evento de Conexiones” y sea testigo de lo que Dios está haciendo aquí en nuestra iglesia! –Comité de Directorio

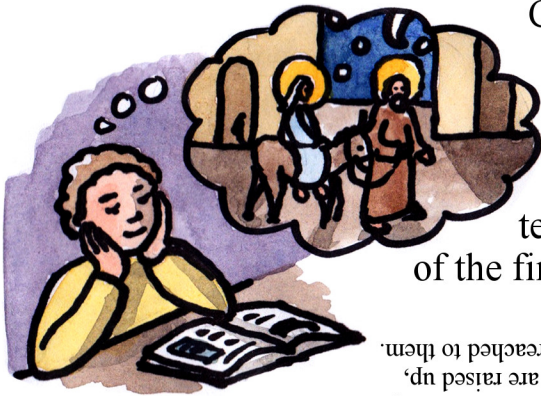
Advent is Half Over!

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. That means that half the wait is over! If you have an advent wreath, this is the week to light the pink candle. Pink is a symbol the joy we have because we're half-way to Christmas.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people that John the Baptist was a prophet and messenger. A prophet is someone who tells the truth. In the Old Testament the prophets told God's people the truth about God. Saint John was a prophet because he told the people that the Messiah, or saviour, was coming soon, and that they needed to repent of their sins.

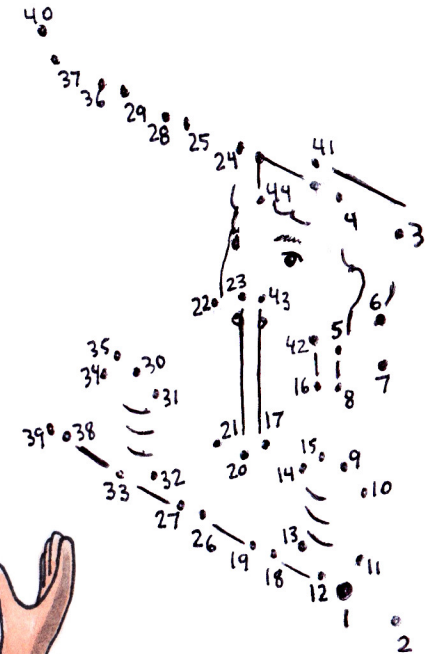
Saint John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance. You can help prepare for Christmas by thinking and talking about how Jesus came to earth on the first Christmas. Can you tell somebody the story of the first Christmas today?



Answer to front page: St. John was in prison. Answer to match up puzzle: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent
December 14th, 2025

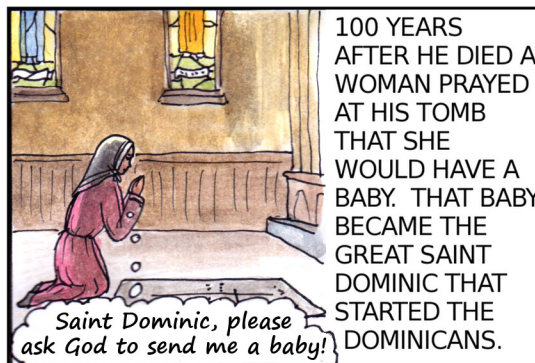
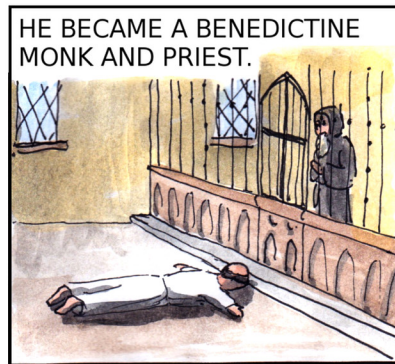
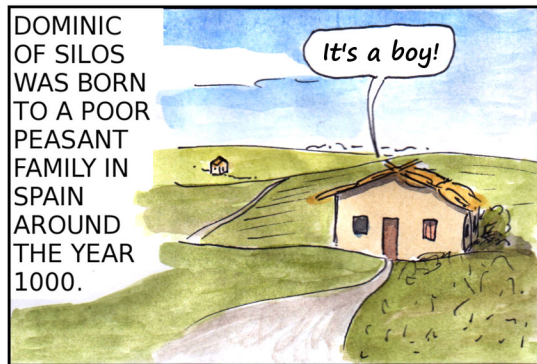


Saint John the Baptist was the messenger who prepared the world for Jesus' coming.

*Where was he in today's Gospel reading?
Connect the dots to find out!
Then you can finish colouring in the picture.*

Saint Dominic of Silos

December 20



SAINT DOMINIC SHOWED HIS LOVE FOR GOD BY PROTECTING WHAT BELONGED TO THE CHURCH. HE ALSO WORKED TO RE-BUILD WHAT HAD BEEN BEAUTIFUL BUT WAS FALLING APART. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM TO RESPECT WHAT BELONGS TO THE CHURCH AND HELP MAKE THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD.

What Happens When Jesus Comes?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples to tell John the Baptist what He does.

What happens to whom?

Match up the people with what happens to them.

the blind •

• are raised up

and the lame •

• have good news preached to them

lepers •

• hear

the deaf •

• are cleansed

the dead •

• receive their sight

and the poor •

• walk

