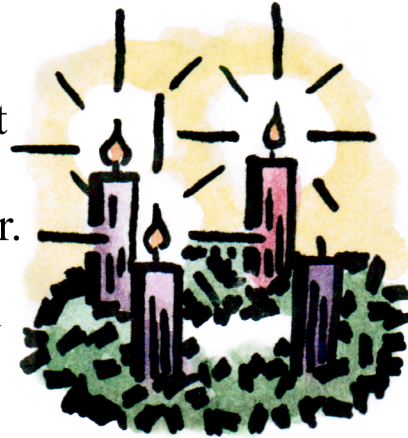


Painting the Way to Jesus

In today's Gospel reading we hear about the people being filled with expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Saint John the Baptist told the people how to prepare for his coming- by doing good and repenting of their sins.



At first the people thought that John the Baptist might be the Messiah. But Saint John was only a messenger. We can think of him as a sign-post pointing the way to Jesus. People came to see and hear him, and he showed them the way to God.



How can you be like Saint John the Baptist and show other people the way to Jesus?

Answers to Crossword Puzzle:
 Across: 1. peace 3. shall 5. thanksgiving 9. near 11. all
 13. sisters 15. Christ Down: 1. petition 2. again 4. have
 6. kindness 7. guard 8. God 10. your 12. Lord 14. it 15. to

The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent
 December 12, 2021

I AM BAPTIZING YOU
 WITH WATER, BUT ONE
 MIGHTIER THAN I IS COMING.
 I AM NOT WORTHY
 TO UNLACE THE THONG
 OF HIS SANDALS.

HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH
 THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH FIRE.

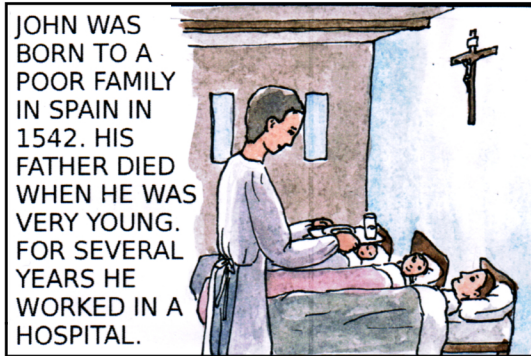


Luke 3:10-18

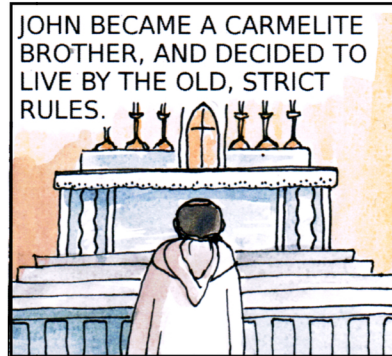
God sent Saint John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. What did he say when some of the people thought that he might be the saviour? Look in the mirror to find out!

Saint John of the Cross

December 14



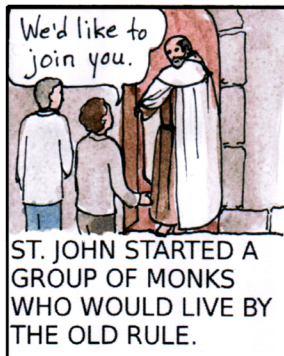
JOHN WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY IN SPAIN IN 1542. HIS FATHER DIED WHEN HE WAS VERY YOUNG. FOR SEVERAL YEARS HE WORKED IN A HOSPITAL.



JOHN BECAME A CARMELITE BROTHER, AND DECIDED TO LIVE BY THE OLD, STRICT RULES.



HE MET ST. TERESA OF AVILA, WHO WAS A CARMELITE NUN.

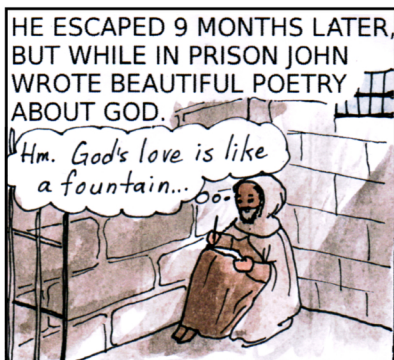


We'd like to join you.

ST. JOHN STARTED A GROUP OF MONKS WHO WOULD LIVE BY THE OLD RULE.

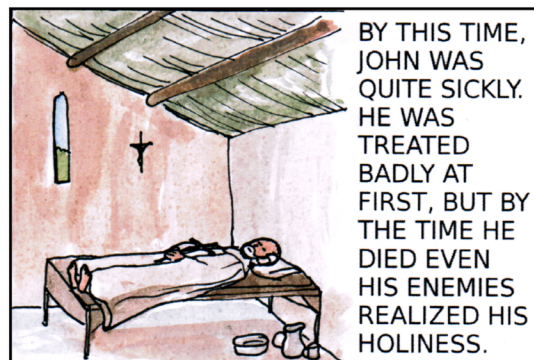


BUT SOME OF THE CARMELITES DISAGREED WITH HIM AND PUT HIM IN PRISON!



HE ESCAPED 9 MONTHS LATER, BUT WHILE IN PRISON JOHN WROTE BEAUTIFUL POETRY ABOUT GOD.

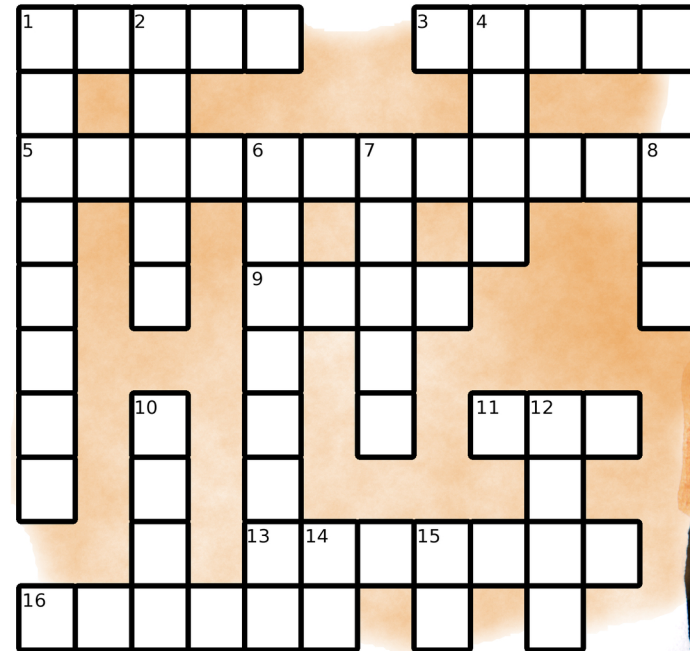
Hm. God's love is like a fountain...



BY THIS TIME, JOHN WAS QUITE SICKLY. HE WAS TREATED BADLY AT FIRST, BUT BY THE TIME HE DIED EVEN HIS ENEMIES REALIZED HIS HOLINESS.

TODAY SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS IS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS WRITINGS. HE TAUGHT THAT WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BE PERFECTLY HAPPY HERE ON EARTH BECAUSE WE ARE MADE FOR GOD IN HEAVEN. NEXT TIME YOU FEEL UNHAPPY, REMEMBER THAT PERFECT HAPPINESS IS WAITING FOR YOU IN HEAVEN!

Philippians 4 Cross-Word



Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom and fit them into the puzzle. a=across d=down



Brothers and _____ (13a): Rejoice in the _____ (12d) always. I _____ (3a) say _____ (14d) _____ (2d): rejoice! Your _____ (6d) should be known _____ (15d) all. The Lord is _____ (9a). _____ (4d) no anxiety at _____ (11a), but in everything, by prayer and _____ (1d), with _____ (5a), make _____ (10d) requests known to _____ (8d). Then the _____ (1a) of God that surpasses all understanding will _____ (7d) your hearts and minds in _____ (16a) Jesus.

GOD SHALL TO LORD YOUR
CHRIST ALL KINDNESS SISTERS
THANKSGIVING PEACE IT PETITION
NEAR AGAIN GUARD HAVE