

Jesus said to [His disciples] again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (John 20:21-23)



Jesus promised, "Anyone who venerates this image will someday join Me in Heaven. I also demand from you deeds of mercy which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere."

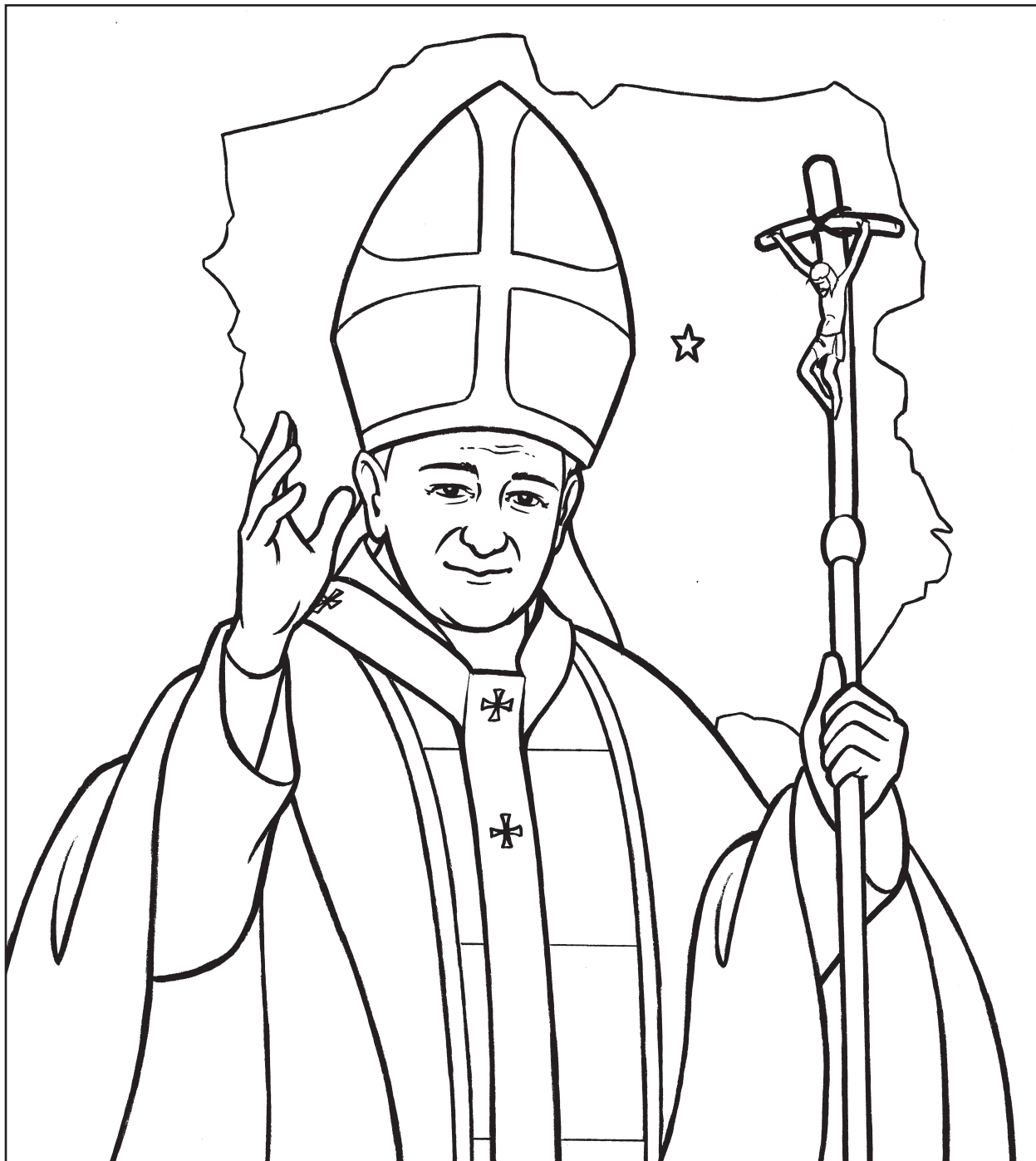


Do you know what else Jesus told Saint Faustina? He told her to go to Confession, and He said, “There the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated. To avail oneself of this miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage, or to carry out some external ceremony; it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative [the priest] and to reveal to him one’s misery, and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated.”

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

OCTAVE
DAY 8



On April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina as the first saint of the new millenium. He had a special love for her because he, too, came from Poland. The Pope also established the 2nd Sunday of Easter—which is the end of the Easter Octave—as Divine Mercy Sunday, just as Jesus had requested in His messages to Saint Faustina!

Easter Mazes

EASTER
SEASON

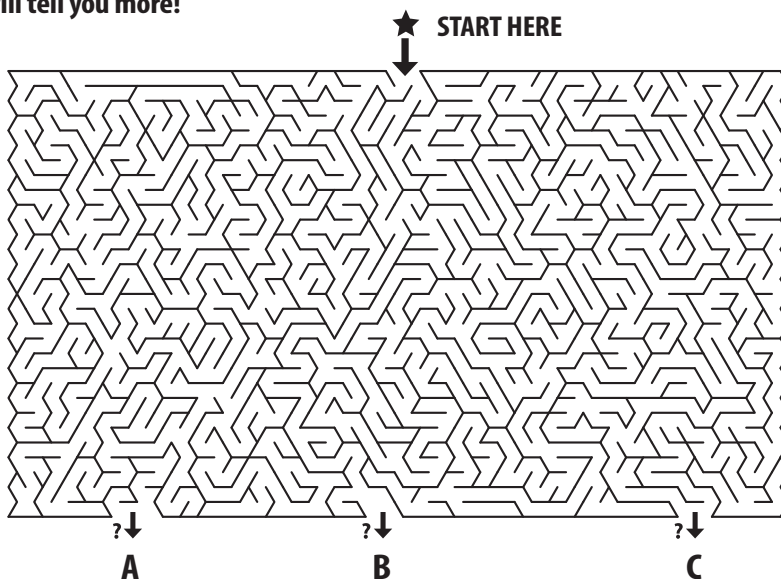
More about the Paschal Candle: It is “the symbol of the *light of Christ, rising in glory*, scattering the darkness of our hearts and minds.” (US Conference of Catholic Bishops, “18 Questions on the Paschal Triduum”) In the Easter Vigil, it is used in the blessing of water which is then used to sprinkle the congregation.

During the entire Easter Season, the candle is kept in the sanctuary of the church, either by the ambo (where the Scripture is read at Mass) or the altar. After the Easter Season, is it moved out of the sanctuary.

The correct paths through these mazes will tell you more!

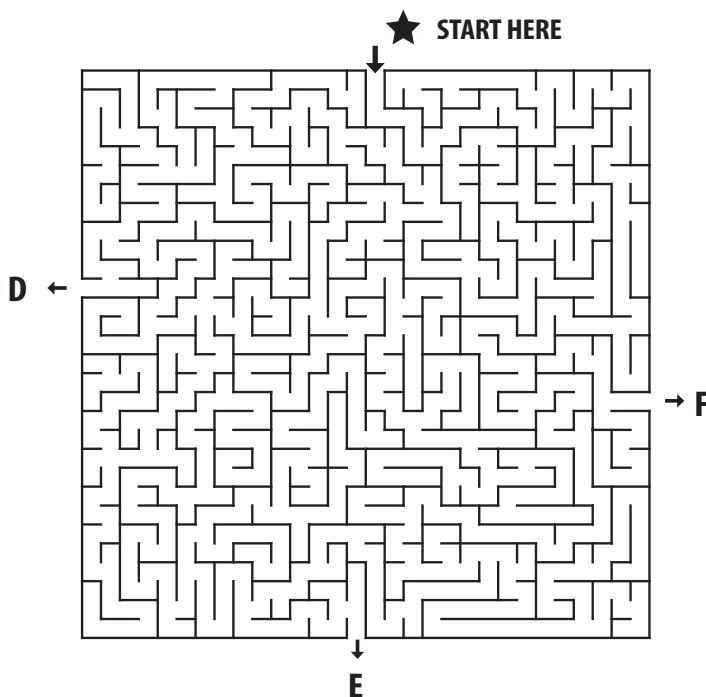
Where is the Paschal Candle moved?

- a. into storage until next Easter
- b. to the “baptistery” to be used in Baptisms
- c. to the priest’s home



When is it brought back into the Church?

- d. at weddings to be placed near the bride and groom
- e. at funerals to be placed near the coffin
- f. at Mass only when the bishop celebrates



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EASTER
SEASON



Jesus presented Himself to His Apostles after His passion, appearing to them for forty days, and speaking of the Kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father. He said, "For John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 1:3-5)

Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

- ✦ The color vestments the priest is wearing are...

 circle your answer!



RED



GREEN



VIOLET



ROSE



WHITE

- ✦ The first reading is from the Acts of the

Apostles

- ✦ Responsorial Psalm

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is

everlasting."

- ✦ The second reading is from the First book of

Peter

- ✦ The Gospel reading is from

John

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."



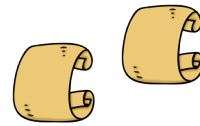
Jesus calls each of us to trust fully in His Divine Mercy! Find the path through the maze to lead this young lady to Him!

PARENTS & EDUCATORS: Print in **color** for best results!

This worksheet is intended for children not yet reading or just learning. They may need simple instructions from you to complete the activities.

How many...?  Circle the answer!

SCROLLS



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KEYS

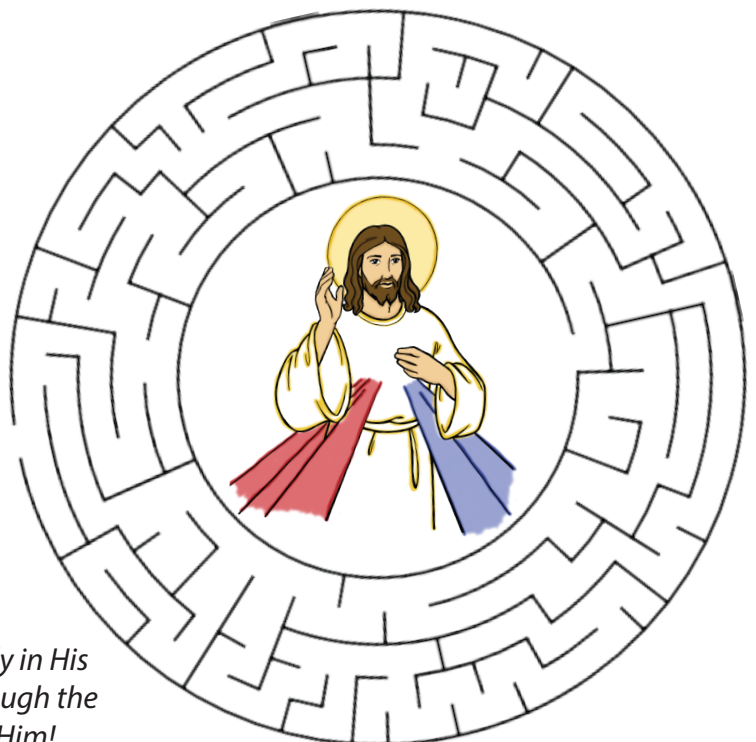


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LAMPSTANDS



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Today is the 2nd Sunday of Easter, also called “Divine Mercy Sunday.”

1. The color vestments the priest is wearing are _____.
2. The 1st Reading is from the book of: a. Genesis b. Exodus c. Acts
3. Fill in the blank from the Responsorial Psalm:
“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is _____, His _____ is everlasting.”
4. The 2nd Reading is from:
a. The 1st Letter of Peter b. The 1st Letter of John c. The Revelation
5. The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of:
a. Matthew b. Mark c. Luke d. John
6. True or False: In this Gospel, the first thing Jesus says is, “Peace be with you.”
7. Jesus breathed on them and said:
a. “Oh, ye, of little faith.”
b. “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”
c. “See, I am alive. I breathe and eat.”

BONUS: Which Sacrament is Jesus instituting here? _____

8. Which Apostles are mentioned by name in this Gospel passage (circle all that apply)?
a. Simon (Peter) b. James and John c. Thomas
9. What did Jesus say to Thomas?
a. “Oh, ye, of little faith.”
b. “Where have you been?”
c. “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”



Lenten Adventure

Answer Key: Octave Day 8

Mass Quiz: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

1. White—but they may be decorated with precious metals so be gold or silver, too!
2. c. Acts
3. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love is everlasting."
4. c. The Revelation
5. d. John
6. True
7. b. "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

BONUS: The Sacrament of Confession

8. c. Thomas
9. c. "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

When does Easter End?

EASTER
SEASON

8 Days of Easter...and more!

HELP! When does Easter end?

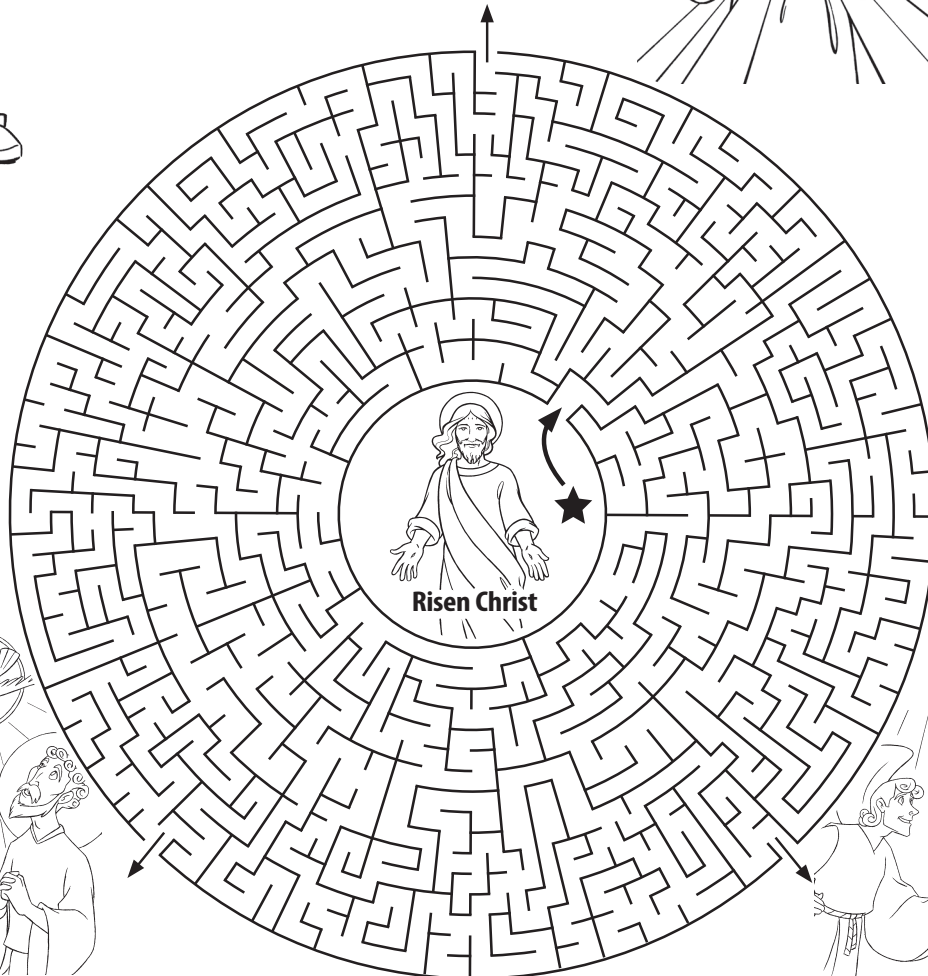
The Easter season begins on Holy Saturday night at the Easter Vigil Mass and runs until . . . well, you can find out by COMPLETING the MAZE below!

Find the correct path **out from the center** (Easter Vigil) and you will arrive at the **SOLEMNITY** on which the Easter season ends!

Hallelujah! Enjoy all 50 days of Easter!



? Divine Mercy Sunday



? Pentecost Sunday



? The Ascension of the Lord