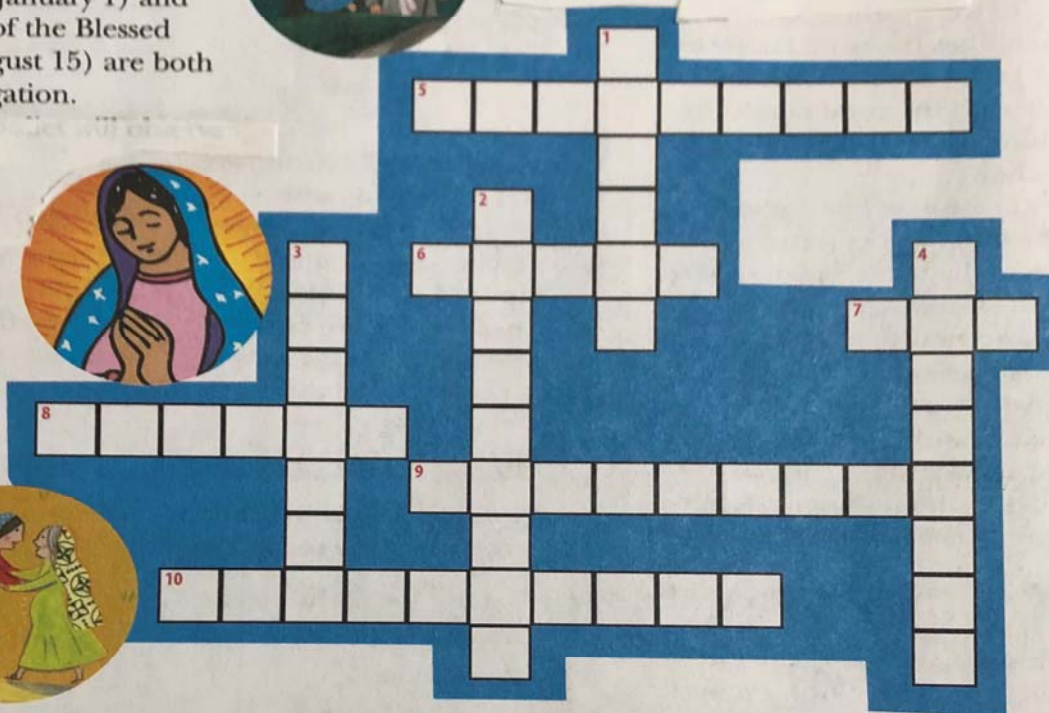


We Celebrate Mary, the Mother of God



Mary is the mother of Jesus and the Church. The Catholic Church honors Mary with special celebrations all year long. Some of these feast days are holy days of obligation, days that we must attend Mass as we do on Sunday. The solemnities of Mary, Mother of God (January 1) and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15) are both holy days of obligation.



Down

- 1 January 1: This feast praises Mary as _____ of God and of the Church.
- 2 December 12: Spanish-speaking people honor Mary as Our Lady of _____.
- 3 September 15th: Because she knows what it is like to suffer, Mary is honored as Our Lady of _____.
- 4 September 8th: Mary has a _____ like everyone else.

Across

- 5 March 25th: The Angel Gabriel _____ to Mary that she would be God's mother.
- 6 August 22: We call Jesus Christ the King, and Mary is the _____.
- 7 December 8: Mary was free from _____ from the first moment of her existence.
- 8 October 7: Praying the _____ is a way to honor Mary.
- 9 May 31: This feast celebrates Mary's visit to her cousin _____.
- 10 August 15: Mary's being taken into Heaven is called the _____.

Answers are in the Teaching Guide.

Answers:

Across

Assumption sin announced rosary Queen Elizabeth

Down: Guadalupe Birthday Sorrows Mother

OUR LADY OF QUADALUPE

Juan Diego


December 9

December 12


1. In 1531 in Mexico a Macehualli Indian climbed the hill to go to morning Mass.

2. Juan Diego! Juan Diego!

3. Who's calling? Who is it?



4. I am Mary, the mother of God. Tell your bishop to build a church here in my honor.



5. Mexico City


6. She is dressed in turquoise like a princess, and her cloak is full of stars.

7. I'm sorry, Señor Diego. I find this impossible to believe.



8. The lady sent Juan to the bishop again. This time the bishop demanded a sign.

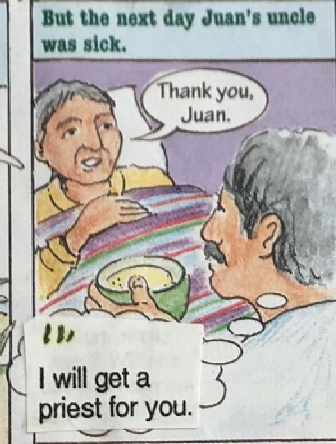
9. Come back tomorrow, and I'll give you the sign you seek.



10. But the next day Juan's uncle was sick.

11. Thank you, Juan.


12. I will get a priest for you.



13. Next day

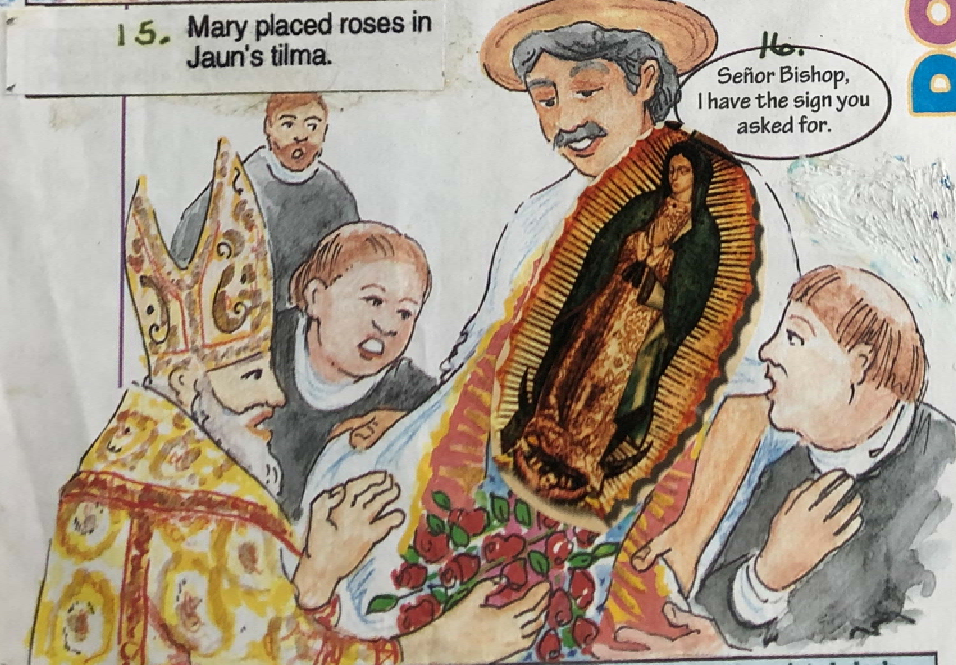
14. I will go another way thought Juan. He was ashamed when our Lady appeared to him. She said that his uncle was cured. She asked him to take roses to the Bishop.

15. It's December! There are no roses. But I'll do as you say.



15. Mary placed roses in Juan's tilma.

16. Señor Bishop, I have the sign you asked for.



Unknown to Juan, his cloak held a beautiful image of the lady. Today the painted cloak hangs in Mexico City's cathedral. Today—over four centuries later—the Maguey fabric, usually good for only 20 years, shows no signs of deterioration. Pope John Paul II named Juan Diego "Blessed" on May 6, 1990.

- 48 stars on mantle , means 48 states.**
- 2. Pupils of her eyes shows the people as the image was shown.**
- 3. Cactus fibers from material last no more than 20 years. It's not worn out after 470 years.**
- 4. Gold brooch with black cross. Cortez had the same cross on ship and he brought true religion.**
- 5. Black tie at waist means she is pregnant.**
- 6. Hands folded, head bowed means she honors God.**
- 7. Color of her dress means she is a queen, Mother of God.**
- 8. Red, white, and blue on angels wings. Color U.S.A. flag.**
- 9. Standing in front of sun means she is more powerful than sun.**
- 10. She is the mother of North, Central and South America.**
- 11. Since she appeared pregnant, She is patroness of the pro-life movement.**
- 12. Angel holding hem of her dress shows she came from heaven.**

St. Thomas the Apostle Immaculate Conception

Name _____

The word Immaculate Conception :

1. *Immaculate means* _____

2. *Conception means* _____

3. *Mary was conceived without* _____

4. *What is the date of this feast day?* _____

5. *What is the name of the sin that we are conceived with?*

6. *How are we able to get rid of this sin?* _____

7 + 8. *Who gave us this sin?* _____ *and* _____

9. *Mary is the patroness of* _____ *under the title of the Immaculate Conception.*

10. *The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is in* _____

Answers: Cross out the answers as you use them.

Adam pure America Dec.8 Sept. 8

Washington D.C. Baptism Confession Original Sin

Venial Sin conceive the world America Eve

Some answers will not be used.