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FAMILY CATECHISM

LESSON 24: ON THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS



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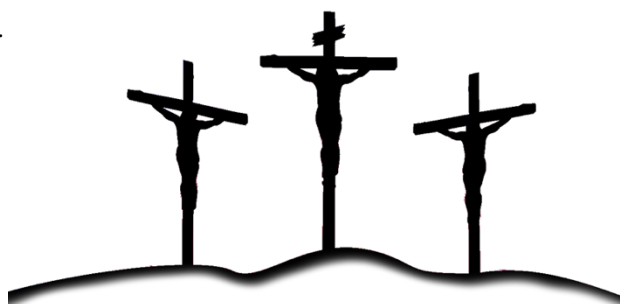
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Activity 2: Colouring



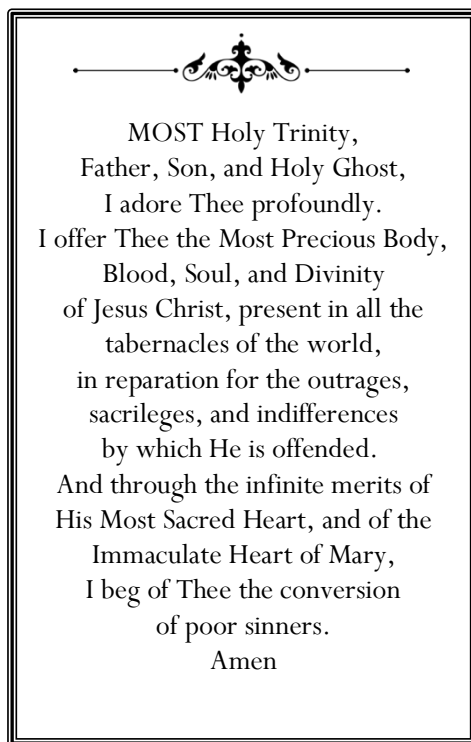
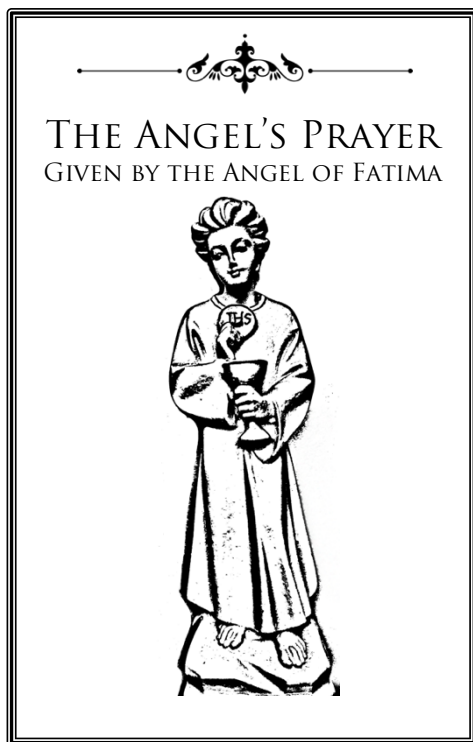
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Activity 3: Project

Make a beautiful prayer card for the prayer taught by the Angel of Fatima to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco.

Pray this prayer in reparation for all the injuries shown to Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. You may use the template below or design your own.



Activity 4: Word search

Words

1. UNBLOODY
2. SACRIFICE
3. MASS
4. CROSS
5. ADORATION
6. THANKSGIVING
7. ATONEMENT
8. PETITION
9. DEVOTION
10. PIETY

T	H	A	N	K	S	G	I	V	I	N	G	P
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Activity 5: Prayer

Behold this heart which has so loved men



It is all love and mercy

**The promises of Our Lord given to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in favour of those devoted
to His most Sacred Heart**

1. I will grant them all the graces necessary for their state in life.
2. I will establish peace and union in their families.
3. I will console them in their pains and trials.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death.
5. I will shed abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls will become fervent.
8. Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection.
9. I will bless every place where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honoured. I will imprint My love on the hearts of those who wear this image. I will also destroy in them all disordered movements.
10. I will give to priests, who are animated by a tender devotion to My Divine Heart, the gift of touching the most hardened of hearts.
11. The names of those who promote this devotion will be written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
12. I promise thee, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

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The Sacred Heart of Jesus

There are many devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus that you may discern as a family to adopt. Below are a few specific devotions that you may wish to read more about and to do together as a family:

Litany of the Sacred Heart

In 1899 Pope Leo XIII approved the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for public use. It is a series of 33 invocations to the Sacred Heart, corresponding to the 33 years of Our Lord's life on earth.

(Partial Indulgence)



First Friday Devotion

According to the words of Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary:

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Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the home

This is a ceremony that may be performed by a priest in your home, although this is not necessary, and the father may carry out the ceremony. Your family solemnly and publicly acknowledge the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the King of your home and are consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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Activity 6: Fill in the gaps to the questions and answers from Activity 1. Can you do this from memory?

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Activity 7: Match the questions and answers

Use an arrow to join up the questions with their corresponding answer.

Once you have done this, cut out the questions and answers and stick them together to make **FLASH CARDS**.

Alternatively, you may wish to use them to play **MEMORY PAIRS**.

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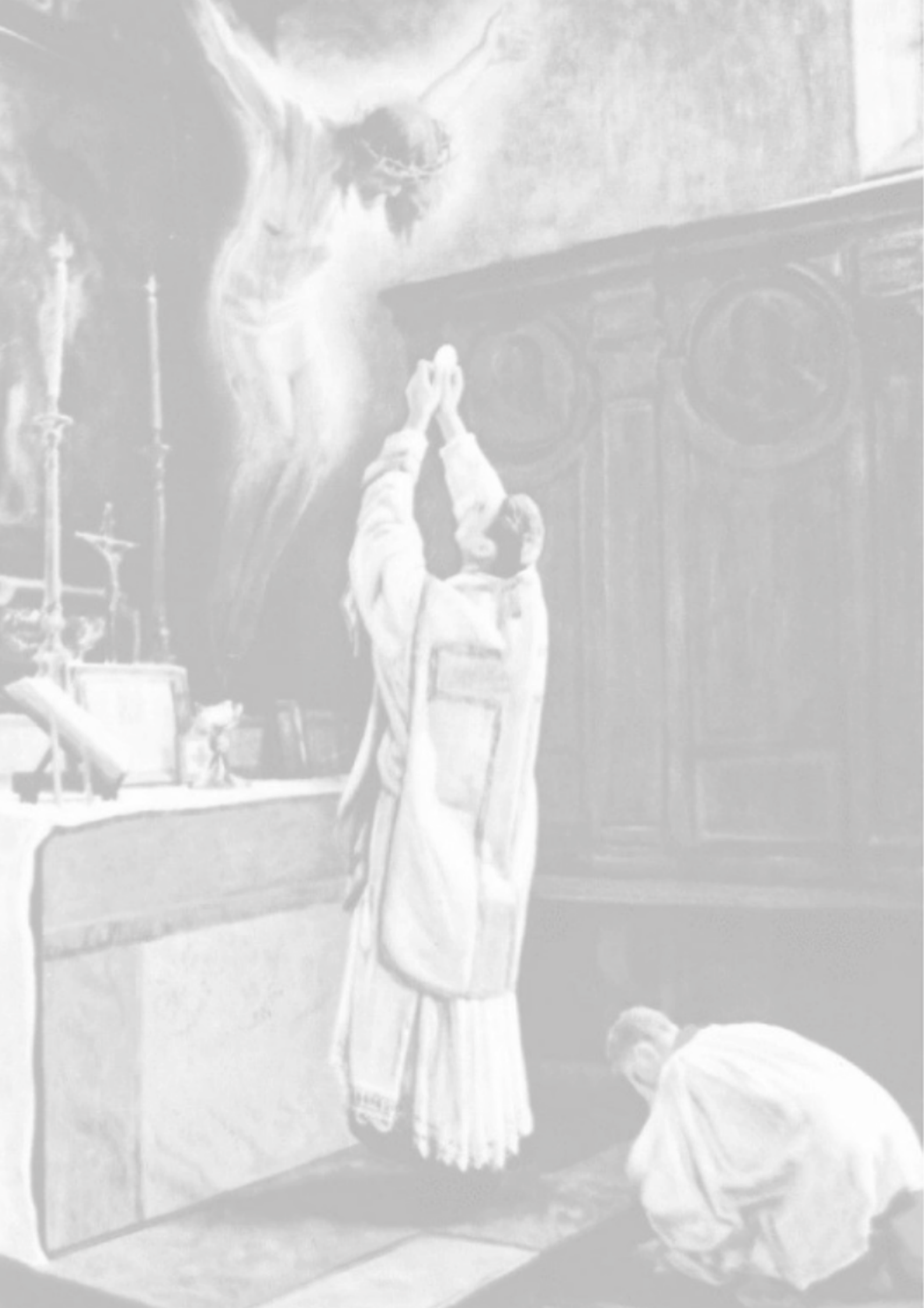
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