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# Tala-Arawan

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**May 9 to 15, 2022**

Week 19

*Monday to Sunday*



# May 9, 2022

## Monday

First Reading  
Acts 11:1-18

*When they heard  
this, they stopped  
objecting and  
glorified God ...*

Monday of the  
Fourth Week of Easter

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4

*As the deer longs for  
the running waters,  
so my soul longs for  
You, O God.*

Gospel Reading  
John 10:1-10

"All who have come  
before Me are  
thieves and robbers,  
but the sheep have  
not listened to them."

Reflection Guide Question

Who are the "thieves and robbers" that Jesus talks about? Why did He use this figure of speech?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, seek guidance from Jesus as you listen for His voice amidst the voices of "thieves and robbers".

# May 10, 2022

## Tuesday

First Reading  
Acts 11:19-26

*It was in Antioch  
that the disciples  
were first called  
Christians.*

Tuesday of the  
Fourth Week of Easter

*Saint Damien Joseph  
de Veuster*

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 87:1-7

*Glorious things  
are said of you,  
O city of God!*

Gospel Reading  
John 10:22-30

"If you are the  
Messiah, tell us plain-  
ly." Jesus answered  
them, "I told you and  
you do not believe."

### Reflection Guide Question

Why did Jesus not just say "plainly" that He is the Messiah to make it easier for them to believe Him?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, ask Jesus to help you understand Him, even when His words are not what you want them to be.



# May 11, 2022

## Wednesday

First Reading  
Acts 12:24—13:5a

*The word of God  
continued to spread  
and grow.*

Wednesday of the  
Fourth Week of Easter

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

*May Your way be  
known upon earth;  
among all nations,  
Your salvation.*

Gospel Reading  
John 12:44-50

“Whoever rejects Me  
and does not accept My  
words has something to  
judge him: the word that  
I spoke, it will condemn  
him on the last day.”

Reflection Guide Question

Why did Jesus say that His words will condemn whoever does not accept them “on the last day”?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, say a prayer for the people you know who have not yet accepted the Word of God.

# May 12, 2022

## Thursday

First Reading  
Acts 13:13-25

*After the reading of the law and the prophets, the synagogue officials sent word to (Paul and his companions).*

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27

*He shall say of Me,  
'You are my father,  
my God, the Rock,  
my savior.'*

Thursday of the  
Fourth Week of Easter  
*Saints Nereus and Achilleus,  
Saint Pancras*

Gospel Reading  
John 13:16-20

When Jesus had washed the disciples' feet, He said to them:  
"... No slave is greater than his master, nor any messenger greater than the one who sent him."

### Reflection Guide Question

Why did Jesus, the leader and the teacher of the disciples, wash their feet?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, meditate on what our modern day leaders can learn from Jesus' example of humility and service.



# May 13, 2022

## Friday

First Reading  
Acts 13:26-33

*Even though they found no grounds for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have Him put to death.*

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 2:6-11

*Kings, give heed; take warning, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear ...*

Friday of the  
Fourth Week of Easter  
*Our Lady of Fátima*

Gospel Reading  
John 14:1-6

**“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in Me.”**

### Reflection Guide Question

What is a problem in your life that has been causing your heart to be troubled? Why does it do so?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, renew your faith in God and surrender the problem that is troubling your heart to Him.

# Saints of the Week

*Our Lady of Fátima, Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto*



Our Lady of Fátima (Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fátima, or "Nossa Senhora do Santo Rosário de Fátima" in Portuguese) refers to the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Lucia dos Santos (aged 9) and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto (aged 8 and 6, respectively), young shepherds from Portugal.

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to the children in six apparitions from May 13 to October 13, 1917.



At first, the Vatican questioned the authenticity of the children's visions. Later, on October 1930, the results of the investigative commission announced by Bishop Dom Jose Alves Correia da Silva of the Diocese of Leiria-Fátima declared these visions to be "worthy of belief".

Francisco and Jacinta Marto were beatified in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. They were then canonized as saints by Pope Francis in 2017 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of their visions.

Reference: *Vatican* (2000), *Britannica* (2022), *The Miracle Hunter* (1930)

## Quotes of the Week

“So beautiful a Lady”, as the seers of Fátima said to one another as they returned home on that blessed day. ... That evening, Jacinta could not restrain herself and told the secret to her mother: “Today I saw Our Lady”. They had seen the Mother of Heaven. Many others sought to share that vision, but... they did not see her. The Virgin Mother did not come here so that we could see her. We will have all eternity for that, provided, of course, that we go to heaven.





Our Lady foretold, and warned us about, a way of life that is godless and profanes God in his creatures. Such a life—frequently proposed and imposed—risks leading to hell. Mary came to remind us that God’s light dwells within us and protects us, for, as we heard ... “the child [of the woman] was snatched away and taken to God”. In Lucia’s account, the three chosen children found themselves surrounded by God’s light as it radiated from Our Lady. She enveloped them in the mantle of Light that God had given her.



According to the belief and experience of many pilgrims, if not of all, Fátima is more than anything this mantle of Light that protects us, here as in almost no other place on earth. We need but take refuge under the protection of the Virgin Mary and to ask her, as the *Salve Regina* teaches: “show unto us... Jesus”.

Dear pilgrims, we have a Mother, we have a Mother! Clinging to her like children, we live in the hope that rests on Jesus.

—*Pope Francis*

Reference: *Holy Mass and Rite of Canonization of Blesseds Francisco Marto and Jacinta Marto* (2017)







In her motherly concern, the Blessed Virgin came here to Fátima to ask men and women "to stop offending God, Our Lord, who is already very offended". It is a mother's sorrow that compels her to speak; the destiny of her children is at stake. For this reason she asks the little shepherds: "Pray, pray much and make sacrifices for sinners; many souls go to hell because they have no one to pray and make sacrifices for them".



... Dear boys and girls, I see so many of you dressed like Francisco and Jacinta. You look very nice! But in a little while or tomorrow you will take these clothes off and ... the little shepherds will disappear. They should not disappear, should they?! Our Lady needs you all to console Jesus, who is sad because of the bad things done to Him; He needs your prayers and your sacrifices for sinners.

—*Saint John Paul II*

Reference: *Consecration of the Church of Our Lady of Fátima—Homily of John Paul II (1997)*

# Prayers of the Week

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended.



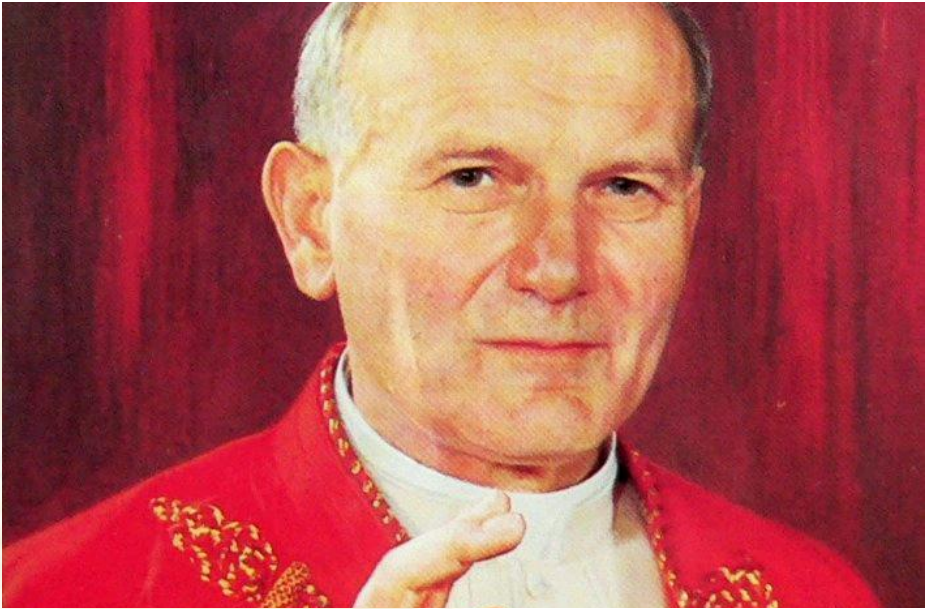
By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.

*—Delivered by the Angel of Peace during the Third Apparition of the Angel in Fátima (1916)*



Reference: *Our Lady of Fátima*—William C. McGrath (1954)  
EWTN (2022)





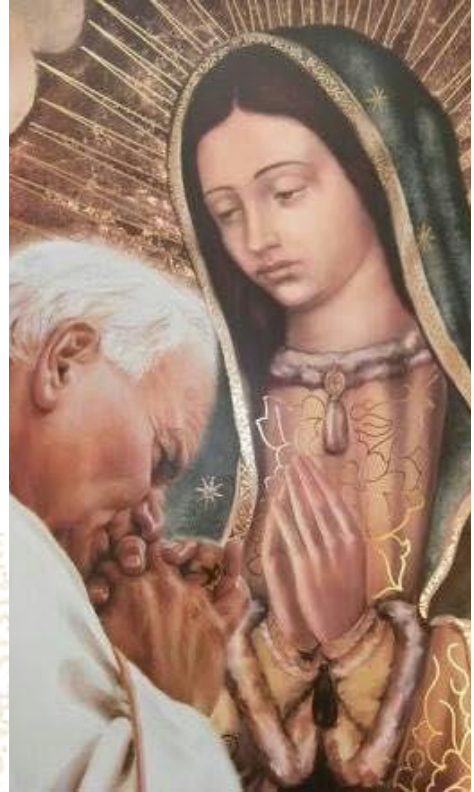
Mother of all individuals and peoples, you know all their sufferings and hopes. In your motherly heart you feel all the struggles between good and evil, between light and darkness, that convulse the world: Accept the plea which we make in the Holy Spirit directly to your heart, and embrace with the love of the Mother and Handmaid of the Lord those who most await this embrace, and also those whose act of entrustment you too await in a particular way.

Take under your motherly protection the whole human family, which with affectionate love we entrust to you, O Mother. May there dawn for everyone the time of peace and freedom, the time of truth, of justice and of hope.

... Mother of the Church! Enlighten the People of God along the paths of faith, hope, and love! Enlighten especially the peoples whose consecration and entrustment by us you are awaiting. Help us to live in the truth of the consecration of Christ for the entire human family of the modern world.







In entrusting to you, O Mother, the world, all individuals and peoples, we also entrust to you this very consecration of the world, placing it in your motherly heart.

—*Saint John Paul II*

Reference: *Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith—The Message of Fátima* (2000)

# May 14, 2022

## Saturday

First Reading  
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

*"You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ..."*

Saturday of the  
Fourth Week of Easter

*Saint Matthias*

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 113:1-8

*(God) raises up the lowly from the dust ... to seat them with the princes of his own people.*

Gospel Reading  
John 15:9-17

"Remain in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love."

### Reflection Guide Question

What is the one commandment of God that you find difficulty in keeping?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, keep in mind the commandment that you find difficult, and ask Jesus to help you keep it.

# May 15, 2022

## Sunday

First Reading  
Acts 14:21-27

*"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God."*

Fifth Sunday  
of Easter

Gospel Reading  
John 13:31-33a, 34-35

"I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 145:8-13

*Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and Your dominion endures through all generations.*

Second Reading  
Revelation 21:1-5a

*"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, ..."*

Reflection Guide Question

What kind of love should we have for one another, according to Jesus' "new commandment"?

## Phrase of the Week

love one another

/ləv wən ə' nəTHər/

*phrase*



“Love one another” is referred to as Jesus’ “new commandment”. This phrase appears 13 times in 12 verses in the New Testament.

# אוהבים אחד את השני

## HEBREW

“One another”—“allíulous” in Hebrew or “allelon” in Greek—appears an estimated 100 times in the New Testament, in commands such as “love one another”, “forgive one another”, “accept one another”, and “care for one another”.

Many of the commands in the New Testament teach the early Christian communities, as well as us today, about how to relate to “one another”. They emphasize the mutual and reciprocal nature of a life guided by Jesus’ love.

References: *The Bible Exposition Commentary* (1992), *Prophetic Crossroads* (2016)

# αγαπάτε αλλήλους

## GREEK



# Game of the Week

## Caesar Shift Cipher Puzzle

*The message below from Our Lady of Fátima has been encoded using a "Caesar shift cipher".*

*In this case, each letter has been shifted 3 letters backward.*

*Solve the cipher to reveal the message.*

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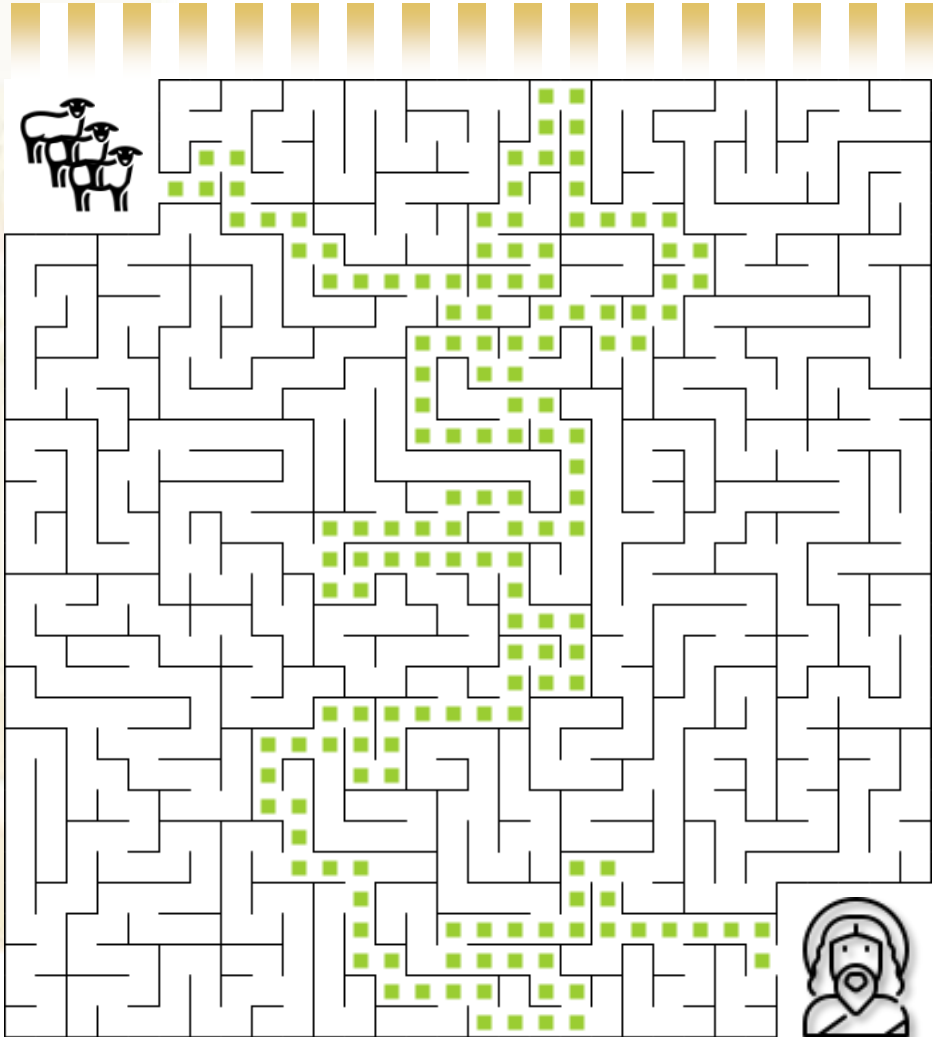
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# Last Week's Game

## Maze Puzzle



*Trace the path from the sheep towards their Shepherd, Jesus.*

A black and white photograph of hands clasped in prayer, with the fingers pointing upwards. The hands are the central focus, set against a dark, blurred background. The lighting highlights the texture of the skin and the creases on the fingers. Overlaid on the image is white text in a cursive font.

*For honest  
and clean  
elections...*

**DICES,**  
*let us pray.*