

Prepare the Way of the Lord!



The bible tells us that we are preparing for the coming of Jesus. The gospel says, "A voice cries out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord!'" Saint Paul, in the second reading, tells us to conduct ourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for the day of the Lord.

In the Gospel reading we hear about Saint John the Baptist preparing the people for the coming of Christ.

What can we do to prepare for the coming of Jesus, which we remember especially at Christmas?

First, we should try to be holy

We should pray and do good. Then, we should make sure that we have repented of all our sins, like Saint John the Baptist taught the people. Finally, we should tell people about Jesus! The bible tells us, "Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!"

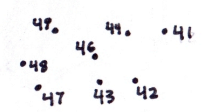
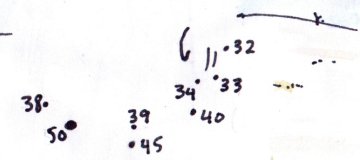
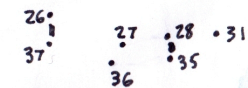
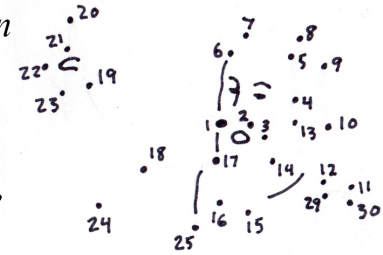


Answers to Cross-word: Across: 1.the 5.saw 7.immaculate 10.over 11.preserve 15.pure 17.man 18.lamb 20.ready 22.am 23.original. Down: 2.him 3.you 4.hate 5.save 6.were 8.Mary 9.love 12.soul 13.baby 14.Adam 16.Eve 18.laws 19.born 21.Anne
 Answer to front page: Saint John the Baptist.

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*I am the voice of
 one crying out in
 the desert,
 "Prepare the
 way of the Lord,
 make straight
 his paths!"*



*What did God send before Jesus to prepare the
 people for His coming?
 Connect the dots to find out!*

SAINT JUAN DIEGO

DECEMBER 9

CUAUHTLATOHUAC WAS A NATIVE OF MEXICO, BORN IN THE 1400'S. WHEN HE BECAME A CHRISTIAN, HE TOOK THE NAME JUAN DIEGO, WHICH IS 'JOHN JAMES' IN ENGLISH.

JUAN DIEGO WAS A HUMBLE AND SIMPLE MAN WHO LOVED GOD.

HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO MASS WHEN OUR LADY APPEARED TO HIM.

It sounds nice.. but I'm not sure about Mary appearing!

SHE TOLD HIM THAT SHE WANTED A CHURCH BUILT THERE, BUT THE BISHOP DIDN'T BELIVE HIM.

HE WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET HER AGAIN, BUT HIS UNCLE WAS SICK... your uncle is cured!

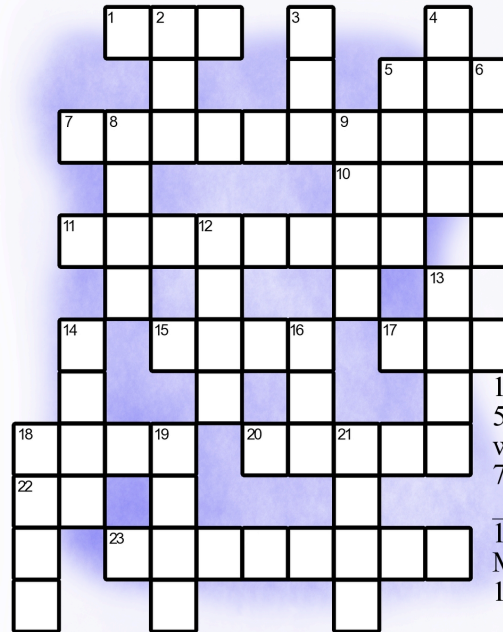
This will show the bishop the truth.

THEN HE SAW SPANISH ROSES GROWING THERE- IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER!

WHEN HE SHOWED THE FLOWERS IN HIS TILMA TO THE BISHOP, A PICTURE OF OUR LADY APPEARED ON IT. THE BISHOP BELIEVED HIM THEN AND HAD THE CHURCH BUILT.

SAINT JUAN DIEGO LIVED A LONG AND SIMPLE LIFE TEACHING THE FAITH. MARY CHOSE HIM, BECAUSE HE WAS HUMBLE, TO BRING HER MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME. WHEN THE NEW CHURCH WAS BUILT, THOUSANDS OF THE PAGAN PEOPLE IN MEXICO BECAME CHRISTIANS. JUAN DIEGO DIED AT AGE 74.

Immaculate Conception Cross-Word



Fill in the blanks to do this puzzle about Our Lady.

ACROSS:

1. _____ was without sin.
 5. God _____ that Mary would do His will.
 7. She was the _____ Conception.
 10. God watched _____ Mary.
 11. God decided to _____ her from sin.
 15. Mary's soul was not stained- it was _____.
 17. God's Son become _____.
 18. He is called the _____ of God.
 20. When the time was _____, the angel came to Mary.
 22. She said, "I _____ the handmaid of the Lord.
 23. She had no _____ sin, so she was always ready to obey.
- DOWN:
2. Whatever God wanted she would do for _____.
 3. She brought the Saviour into the world for _____ and me.
 4. She teaches us to love God and _____ sin, which offends Him.
 5. God had decided to _____ Mary from all sin.
 6. If you _____ God, how would you make your mother?
 8. The name of God's mother is _____.
 9. She did every single thing out of _____ for God.
 12. He had preserved her _____ from every stain of sin.
 13. Before she was even a little _____ she was chosen by God.
 14. We all have original sin because of _____ ...
 16. ... and his wife, _____, who committed the first sins.
 18. They had chosen to disobey God's _____.
 19. Since then, every other person* was _____ with original sin.
 21. Mary was the daughter of the holy saints, _____ and Joachim.

* Except Saint John the Baptist, who, according to tradition, was freed from original sin - 'filled with the Holy Spirit' when his mother was greeted by Mary who was expecting Jesus.