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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.*

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

**FOUNDED
1892**

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

**DIocese of
SPRINGFIELD
-CAPE
GIRARDEAU**

Parish Office 417-235-3286 Parish School 417-235-3721 405 7th Street, Monett, MO 65708

Digital bulletins available at www.stlawrencemonett.com

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”.

Fr. Rahab would like to thank everyone for your generous contributions to our Parish.

Parish Council of Catholic Women

The PCCW annual salad luncheon will be held on April 22, 11am-1pm. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Monett Historical Museum and St. Lawrence School. Circle leaders will be calling for help with food items and for volunteers to help at the event. Our next meeting will be April 6 at 6:30.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Due to weather concerns, we will not have first Friday adoration during the month of April 2026. There will still be a mass, but no adoration following.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 15, 2026

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$3,159.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$1,198.62
Children’s Collection	\$61.00
Votive Candles	\$28.25
Mass Offerings	\$230.00
School Support	\$215.00
Maintenance Fund	\$250.00
Religious Goods	\$40.00
Stole Fee	\$60.00
Ralph Schmidt Memorial	\$25.00
Palm Sunday	\$30.00
Funeral Donation	\$500.00
Easter Flowers	\$70.00
Catholic Relief Fund	\$1,144.75
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Total	\$7,025.62

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- April 3rd—Holy Land-Good Friday
- April 26th—Catholic Home Missions Appeal

PARTY AT SS PETER AND PAUL

Soup, Cards, Games and Silent Auction Party at SS Peter and Paul Church Pulaskifield April 18th. Doors will open at 5pm, where soup & dessert will be available. Donations will be accepted. There will be pitch, other card games & board games available to play. (Or bring your own game & encourage others to challenge you.) The silent auction will come to a close at 8pm. Please come & join the fun & fellowship. All proceeds will go to the Church Building Fund. Questions 4172055765

SCHOOL NEWS

As we go through the season of Lent we are challenged to live our “ordinary” life with a supernatural spirit. One of the lessons of lent is that our spirit of prayer, sacrifice and charity brings our life to the supernatural level if we bring it to the cross and offer our prayers and act in union with the prayer and actions of Christ. We are marching through the more monotonous weeks of the school year when winter has not totally given way to spring, when we are waiting to see the results of our oft repeated disciplines and life feels downright boring. However, our efforts are the seeds that are germinating with the practice of our faith and through the power of God, we will rise with Christ if we but suffer with him. Our lives and suffering have the weight of supernatural life and love. Next week is the last week before our week-long spring break which coincides with Holy Week! We will have an Easter egg hunt on Friday the 27th before our 2:10 dismissal. April 3rd is the deadline for MO Scholars applications so please finish your applications! Thank you for your attention to this matter! We have reserved July 18th at the golf course for our annual St. Lawrence Catholic School golf tournament, so mark your calendars! Registration sheets will go out soon! Thank you for your support!

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

PSR ANNOUNCEMENTS

PSR fees need to be paid as soon as possible! Please join us in prayer for those preparing for their upcoming sacraments:

- **First Holy Communion:** Saturday, April 11th. This special day also falls on the Memorial of St. Stanislaus, a powerful example of courage and devotion to the Eucharistic.
- **Sacrament of Confirmation:** Wednesday, May 13th. This celebration occurs on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, reminding our confirmed of the call to prayer and the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a “home-place” for these families as they raise the next generation of saints.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Haston, Director of Religious Education
Deacon Candidate

DIOCESAN NEWS

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 31 in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Springfield *updated location due to the construction at St. Agnes Cathedral*

Let's Celebrate: Bishop Leibrecht's 70th Priesthood Anniversary

Bishop Emeritus John Leibrecht will celebrate his 70th Anniversary of his priesthood ordination on March 17, 2026! Two celebrations are planned to honor Bishop Leibrecht on this joyous occasion: St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral, Cape Girardeau at 7pm, on Tues., March 17, 2026, reception following, and in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Springfield, 7pm on Wed., March 25, 2026, reception following. Please encourage parishioners to attend the Mass of Thanksgiving in your area as we honor Bishop Leibrecht in his 70 years as a priest.

Tax Credits Fund MOScholars Scholarships

Any business or individual can re-direct up to half of their MO State income tax liability to the Bright Futures Fund with MOScholars tax credits. Put the tax dollars you are required to pay anyway towards education and a brighter future for a student. Please do all you can to encourage the use of the tax credits in your school community. Until April these can still be used for next year. Many companies make quarterly payments, so this is a great time to approach possible participants. At this time, we have 386 possible enrollment renewals and about 170 newly-qualified scholarship applications.

Bishop's Mass for Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri

Bishop Edward M. Rice will lead the annual Bishop's Mass for CCSOMO, **Sat., March 28, 9am at Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield.** As we reach across the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau to bring hope to our most vulnerable neighbors, we invite you to stand with us in both prayer and generosity.

67th Annual Catholic Women's Spring Assembly

The 67th Annual Catholic Women's Spring Assembly, sponsored by Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will be held **April 10-11, 2026** at the Drury Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, located at 3351 Percy Drive, Cape Girardeau.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Alvarez; Sarah Sylvain Isidor(Father's Mom); Maria Padilla; Juan Cecenas; Maria Rueda; Parker Laning; Rosemary Schmidt; Kenneth Wrobleski; Bob DeGraff; Irene Cavazos; Loretta Hurlbut; 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 AUXILLARY



- ◆ Meetings held every 1st Sunday of the month at 6:00pm in the church basement. ***Next meeting is 3/29* It is potluck bring sides and drinks***
- ◆ Join us in praying the rosary, every Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm and before Mass on the 5th Sunday at 9:30am.
- ◆ **Fish Fry's**—Fish Fry's are almost done. The last one is March 27th. We need volunteers. PSR students can get service hours for volunteers for confirmation. For more information please contact Ed Velten at 417-235-9638 or John Velten at 417-489-4266
- ◆ **Christmas in July Bazaar**—July 18th if you are interested in having a booth or a food truck please talk to Lynda or Suzie

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations given to our school from Fall 2025 thru February 2026. Thank you for believing in our mission and for investing in the future of our students. We deeply appreciate your ongoing support and commitment.

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| Hector & Marisela Aldaba | Tony & Mary Barchak |
| Thomas & Barbara Carroll | Juan & Lizeth Castillo |
| Marilyn Ceselski | The Dominoes Group |
| Lorene Fowler | Robert DeGraff & Mary Mangler |
| Chad & Celeste Flynt | Joe & Sue Geiss |
| Jim & Denise Haston | Pauline Kelley |
| Ann Kennedy | Mary Mael |
| Pat McCaffrey | Norma & Francisco Mendez |
| Xochitl Meza | Patricia Monto |
| Arturo & Vicente Ortega | Israel & Erika Patino |
| Nikki Pierce | Sonie Probstfield |
| Pat Randall | George & Ann Marie Rausch |
| Jesus & Estafani Rivera | Marilyn Roetto |
| John & Mary Schmidt | Ralph & Geri Schmitz |
| Therese St. George | Rigoberto & Carmen Vargas |
| Tom & Neva Welters | Jane Winton |
| John & Sarah Woodard | Missy Wrobleski |

ENGLISH LECTORS

Saturday 5:00pm

- **March 21st**.....Al Dohmen
- **March 28th**.....Nikki Pierce
- **April 4th**.....Rosa Villeda

Sunday 10:00am

- **March 22nd**....Angie Madison
- **March 29th**.....Sonie Probstfield
- **April 5th**.....Lynda Velten

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 5:00pm

- **March 21st**—Jim Haston, Teresa Verhoff, Aaron Holmes, Al Dohmen, Kirk Verhoff
- **March 28th**—Jim Haston, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Patty Allcock, Marilyn Ceselski
- **April 4th**—Al Dohmen, Geri Carey, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner

Sunday 10:00am

- **March 22nd**—Ed Velten, Lynda Velten, Cathy Velten, John Velten, Suzie Curry
- **March 29th**—Sonie Probstfield, Susan Garcia, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt, **Volunteer**
- **April 5th**—Sonie Probstfield, Susan Garcia, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt, Michelle Cornell

SERVERS 10AM MASS

- **March 22nd**—Joseph Velten, Brooklynn Outhouse, Sydney Garcia, Jordan Garcia
- **March 29th**—Isaac Saunders, Pedro Contreras, Johana Piedra
- **April 5th**—Joseph Velten, Brooklynn Outhouse, Sydney Garcia, Jordan Garcia

March 22, 2026

1st Read: Ezekiel 37:12-14; **Psalm:** Psalm 130:1-8; **2nd Read:** Romans 8:8-11; **Gospel:** John 11:1-45

March 23, 2026

1st Read: Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62;
Psalm: Psalm 23:1-6; **Gospel:** John 8:1-11

March 24, 2026

1st Read: Numbers 21:4-9; **Psalm:** Psalm 102:2-3,16-21; **Gospel:** John 8:21-30

March 25, 2026

1st Read: Isaiah 7:10-14; **Psalm:** Psalm 40:7-11;
2nd Read: Hebrews 10:4-10; **Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

March 26, 2026

1st Read: Genesis 17:3-9; **Psalm:** Psalm 105:4-9; **Gospel:** John 8:51-59

March 27, 2026

1st Read: Jeremiah 20:10-13; **Psalm:** Psalm 18:2-7; **Gospel:** John 10:31-42

March 28, 2026

1st Read: Ezekiel 37:21-28; **Psalm:** Jeremiah 31:10-13; **Gospel:** John 11:45-56

**WEEKLY CALENDAR/
CALENDARIO SEMANAL**

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

9:00 am Confirmation Retreat
4:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Pauline Leitle and Ralph Schmidt
6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am Mass - Verona
10:00 am Mass - Monett +Charles Velten, Deceased loved ones of Joel and Mary McCaffrey and Joe Miller
11:15 am PSR
12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish Mass +Maria Guadalupe Sanchez, Concepcion Salas, Blasa Serrano, Ruben Chavez Argueta, Omar Mijares, Simona Salas, y Vicente Soriano
2:00 pm Marriage Prep with Jim and Denise

MONDAY, MARCH 23RD: ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO

6:00 pm Prayer Group

TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH

8:15 am Mass - Monett +Ralph Schmidt
6:00 pm Rosary (Spanish)
7:00 pm OCIA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:00 am Mass - Verona
6:30 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm PSR

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

8:15 am Mass - Monett +Lillie Faye Holliday

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH: ABSTINENCE

8:00 am Mass - Verona
1:00 pm Dominoes/Puzzles - Church Basement
5:00 pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

9:00 am 1st Communion Retreat
4:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Al and Irene Fiffe, April Cornell
6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

8:00 am Mass - Verona
10:00 am Mass - Monett +Earl Andrews, Samuel Andrews and Grace Richardson
12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish Mass
6:00 pm Knights and Ladies Meeting - Basement

NOTICIAS ESCOLARES

A medida que transitamos por la temporada de Cuaresma, se nos desafía a vivir nuestra vida “ordinaria” con un espíritu sobrenatural. Una de las lecciones de la Cuaresma es que nuestro espíritu de oración, sacrificio y caridad eleva nuestra vida a un nivel sobrenatural, siempre y cuando la llevemos a la cruz y ofrezcamos nuestras oraciones y acciones en unión con las oraciones y acciones de Cristo. Estamos avanzando a través de las semanas más monótonas del año escolar, cuando el invierno aún no ha dado paso por completo a la primavera; es un tiempo en el que esperamos ver los resultados de nuestras disciplinas, repetidas una y otra vez, y en el que la vida puede parecer francamente aburrida. Sin embargo, nuestros esfuerzos son las semillas que germinan con la práctica de nuestra fe; y, a través del poder de Dios, resucitaremos con Cristo si tan solo sufrimos con Él. Nuestras vidas y nuestros sufrimientos poseen el peso de la vida y el amor sobrenaturales. ¡La próxima semana es la última antes de nuestras vacaciones de primavera de una semana de duración, las cuales coinciden con la Semana Santa! Organizaremos una búsqueda de huevos de Pascua el viernes 27, antes de la salida a las 2:10pm. El 3 de abril es la fecha límite para las solicitudes del programa MO Scholars, ¡así que, por favor, completen sus solicitudes! ¡Gracias por su atención a este asunto! Hemos reservado la fecha del 18 de julio en el campo de golf para nuestro torneo anual de golf de la Escuela Católica St. Lawrence; ¡así que marquen sus calendarios! ¡Las hojas de inscripción se distribuirán pronto! ¡Gracias!

ADORACION DEL PRIMER VIERNES

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

22 de Marzo de 2026

Primera: Ezequiel 37:12-14; **Salmo:** Salmo 29:1-8; **Segunda:** Romanos 8:8-11; **Evangelio:** Juan 11:1-45

23 de Marzo de 2026

Primera: Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; **Salmo:** Salmo 22:1-6; **Evangelio:** Juan 8:1-11

24 de Marzo de 2026

Primera: Numeros 21:4-9; **Salmo:** Salmo 101:2-3,16-21; **Evangelio:** Juan 8:21-30

25 de Marzo de 2026

ANUNCIOS DE PSR

¡Las cuotas del programa de educación religiosa (PSR) deben pagarse lo antes posible! Estimados feligreses: ¡Paz y bendiciones para todos! Mientras continuamos este año litúrgico, quiero compartirles algunas noticias maravillosas sobre nuestro Programa de Educación Religiosa Parroquial (PSR). Nuestra comunidad cuenta actualmente con aproximadamente 120 estudiantes que profundizan su relación con Cristo y aprenden la belleza de nuestra fe católica. Estoy increíblemente orgulloso de estos estudiantes por su dedicación y curiosidad. También quiero expresar mi más profundo agradecimiento a nuestros catequistas voluntarios. Su compromiso desinteresado de compartir el Evangelio es el Corazón de nuestro programa, y somos verdaderamente afortunados de contar con mentores tan fieles para nuestros jóvenes. Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros en oración por quienes se preparan para recibir sus próximos sacramentos: **Primera comunión:** Sábado 11 de abril. Este día especial coincide con la conmemoración de San Estanislao, un poderoso ejemplo de Valentía y devoción a la Eucaristía. **Sacramento de la Confirmación:** miércoles 13 de mayo. Esta celebración tiene lugar en la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Fatima, recordando a nuestros confirmados el llamado a la oración y la intercesión de nuestra Santísima Madre. Gracias por su continuo apoyo y por ser un hogar para estas familias mientras educan a la próxima generación de santos.



Primera: Isaías 7:10-14; **Salmo:** Salmo 39:7-11; **Segunda:** Hebreos 10:4-10; **Evangelio:** Lucas 1:26-38

26 de Marzo de 2026

Primera: Génesis 17:3-9; **Salmo:** Salmo 104:4-9; **Evangelio:** Juan 8:51-59

27 de Marzo de 2026

Primera: Jeremías 20:10-13; **Salmo:** Salmo 17:2-7; **Evangelio:** Juan 10:31-42

28 de Marzo de 2026

Primera: Ezequiel 37:21-28; **Salmo:** Jeremías 31:10-13; **Evangelio:** Juan 11:45-56

God Raises People from the Dead!



In today's Old Testament reading God promised His people that He would raise them from their graves. In the Gospel story Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from the dead. At the end of time God will raise everyone from the dead.

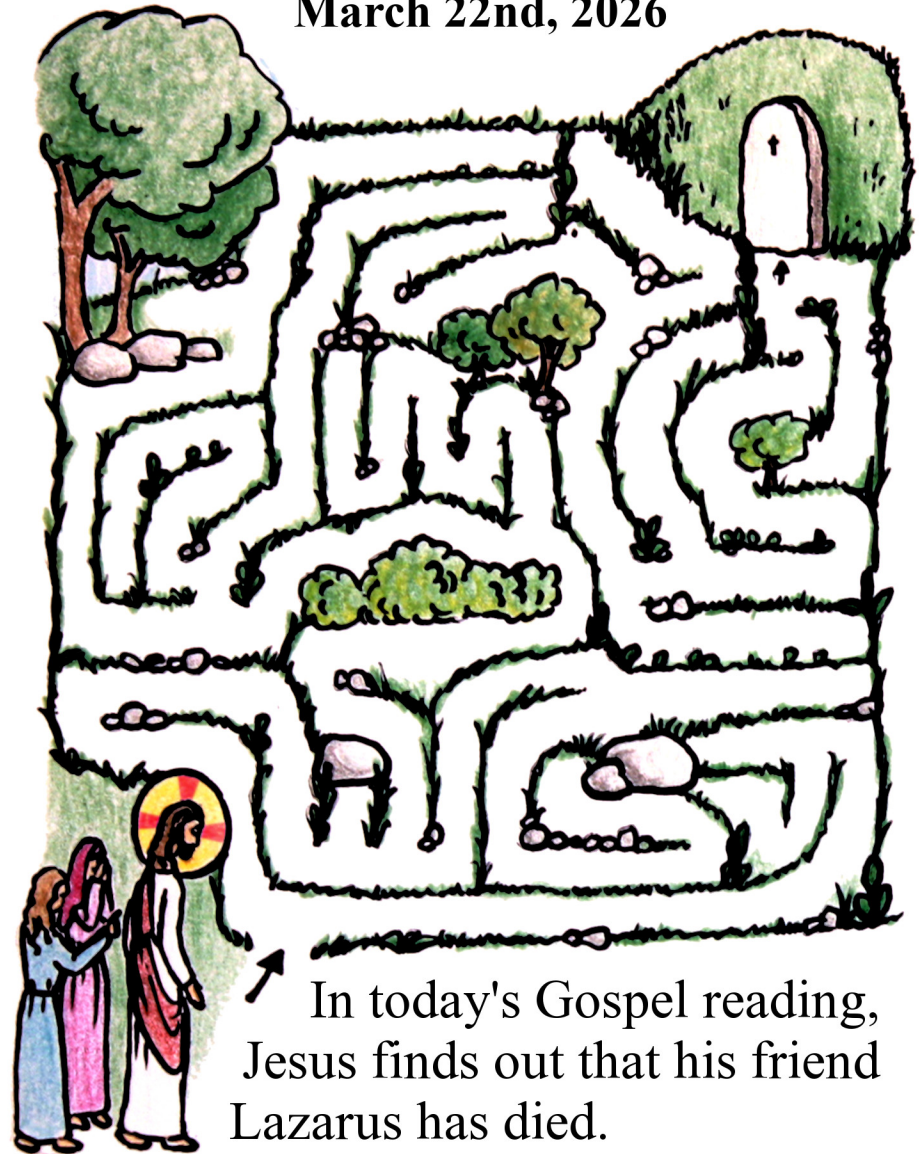
God does not like death. We all have to die because we are sinful, but God wants to raise us from the dead, like Lazarus.

Did you know that there is something worse than dying? Sinning is worse than dying, because when you commit a mortal sin you kill God's life in your soul. When you die you know that your body will rise again, but if you are not sorry for any serious sins then your soul will go to Hell because it doesn't have God's life in it. In Lent we should try to get rid of all the sin in our souls by going to Confession so that our souls will have God's life in them and be ready to celebrate Jesus' resurrection at Easter!



The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22nd, 2026



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus finds out that his friend Lazarus has died.

Can you find your way through the maze to the tomb where Jesus will raise him from the dead?

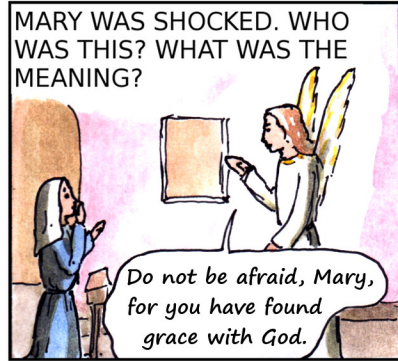
Answer to Ezekiel Puzzle: I will
OPEN YOUR GRAVES and HAVE
YOU RISE FROM THEM.

THE ANNUNCIATION

MARCH 25



FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS PEOPLE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR GOD TO SEND THEM A SAVIOUR. WHEN THE TIME WAS RIGHT HE SENT AN ANGEL TO A YOUNG WOMAN.



MARY WAS SHOCKED. WHO WAS THIS? WHAT WAS THE MEANING?

Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace with God.



You shall conceive and bear a Son, and call Him Jesus...



How shall this be done, since I know not man?

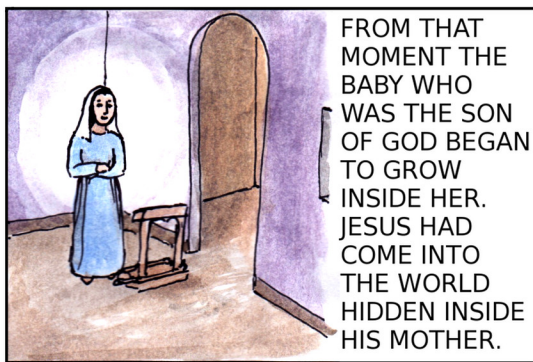


The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you...



SHE ACCEPTED GOD'S PLAN EVEN THOUGH SHE KNEW IT WOULD NOT BE EASY.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done to me according to your word.



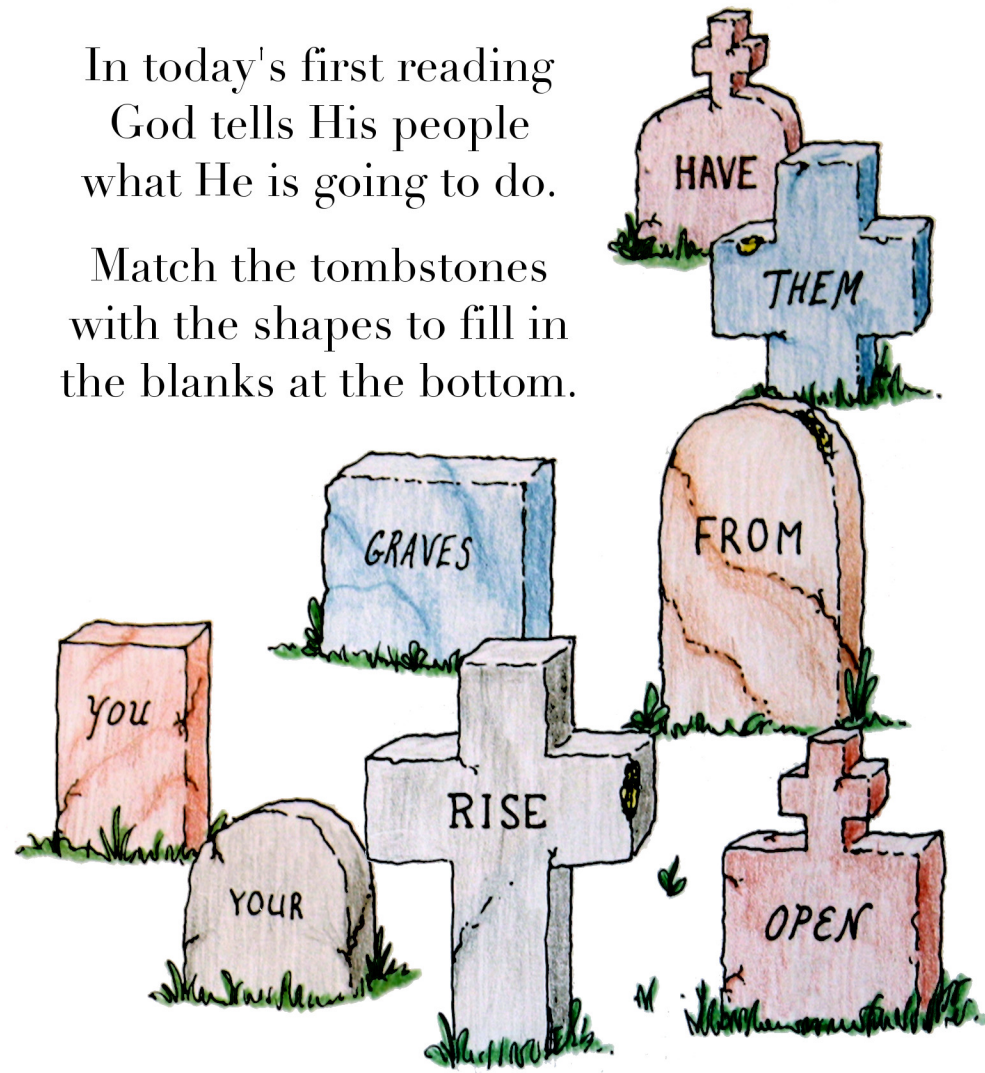
FROM THAT MOMENT THE BABY WHO WAS THE SON OF GOD BEGAN TO GROW INSIDE HER. JESUS HAD COME INTO THE WORLD HIDDEN INSIDE HIS MOTHER.

THE ANNUNCIATION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS OF THE YEAR BECAUSE IT IS WHEN JESUS FIRST CAME TO EARTH, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS STILL HIDDEN. GOD DEPENDED ON MARY TO SAY 'YES' TO HIS WILL EVEN THOUGH IT WAS VERY HARD. WE SHOULD BE ALWAYS READY TO DO GOD'S WILL TOO!

An Ezekiel Puzzle

In today's first reading God tells His people what He is going to do.

Match the tombstones with the shapes to fill in the blanks at the bottom.



I will _____



and _____.

