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SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

Matthew 2:10



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"The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together." - Venerable Patrick Peyton

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SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Name: _____

Sunday, January 5, 2025
Worksheet for ages 7 to 10 years old

1. Today we celebrate the _____ of the Lord.

What do we remember, today?

- (a) When the kings or magi visited Jesus.
- (b) When Jesus rose from the dead. (c) When Mary was born.

2. From which book of the Bible is today's first reading?

Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Baruch Ezekiel Daniel

3. From which book of the Bible is today's second reading?

Acts Romans 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians

4. From which book of the Bible is today's Gospel reading taken?

Matthew Mark Luke John

What gifts did the special visitors give to Jesus?

- (a) Some furniture, clothes, and food
- (b) Money, blankets, and food
- (c) Gold, frankincense, and myrrh
- (d) A house, some sheep, and water

What do we know about these gifts?

- They are expensive! -They were rare and hard to buy. -They were dirty.
- They were very fancy. -They were fit to give to a king.
- We don't know anything about them.

The men who visited Jesus were very smart. They were not from Bethlehem or any country near there. How did they find Jesus and his parents?

- (a) They found Him by following a special, very bright star.
- (b) They found Him by accident. (c) Some shepherds told the men where Jesus was.

If you could go see Baby Jesus, what would you like to give Him as a gift?

A toy. I would sing a song for Him. A blanket. Some money.

I would draw a picture for Him. I would make a card for Him.



SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Name: _____

Sunday, January 5, 2025
Worksheet for ages 11 to 14 years old

1. What day is it today in the Church's calendar?

What do we celebrate, today?

Why is this event so important?

2. From which book of the Bible is today's first reading?

3. From which psalm is today's Responsorial?

What is the theme of this psalm?

4. From which book of the Bible is today's second reading? Who wrote this book?

5. From which book of the Bible is today's Gospel reading taken?

How many of these "wise men" came to see Jesus?

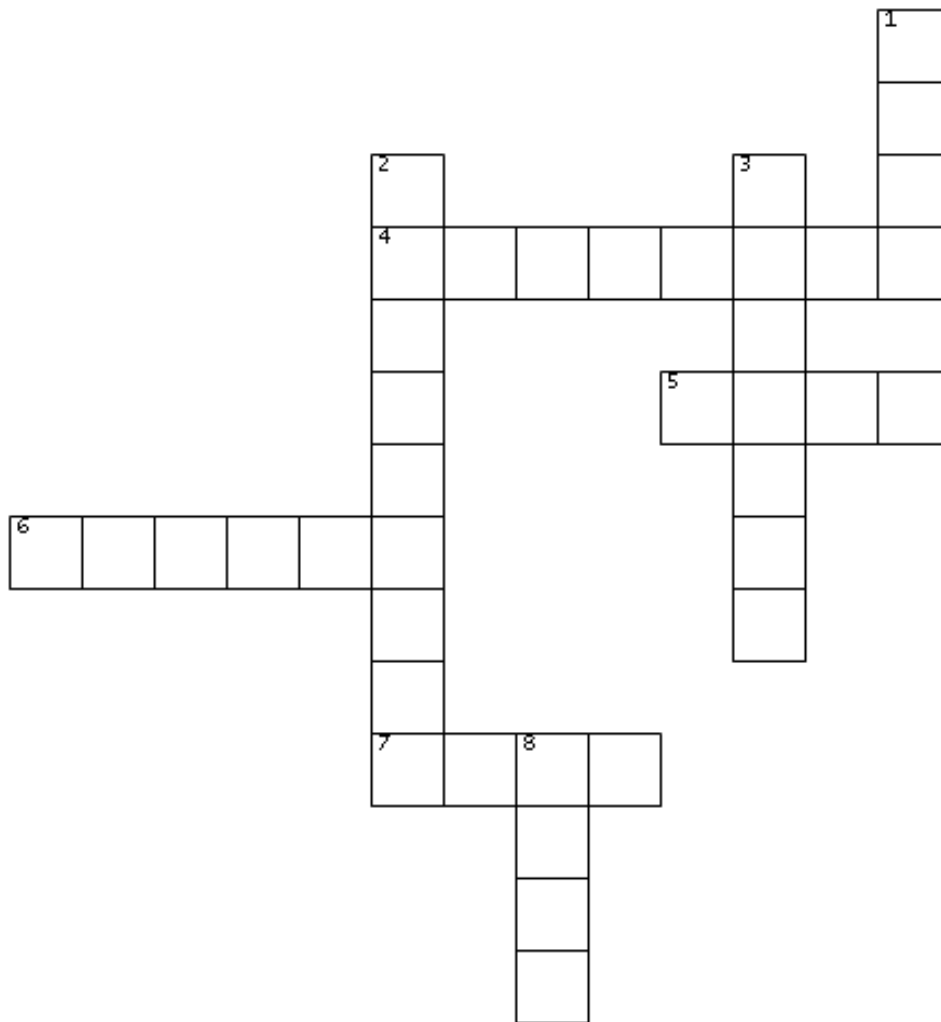
What types of gifts did they give Jesus?

6. Today is a "solemnity" in the Church's calendar. We also have "feasts" and "memorials." Solemnities are the most important. The Immaculate Conception and Christmas are two other examples of solemnities. Feasts are next in importance. The Presentation of the Lord is a feast day. Finally comes memorials when we commemorate saints such as St. Blaise and St. John Bosco. Can you name any other solemnities, feasts or memorials?





Sunday Gospel Activities



ACROSS

4. the feast we celebrate today
5. what the three kings followed to find Jesus
6. another word for honor
7. another name for the three kings

DOWN

1. the mother of Jesus
2. the city where Jesus was born
3. today's Gospel writer
8. a gift given by the Magi



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Sunday Gospel Activities



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Once Upon A Time . . . Father Peyton

Long ago there was a priest who traveled to many countries around the world reminding families to pray together every day, especially the Rosary. His nickname became "The Rosary Priest." We hope someday he will become a saint!



Once Upon
A Time ...
Father
Peyton

Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.

Patrick Peyton was born on January 9, 1909, and grew up on a small farm in Ireland with his eight brothers and sisters. His family was poor but they were rich in faith. Every night after dinner, Patrick's father would gather the family together to pray the Rosary.

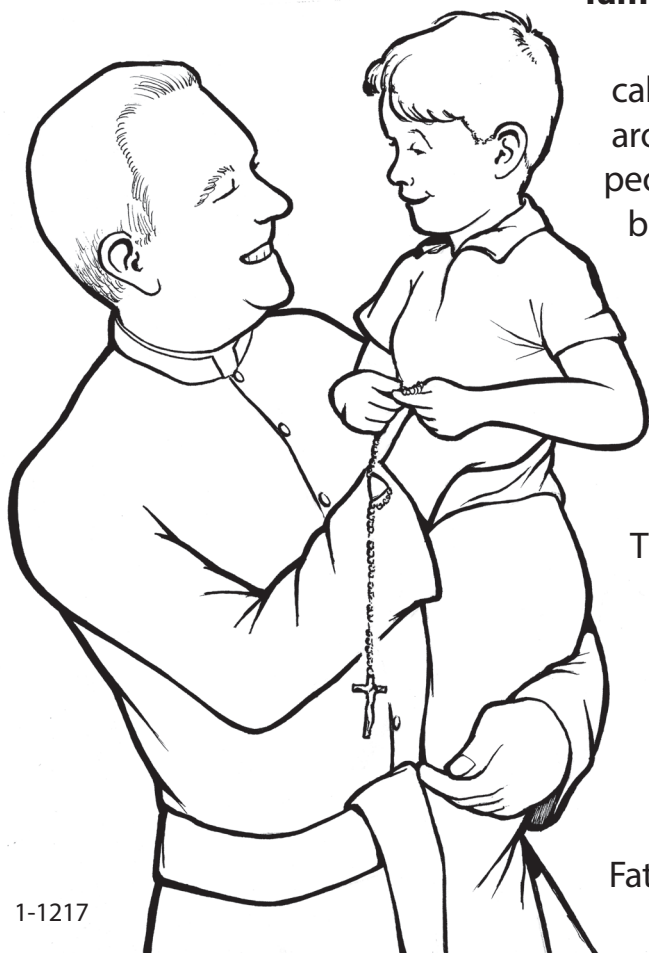
When Patrick was 19 years old, he moved to the United States with his brother, Tom. They wanted to get jobs and make money – but God had other plans for them.

In America, Patrick found a job as a sexton (janitor) at a Cathedral in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He continued to pray the Rosary every day just like he had with his family.

Patrick and Tom kept feeling like God wanted them to be priests. Eventually they went to the seminary of the Congregation of Holy Cross at Notre Dame, Indiana. A seminary is a college where men study to become priests.

Patrick loved the seminary. One day he became very sick. The doctors told Patrick he might not recover. At that time, there was not medicine like we have today. Patrick was sick for an entire year. A priest told Patrick to pray to Mary for her intercession. Intercession is asking a saint to pray to God for you. Patrick did that and he continued to pray his Rosary too. He became well again!

Patrick completed his studies and became a priest. He spent the rest of his life telling families about praying the Rosary. He always told them, **"The family that prays together stays together."**



In 1942 Father Peyton started an organization called Family Rosary. He traveled to many countries around the world and attended many events telling people about Rosary prayer. He had many challenges but always prayed his Rosary and amazing things happened!

Then Father Peyton went to Hollywood, California to ask some famous people to pray the Rosary with him on the radio and television. They did help him and in 1947 Father Peyton started another organization in Hollywood called Family Theater Productions.

Father Peyton died at 83 years old on June 3, 1992, and he is buried in North Easton, Massachusetts. Both of Father Peyton's organizations still work hard today letting families know about the importance of praying.

We hope someday soon the Pope will declare Father Peyton a saint!

Father Peyton's Story

When Patrick Peyton was a boy in Ireland, he prayed the _____ every night with his family.

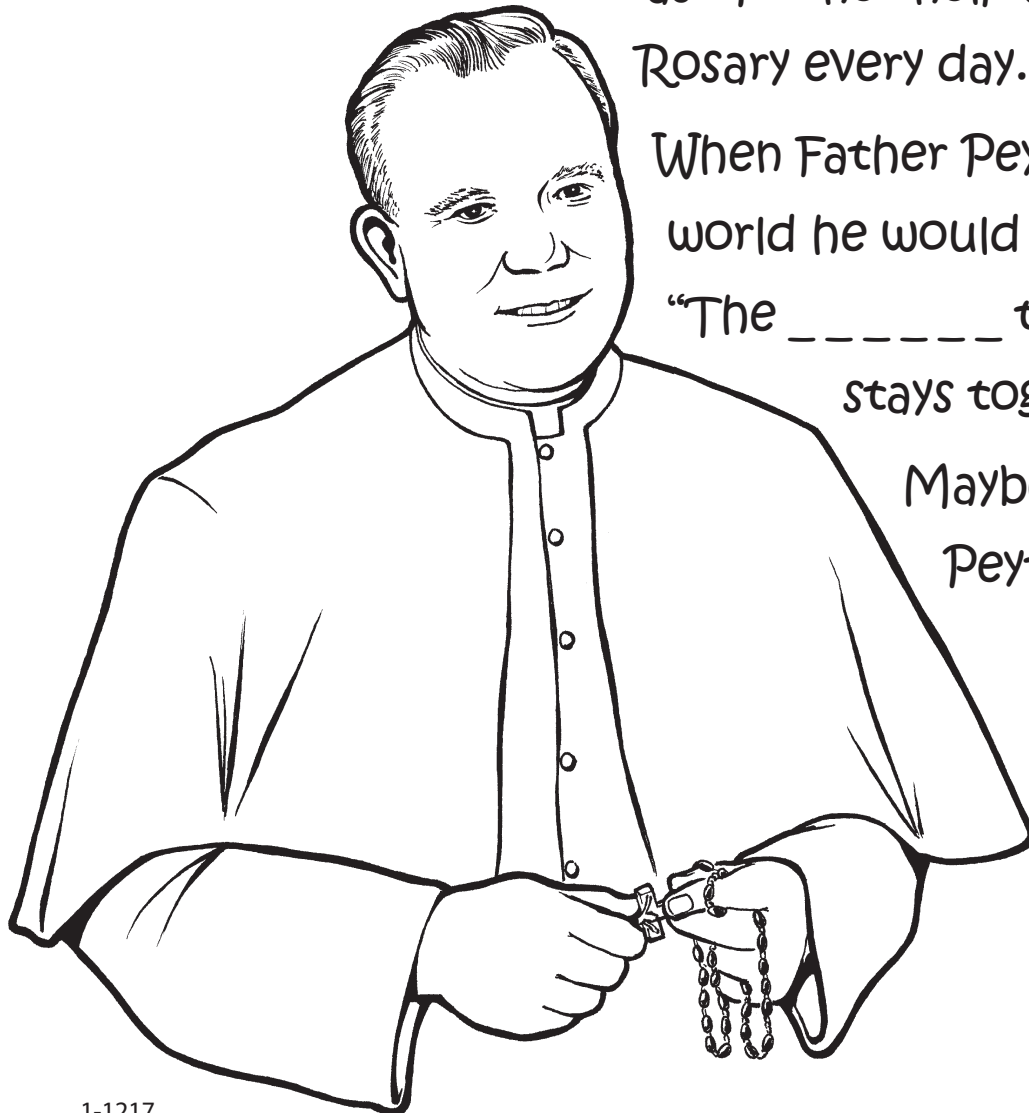
Patrick and his brother, _____ moved to America to get jobs and make money.

Patrick and his brother felt like God wanted them to become priests so they went to the _____.

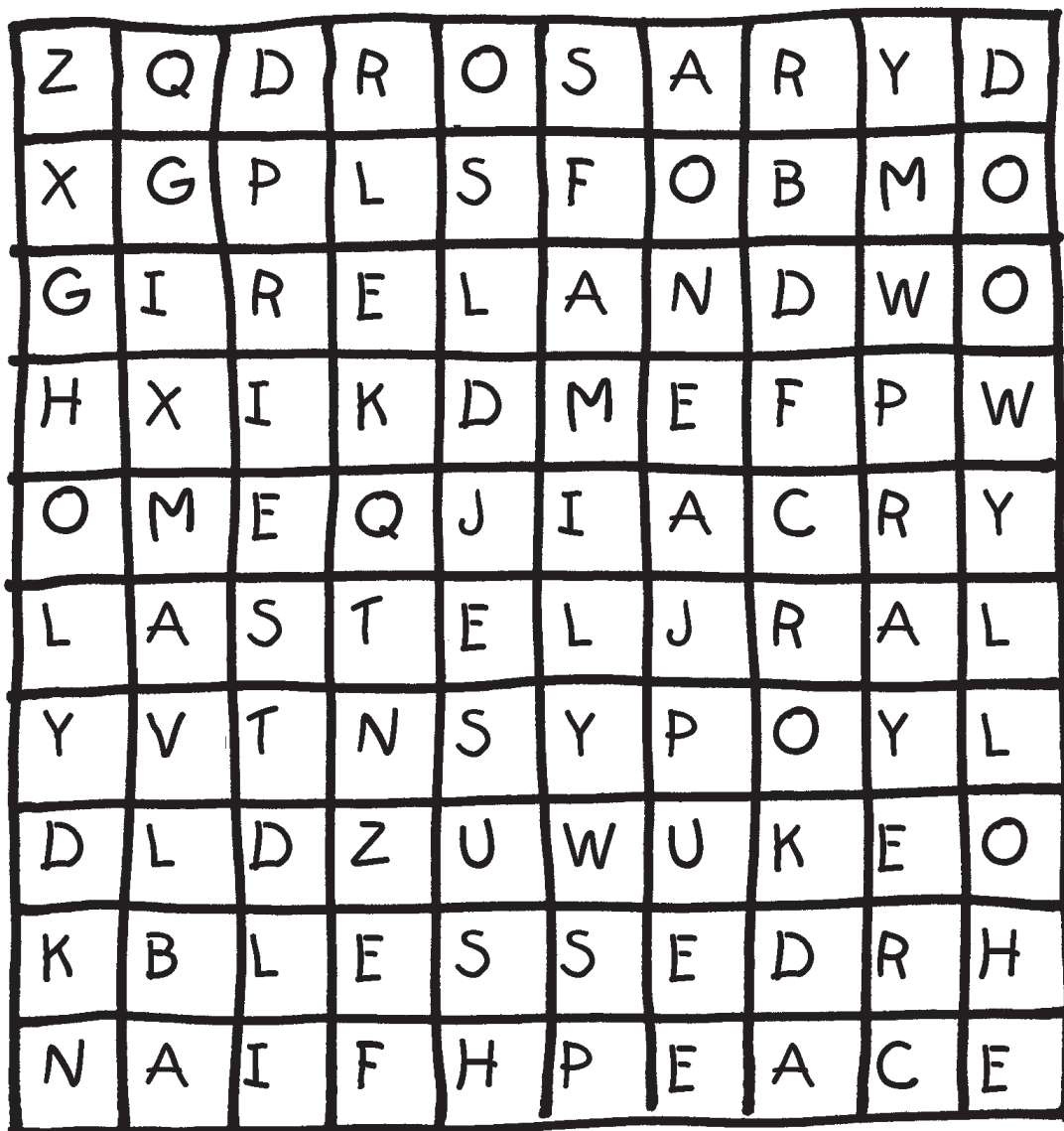
While he was there, Patrick got very sick. He prayed to _____ to ask for her help and he _____ his Rosary every day.

When Father Peyton traveled the world he would often tell people, "The _____ that prays together stays together."

Maybe someday Father Peyton will be a _____!



Word Search

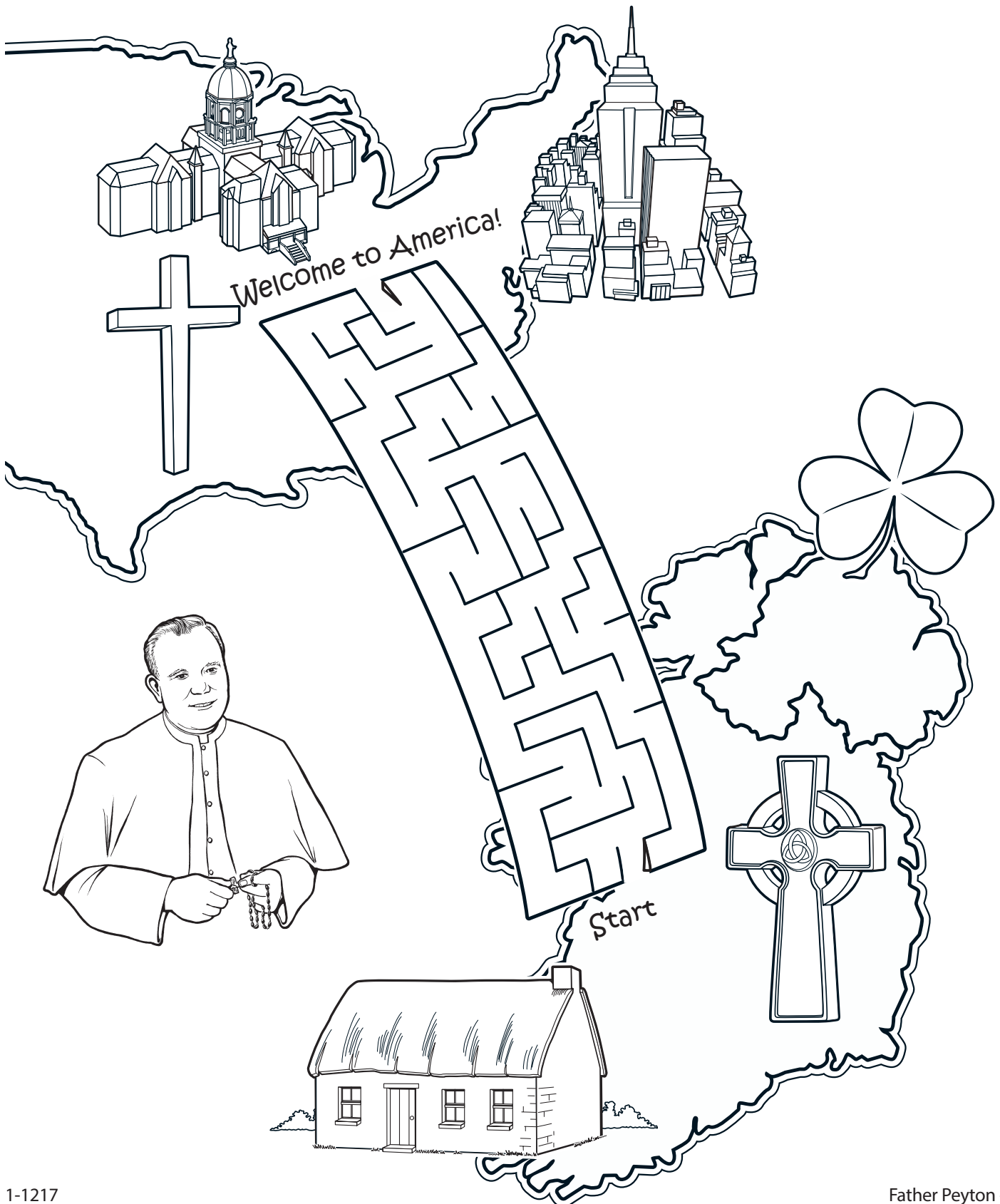


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BLESSED
JESUS

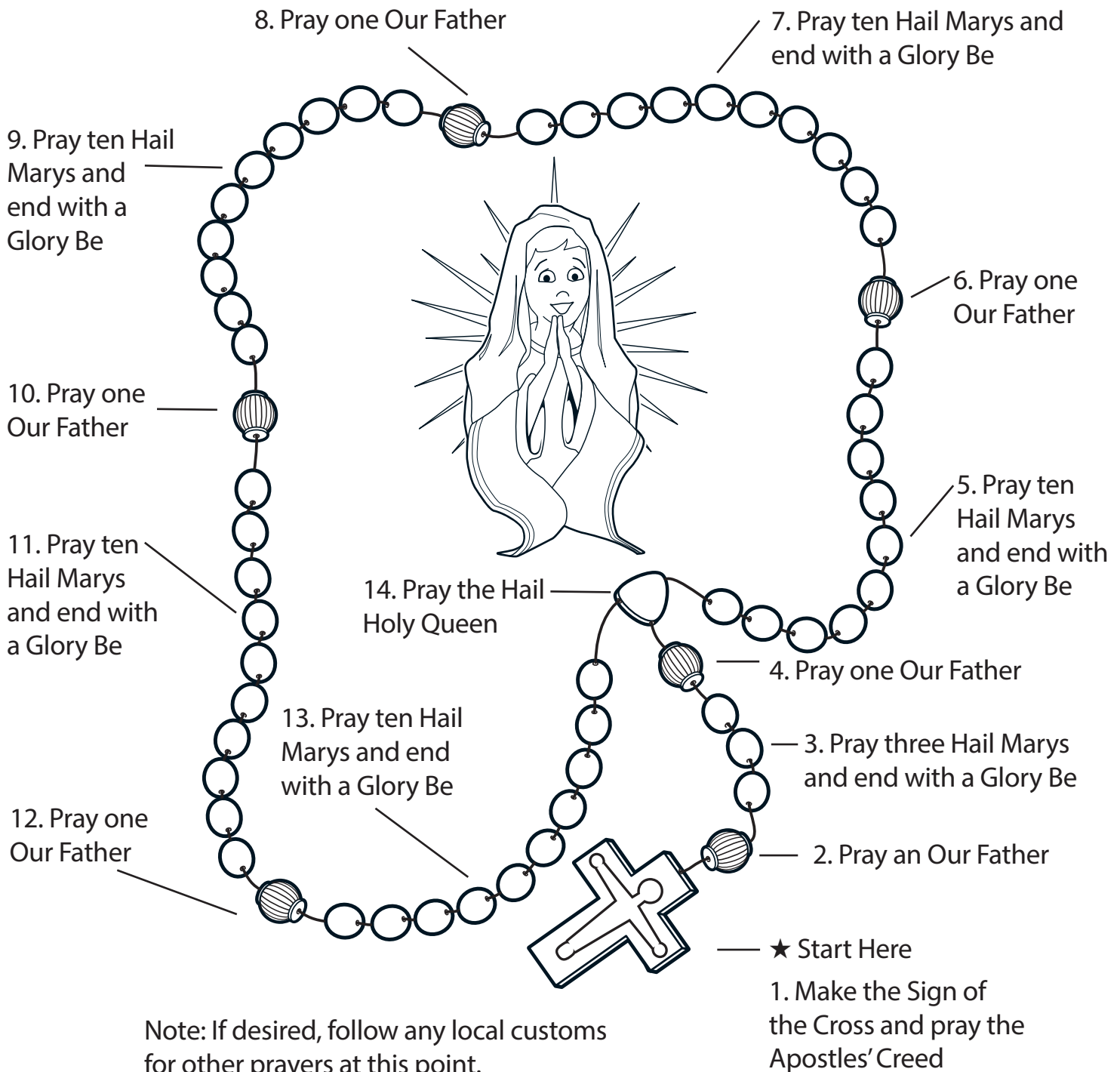
MARY
PRAYER
IRELAND
FAMILY

PRIEST
PEACE
HOLLYWOOD

Help Father Peyton find his way from Ireland to America!



How to pray the Rosary



Note: If desired, follow any local customs for other prayers at this point.

End with the Sign of the Cross

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Answer Key

Readings	Book	Answer to Question
First Reading	Isaiah	
Psalm	72	Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.
Second Reading	Ephesians	St. Paul
Gospel	Matthew	

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Answers for ages 11-14 worksheet questions

Why is this event so important? It shows that Jesus came for all people, not just the Jewish or the people in the land where He lived.

How many of these “wise men” came to see Jesus? We don’t know. We just know there were three gifts.

What types of gifts did they give Jesus?

Gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold symbolizes royalty, frankincense is an incense and symbolizes Jesus’ priestly status, and myrrh is an ointment that foreshadows Jesus death and burial. They were very costly gifts, fit to give a king.





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6. Today is a “solemnity” in the Church’s calendar. Can you name any other solemnities, feasts or memorials? (more information is here, [Understanding the Church Calendar | Simply Catholic](#))

Solemnities: Christmas, Mary, Mother of God, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi

Feasts: Mary’s birthday, Holy Family

Memorials: St. Nicholas Day, Immaculate Heart of Mary



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