

The Immaculate Conception

On Monday this week we will be celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother. The words "Immaculate Conception" mean that she had no sin on her soul, not even original sin, from the first moment her life began!

Why do you think God saved Mary from all sin? He wanted her to be the perfect mother for His Son Jesus. If you could make your own mother wouldn't you make her perfect too?



Mary is also a model to all people of how to live a good Christian life and to serve God as best we can. We should thank God for giving us such a beautiful example in His holy Mother. We should also pray to Mary every day and ask her to help us love her Son Jesus more. Can you say an extra 'Hail Mary' tomorrow for Our Lady's feast day?

Answer to puzzle on front: He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Answer to "Peace Among Animals" puzzle: lamb, leopard, calf, bear, lion, baby.

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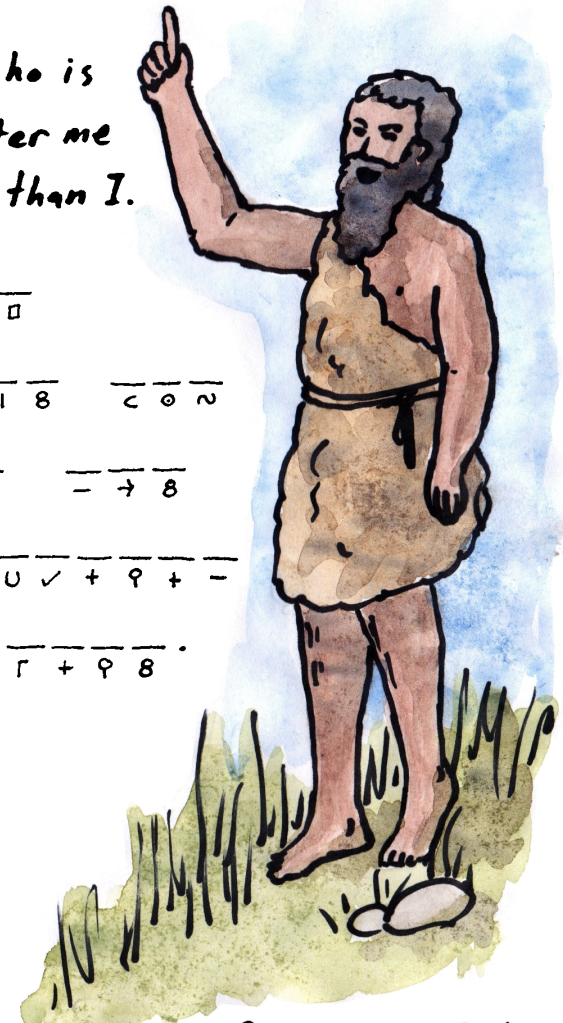
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The one who is coming after me is mightier than I.

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What did Saint John the Baptist say about the one who was coming after him? Use the code to find out!

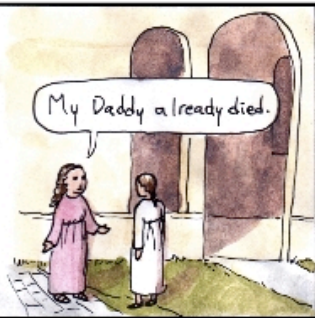
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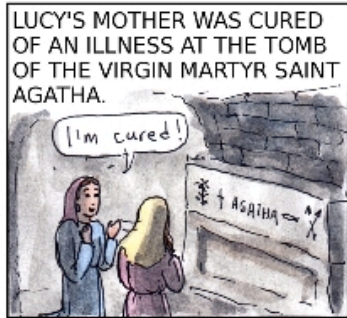
Saint Lucy

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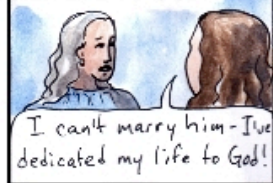
SAINT LUCY WAS BORN IN SICILY AROUND 283 A.D. SHE WAS FROM A WEALTHY FAMILY BUT HER FATHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG.



LUCY'S MOTHER WAS CURED OF AN ILLNESS AT THE TOMB OF THE VIRGIN MARTYR SAINT AGATHA.



LUCY WAS TOLD TO MARRY A ROMAN, BUT SHE REFUSED BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO GIVE HER LIFE TO GOD.



Sir, I've found out that Lucy is Christian!

THE MAN TOLD THE GOVERNOR SHE WAS A CHRISTIAN SO SHE'D GET ARRESTED.



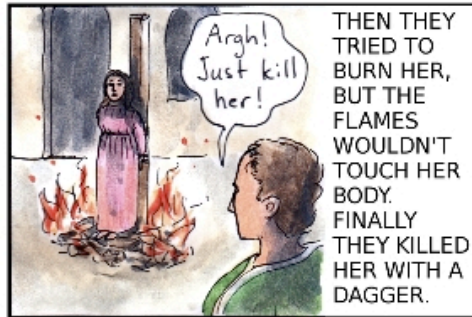
BUT WHEN THEY TRIED TO DRAG HER AWAY THEY COULDN'T!



LEGEND SAYS THAT THEY PUT HER EYES OUT AS PUNISHMENT, BUT SHE REGAINED HER SIGHT BEFORE SHE DIED.



THEN THEY TRIED TO BURN HER, BUT THE FLAMES WOULDN'T TOUCH HER BODY. FINALLY THEY KILLED HER WITH A DAGGER.



SAINT LUCY IS A GREAT EXAMPLE FOR US BY HER PURITY AND DEDICATION TO GOD. SHE DID NOT LET ANY TORTURE STOP HER FROM DOING WHAT WAS RIGHT. BECAUSE SHE WAS BLINDED SHE IS THE PATRONESS OF SIGHT AND OF BLIND PEOPLE. WE CAN PRAY TO HER IF WE HAVE PROBLEMS WITH OUR EYES.

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Peace Among the Animals

In today's first reading, the prophet describes peace between animals and people in God's kingdom.

Can you figure out which animals (or people) go with which?

Clue: the pictures might help!



Then the wolf shall be a guest
of the _____,
and the _____



shall lie down with the kid;
the _____ and the young lion
shall browse together,
with a little child to guide them.

The cow and the _____
shall be neighbors,
together their young shall rest;

the _____ shall eat hay like the ox.

The _____ shall play
by the cobra's den,



baby leopard
calf bear
lamb lion

