Walking on Water!

In today's Gospel reading Jesus did an amazing miracle- He walked across the sea! This was a sign that He was more powerful than nature.

Peter knew that he was supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps, so he asked Jesus to call him to come and walk on the water too. When Jesus called him, Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water too! But soon he noticed how windy it was and got scared. As soon as he got distracted from Jesus, he started to sink, until Jesus took him and helped him up.

We are supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps too. When Jesus wants you to do something, He will give you the grace you need to do it, just like He gave Peter the power to walk on the water. If you lose sight of Jesus and only think about how hard it is, you won't be able to do what God asks, just like Peter when he started to sink. If you realize that you're having a hard time doing the right thing, it's time to turn back to Jesus!

HOW AM I EVER GOING TO FINISH?

WAIT... MAYBE I SHOULD PRAY!

Answer to puzzle on front: Jesus walking on the water. Answer to Flowers for Our Lady: Mary was assumed, body and soul, into Heaven!

August 9th, 2020
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading, the disciples were out at sea in a boat when they saw something that surprised them.
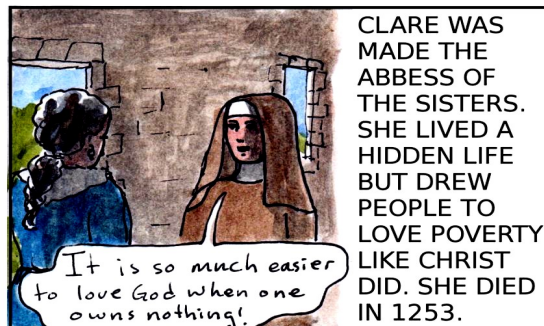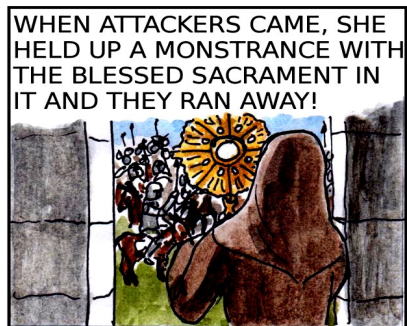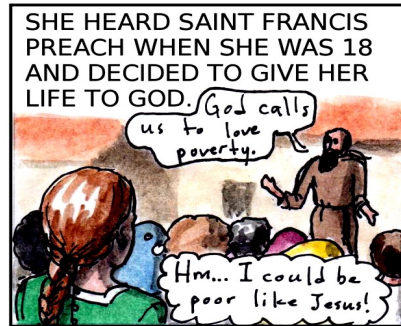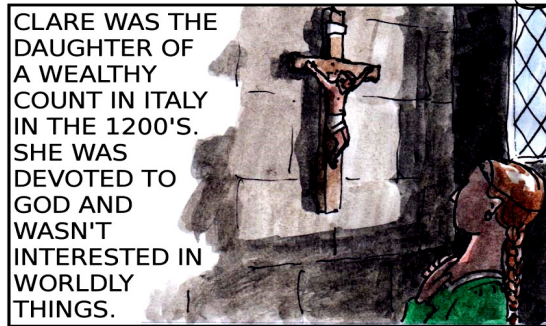*What was it?*
Use the code to find out!

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Saint Claire of Assisi
August 11

CLARE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF A WEALTHY COUNT IN ITALY IN THE 1200'S. SHE WAS DEVOTED TO GOD AND WASN'T INTERESTED IN WORLDLY THINGS.

SHE HEARD SAINT FRANCIS PREACH WHEN SHE WAS 18 AND DECIDED TO GIVE HER LIFE TO GOD. God calls us to love poverty. Hm... I could be poor like Jesus!

ONE NIGHT SHE WENT TO ST. FRANCIS WHO CUT HER HAIR AND GAVE HER A ROUGH TUNIC.

Did Father let you come?! HER FATHER TRIED TO FORCE HER TO COME BACK, BUT SOON HER SISTER JOINED HER!

THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE POOR CLARE SISTERS. THEY LIVED IN TOTAL POVERTY. We will not own even our home.

WHEN ATTACKERS CAME, SHE HELD UP A MONSTRANCE WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN IT AND THEY RAN AWAY!

CLARE WAS MADE THE ABBESS OF THE SISTERS. SHE LIVED A HIDDEN LIFE BUT DREW PEOPLE TO LOVE POVERTY LIKE CHRIST DID. SHE DIED IN 1253. It is so much easier to love God when one owns nothing!
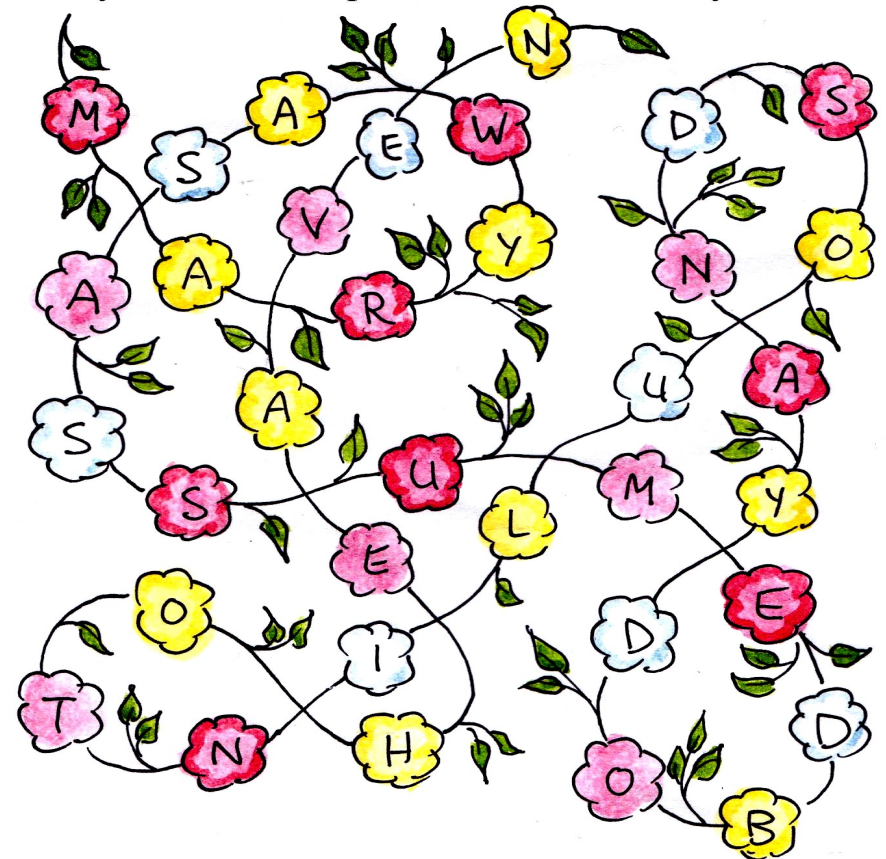
ST. CLAIRE KNEW THAT HAVING NICE THINGS CAN KEEP US AWAY FROM JESUS. SHE GAVE AWAY EVERYTHING SHE HAD SO SHE COULD BE VERY CLOSE TO HIM, WHO HAD GIVEN UP EVERYTHING TO DIE ON THE CROSS FOR US. WE, TOO, SHOULD BE READY TO GIVE UP ANYTHING THAT GETS BETWEEN US AND GOD.

Flowers for Our Lady

This Saturday, August 15th, is a feast day of Our Lady. What are we celebrating? Follow the line, starting at M, and put the letters from the flowers in the spaces at the bottom to find out.

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