

WEEK NINE: WE CELEBRATE GOD'S FORGIVENESS



Scripture: Jesus said to the Apostles 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)

Pray Together: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, I love You so much and I give You my heart. Help me to love God. Help me to love my neighbor as a child of God. Help me to love myself as a child of God. AMEN

Videos

[What is Reconciliation?](#)
[Forgiveness](#)

Worship Music

[You Forgive Me](#)
[What a Beautiful Name](#)

Optional Activities

[A Science Experiment About Forgiveness](#)
[Science Experiment Jesus Washes Away Sin](#)
[Treasures of Reconciliation Craft](#)

Bank of Resolution: Bring your children into the awareness of wrongs they do and to strive to turn wrongs into right. Use an empty container as a Bank of Reconciliation. Explain that each time your child does something hurtful or wrong, he or she should write the act on a slip of paper and put it into the bank. Then when it is time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the child should re-read the slips to refresh their memory. You may also suggest that the children put a coin in their containers for each offense and give the money to help the poor, as Jesus would.

Coloring Pages (see below)

Jesus Forgives My Sins pg 3

I'm Sorry pg 4

Forgiveness Chain pg 5

Family Service Projects

Make Valentine Cards for Senior Shut-ins. Cards can be dropped off at the Senior Center.

Pray a novena for the men and women who are serving in our military. **St. Michael the Archangel** is the patron saint of soldiers and battles. He has provided protection to countless military personnel around the world for millennia. He is also the patron of the dying. He has interceded for the souls of many fallen soldiers, ensuring that they died in a state of grace before God. Simply pray One Hour Father, Three Hail Mary's and One Glory Be for nine consecutive days. Saint Michael the Archangel, Pray for us.

Send a care package or send a Valentine to our service men and women through operationgratitude.com

Did you Know?

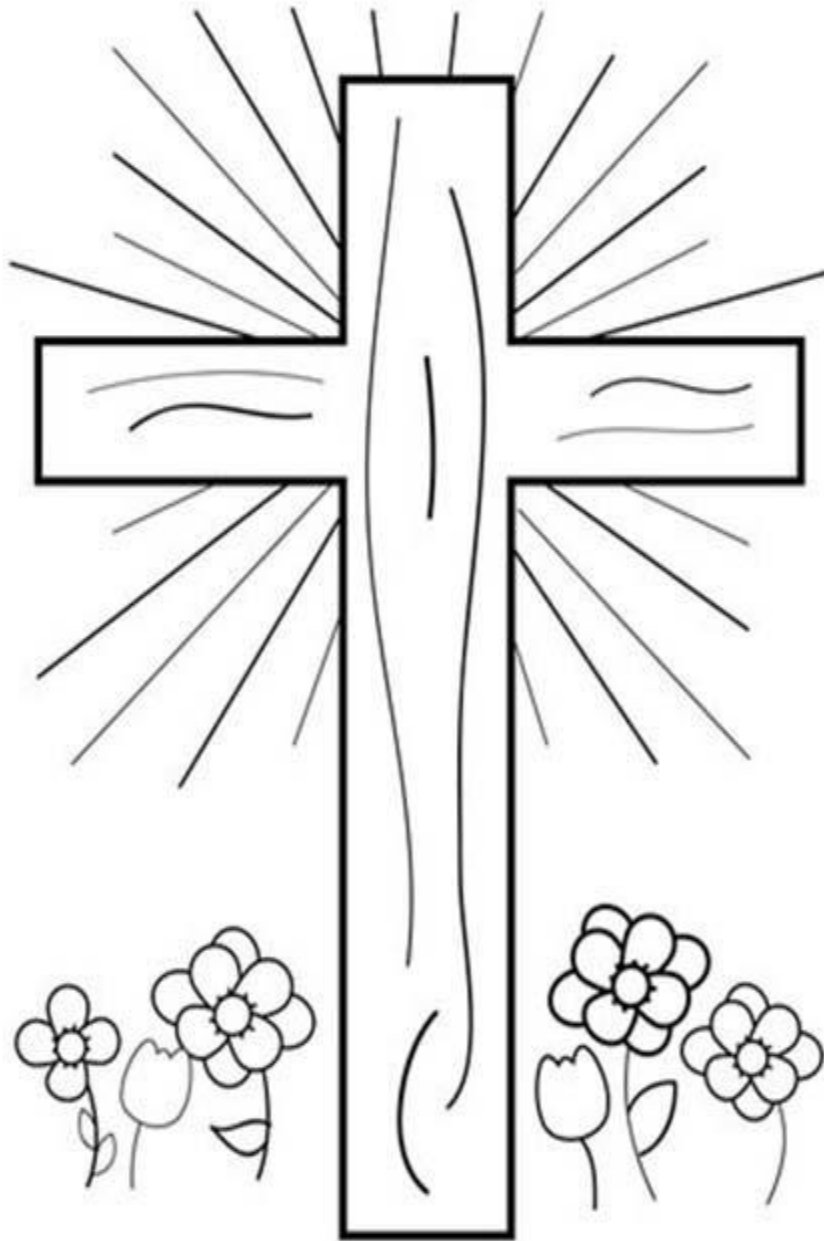
A key or a pair of keys, usually crisscrossed in the shape of an "X", is the most common symbol for the sacrament of Reconciliation and came from Jesus' words to Peter, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven", by which Jesus imparted his authority to the Church. "Whatever you find on earth shall be found in heaven, and whatever you lose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:19), by which he established the Sacrament of Reconciliation and gave the Church the authority to forgive sins.

Saints We Honor

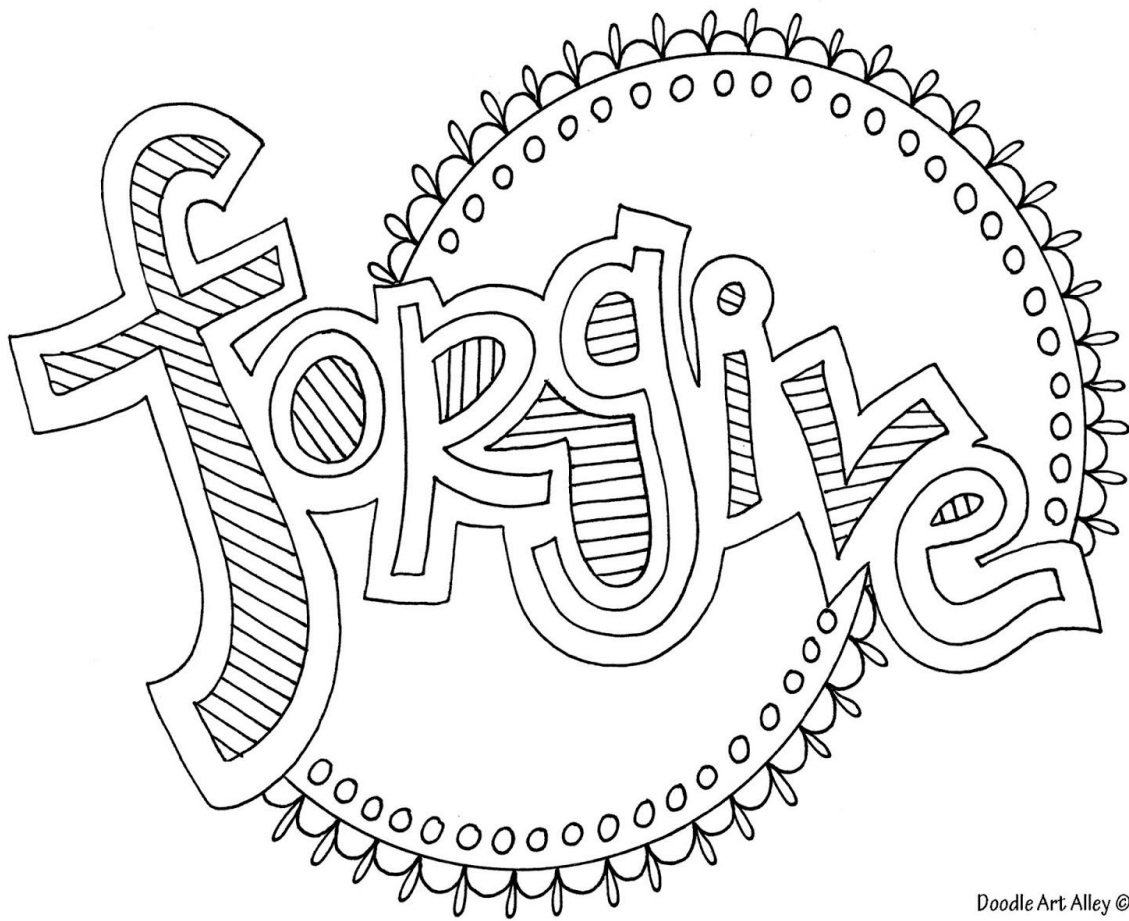
[Saint Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste](#)

[Saint Valentine](#)

Jesus forgives my sins.







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