

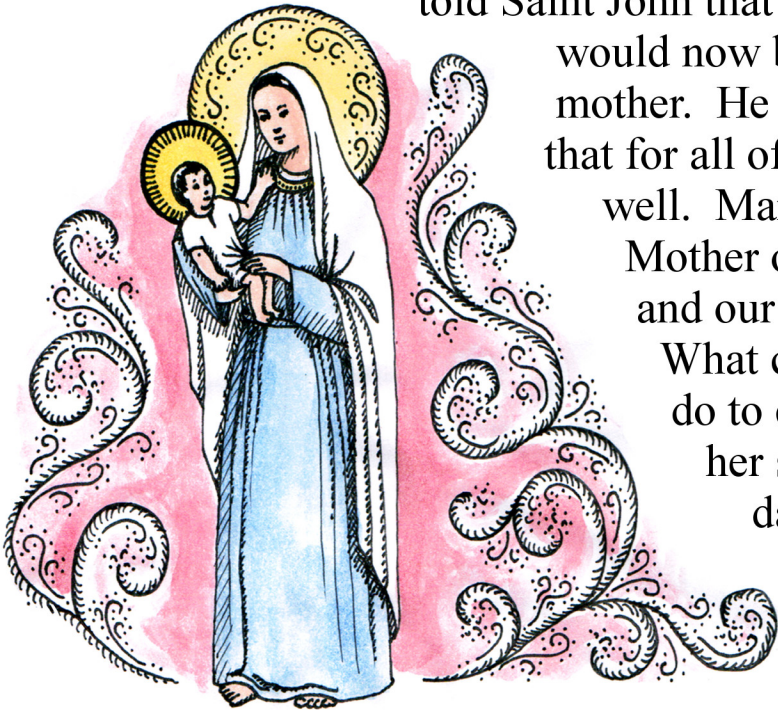
Mary the Mother of God

January 1

On the first day of the year we celebrate the feast day of Mary, the Mother of God.

If you didn't have a mother and God let you design your own mother, what would she be like? Well, God did get to make His own Mother! Can you even imagine how perfect she was?

When Jesus was dying on the Cross, he told Saint John that Mary would now be his mother. He meant that for all of us as well. Mary is the Mother of God and our Mother! What can you do to celebrate her special day?



Answers to the Wise Men Puzzle:
Top: 3, 6. Middle: 5, 1. Bottom: 2, 4.

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Mary the Mother of God: January 1st, 2025
&
Feast of the Epiphany: January 5 or 6, 2025



The feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord is a special part of the Christmas season! What are we celebrating on this feast?

Connect the dots to find out!

Saint André Bessette

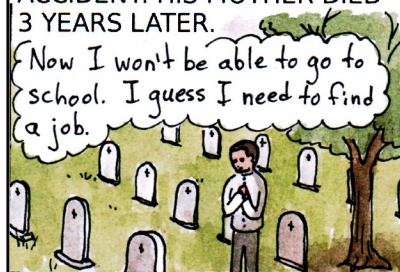
January 7*

ALFRED BESSETTE WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY OUTSIDE OF MONTREAL IN 1845. HE WAS SO SICKLY WHEN HE WAS BORN THAT HIS PARENTS BAPTIZED HIM RIGHT AWAY.




I baptize you in the name of the Father...

WHEN ALFRED WAS 9 HIS FATHER DIED IN A LOGGING ACCIDENT. HIS MOTHER DIED 3 YEARS LATER.



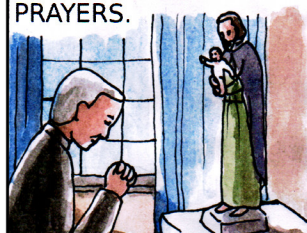
Now I won't be able to go to school. I guess I need to find a job.

ALFRED WAS ALWAYS SICKLY. AFTER TRYING MANY JOBS HE BECAME A RELIGIOUS AND TOOK THE NAME ANDRÉ.




BECAUSE HE WASN'T EDUCATED, HIS JOB WAS ANSWERING THE COLLEGE DOOR.

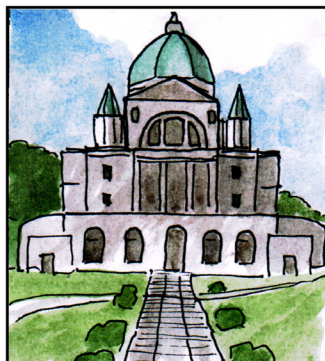
BR. ANDRÉ HAD GREAT DEVOTION TO SAINT JOSEPH. MANY PEOPLE WERE CURED BY HIS PRAYERS.



THOUSANDS CAME TO TALK TO HIM. HE WAS VERY KIND TO THEM ALL. HE WOULD ALSO GO TO VISIT THE SICK.



Here's a St. Joseph medal!



BR. ANDRÉ GOT PERMISSION TO HAVE A CHAPEL, THE ORATORY OF ST. JOSEPH, BUILT ON THE HILL IN MONTREAL. HE DIED BEFORE IT WAS FINISHED, AT AGE 92.

SAINT ANDRÉ WAS A SIMPLE MAN WHO COULD HARDLY EVEN WRITE HIS OWN NAME. BUT HIS DEVOTION TO SAINT JOSEPH AND LOVE FOR THE PEOPLE MADE EVERYONE LOVE AND TRUST HIM. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS EXAMPLE THAT WE CAN HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN THE SAINTS, ESPECIALLY ST. JOSEPH!

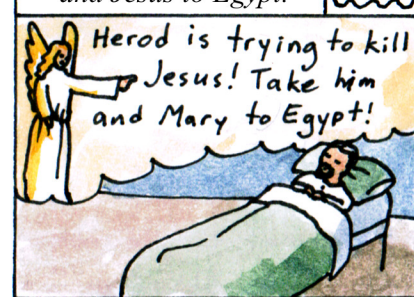
The Wise Men Puzzle

Do you know the story of the wise men who came to worship Baby Jesus?
What order do these pictures go in?
Write the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes.

The wise men found Jesus and worshipped Him, giving Him gifts.

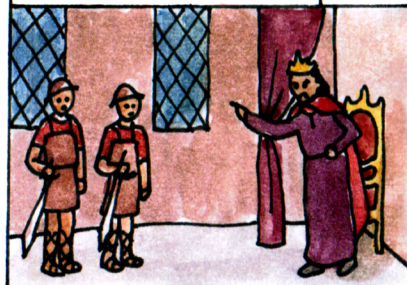


An angel told Joseph in a dream to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt.



Herod is trying to kill Jesus! Take him and Mary to Egypt!

Herod sent soldiers to kill all the babies in Bethlehem!



Some wise men in the East saw a star that was a sign of something...



The Messiah must be born!

The men went to King Herod to see if he knew where the new king was.



An angel warned the wise men and told them to go home another way.



Don't go back to Herod - He wants to kill the Baby!

*His feast is January 7th in Canada, and January 6th in the U.S.