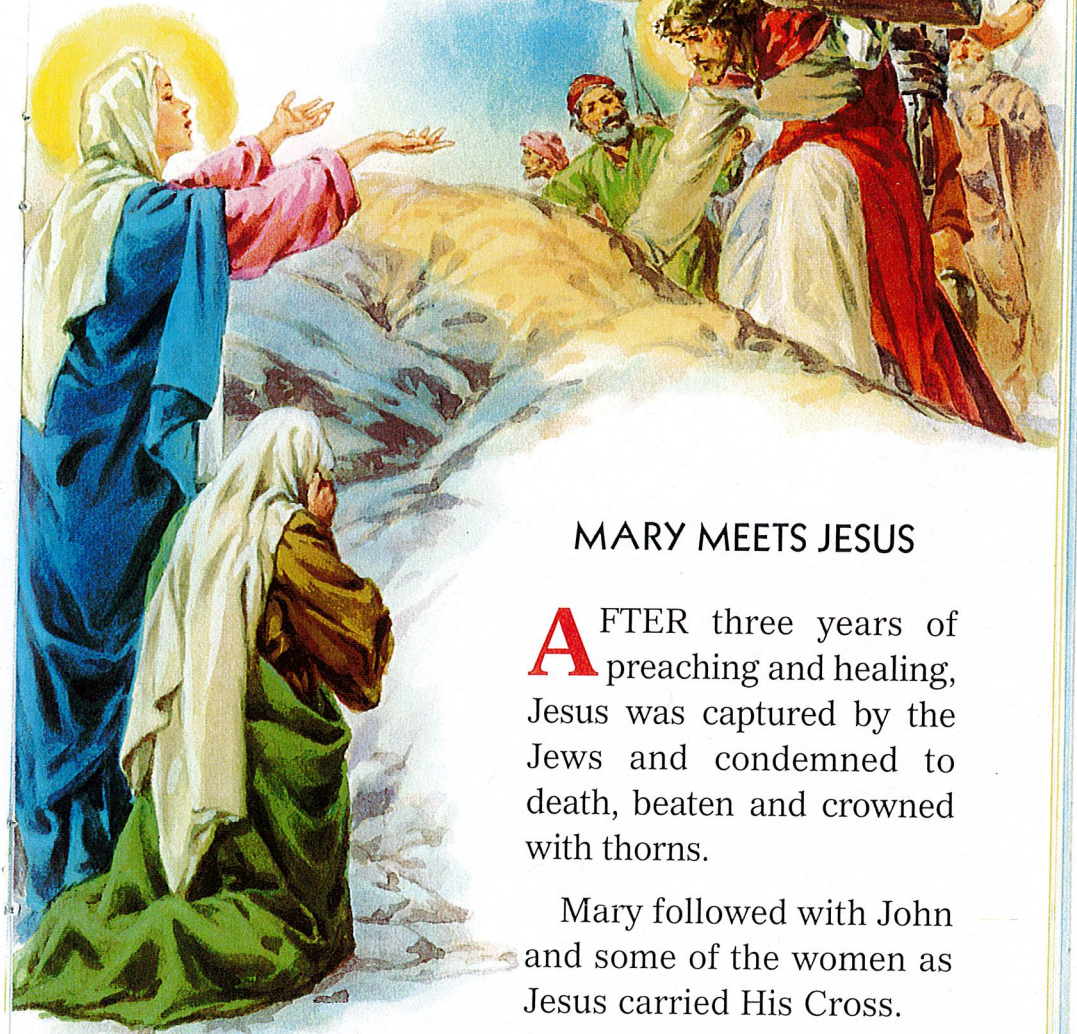
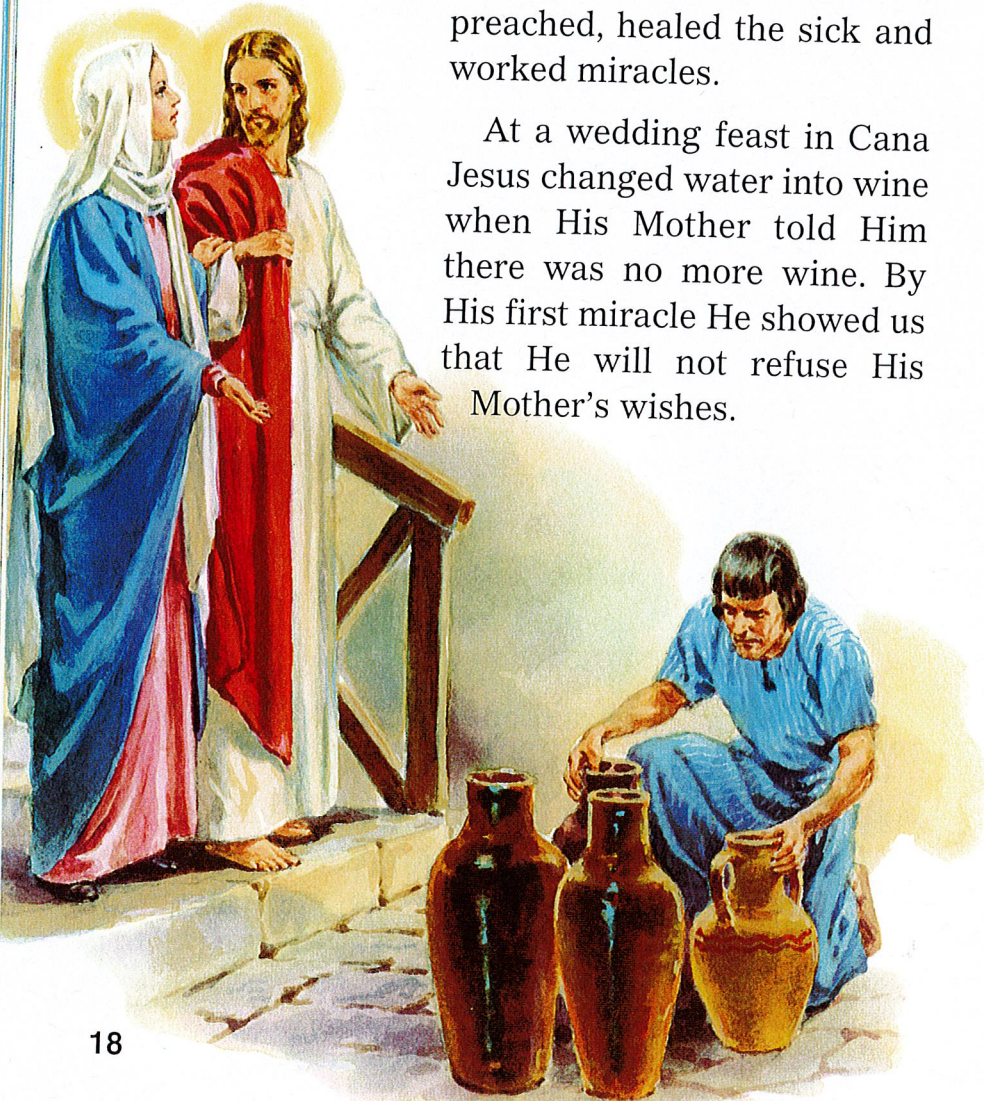


## MARY AT THE MARRIAGE FEAST

**W**HEN Jesus was thirty years old He began the work for which He was sent. He preached, healed the sick and worked miracles.

At a wedding feast in Cana Jesus changed water into wine when His Mother told Him there was no more wine. By His first miracle He showed us that He will not refuse His Mother's wishes.

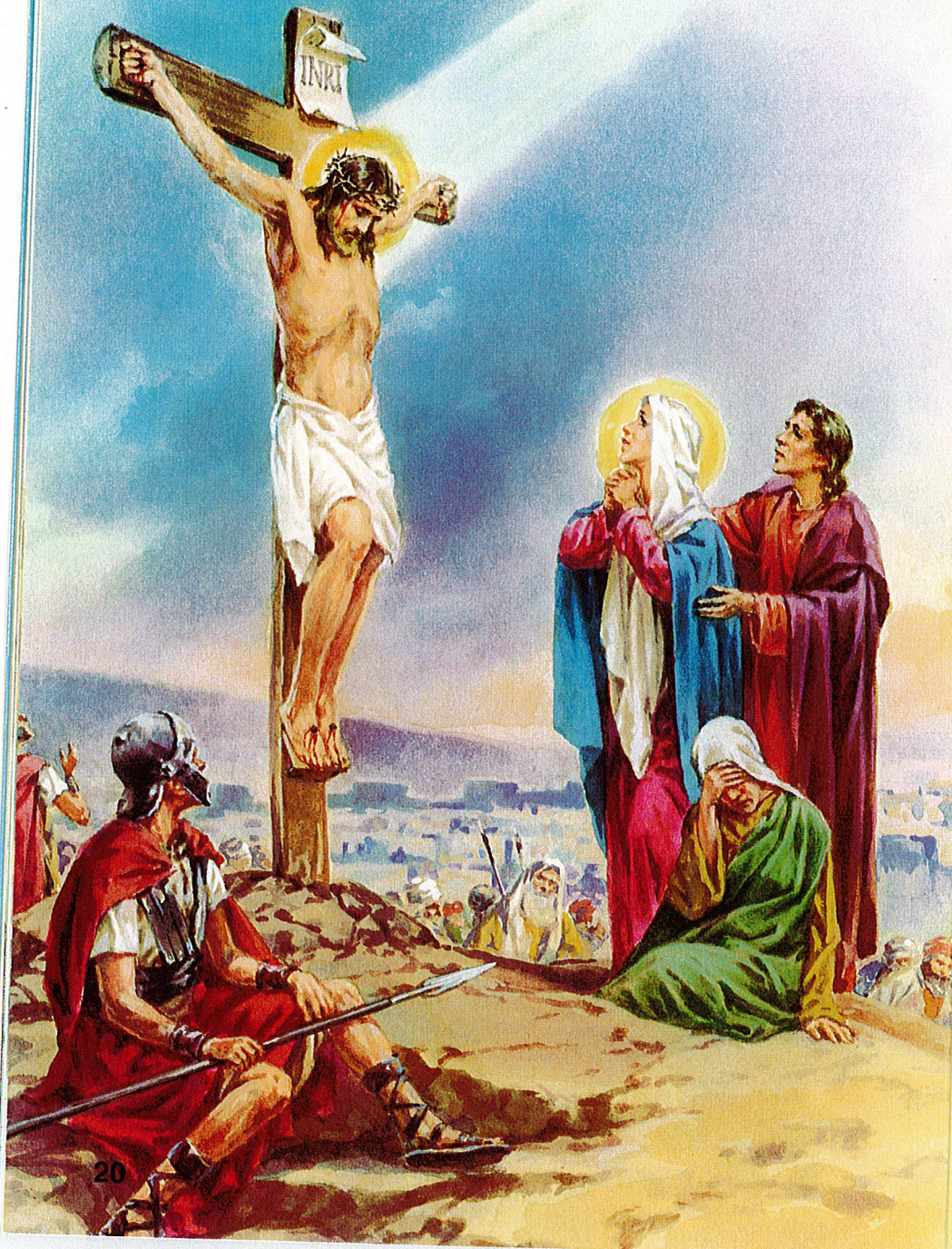


## MARY MEETS JESUS

**A**FTER three years of preaching and healing, Jesus was captured by the Jews and condemned to death, beaten and crowned with thorns.

Mary followed with John and some of the women as Jesus carried His Cross.

At one place Jesus and Mary met. She suffered very much because she loved Jesus and us.

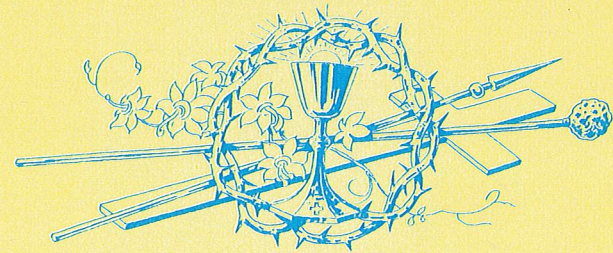


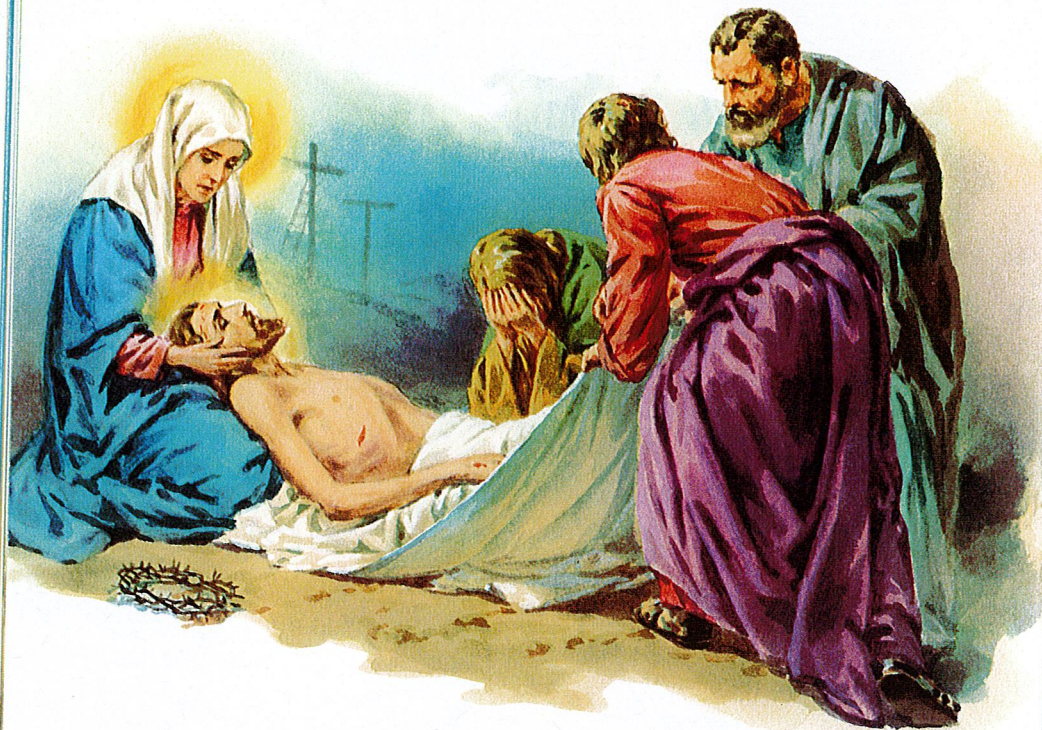
## MARY SEES JESUS DIE ON THE CROSS

**O**N CALVARY Mary saw Jesus nailed to the Cross and raised between two thieves. She heard His words from the Cross, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing," and His words to the good thief, "This day you shall be with Me in paradise."

As Mary stood beneath the Cross, she heard Jesus speak to her, "Woman, there is your son." Then He said to the disciple John, "There is your Mother." By these words Jesus gave Mary to the care of His best loved disciple, and we became children of Mary.

Mary heard the last words of Jesus: "My God, why have You forsaken me? It is finished! Father, into Your hands I give My soul." She saw Jesus bow His head and die. She watched the soldiers pierce the side of Jesus with a spear.





### JESUS LIES IN MARY'S ARMS

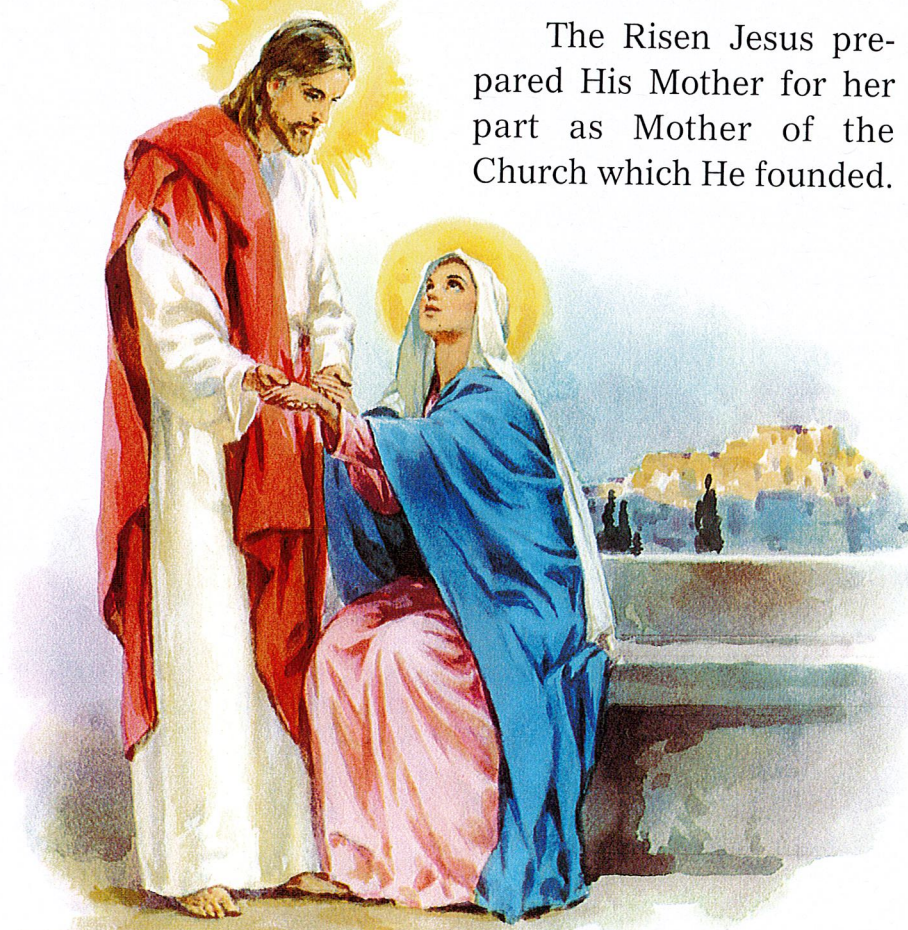
**T**HE friends of Jesus took Him down from the Cross and laid Him in the waiting arms of His sorrowful Mother. Our sins have made her suffer very much.

Then the body of Jesus was placed in a tomb near Calvary. When Mary left the tomb, the men rolled a stone before the opening. All left with sad hearts.

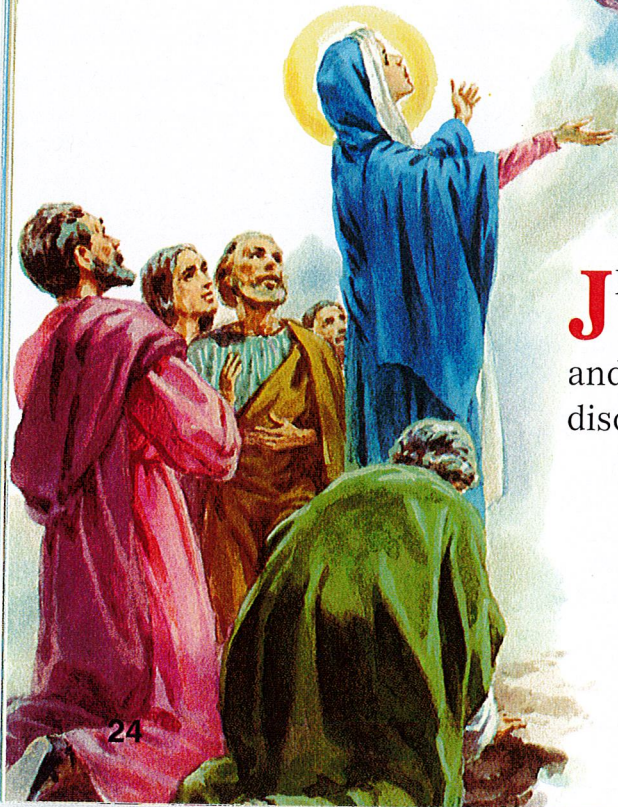
### JESUS APPEARS TO HIS MOTHER MARY

**A**T DAWN on Easter Sunday Jesus rose by His divine power. He surely appeared to His Mother first. He had received from her the body that was now so glorious. Since she shared in all His sufferings, it was right that she should share in the joy and glory of His victory.

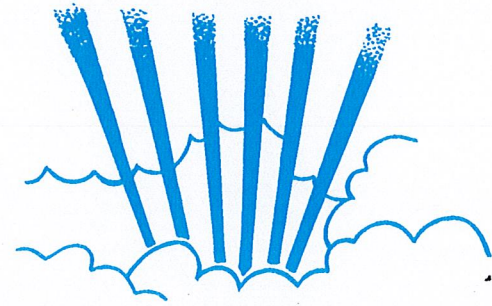
The Risen Jesus prepared His Mother for her part as Mother of the Church which He founded.



MARY  
SEES JESUS  
RISE  
TO HEAVEN

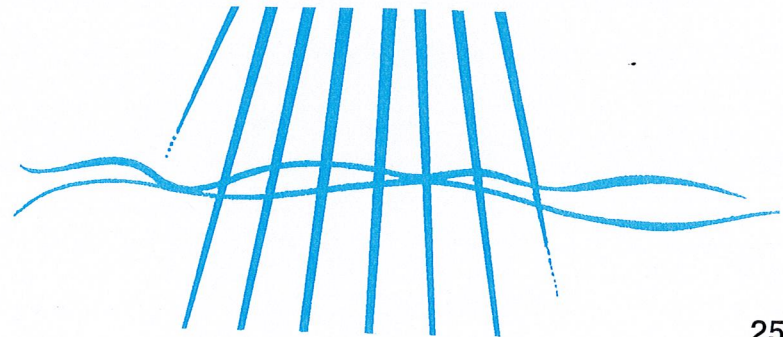


**J**ESUS also appeared to the holy women, and to the Apostles and disciples.

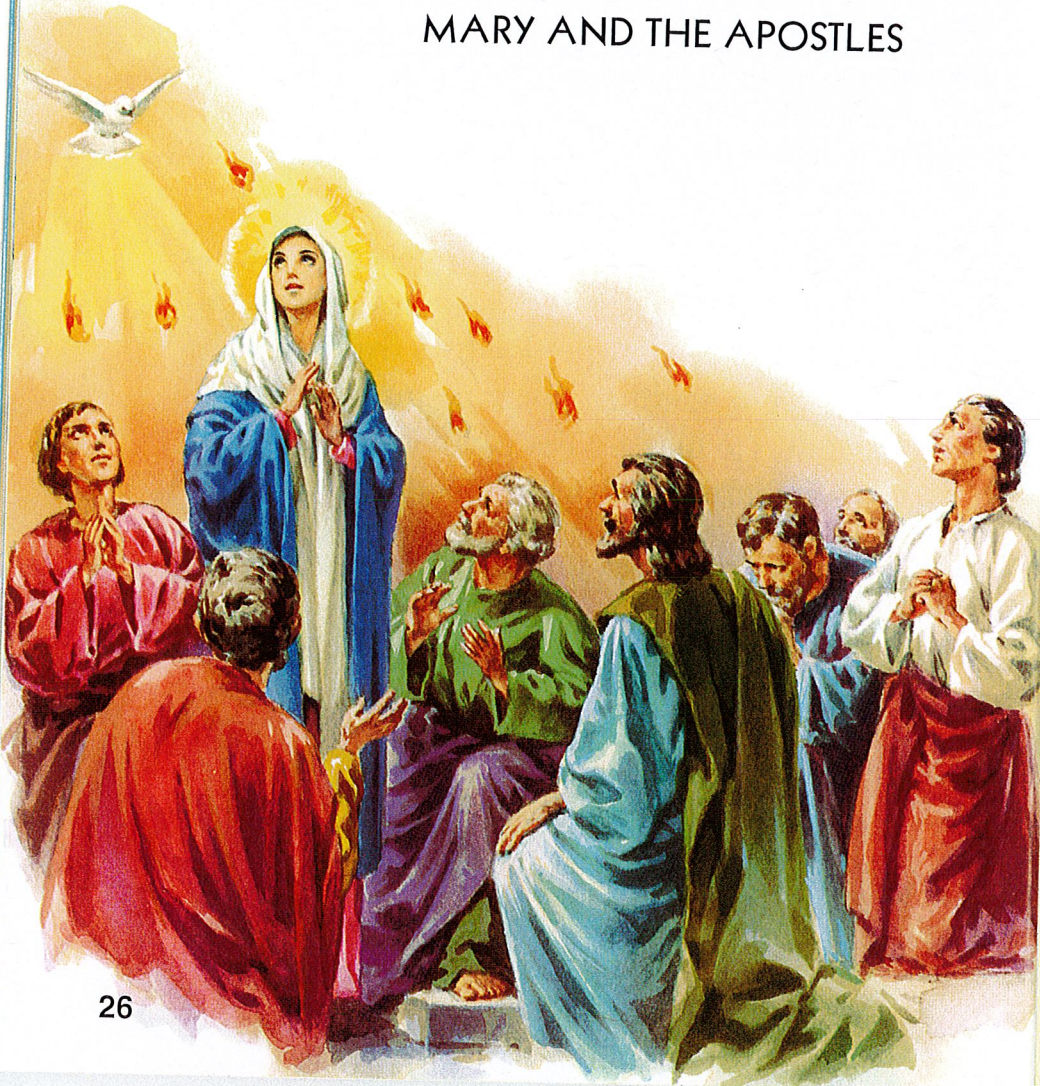


The Resurrection was the greatest sign that He was God and that the Church He began was the one true Church.

Mary saw Jesus for the last time when He appeared to His disciples on the Mount of Olives, forty days after He rose from the dead. After commanding them to go to teach all nations, He blessed His Mother and the disciples in farewell. He rose into the clouds to return to His Father in heaven. How Mary longed to go with Him! She teaches us to love Jesus with all our heart in joy and in pain.



THE HOLY SPIRIT  
COMES DOWN UPON  
MARY AND THE APOSTLES



**M**ARY returned with the disciples to Jerusalem to pray and await the coming of the Holy Spirit, Whom Jesus had promised.

On the tenth day, the feast of Pentecost, there came a sound from heaven like a great wind. Tongues of fire rested upon each of them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit as they prayed.

The Holy Spirit came down upon the Blessed Virgin as He had at the Annunciation when He made her the Mother of God. Now He made her the mother of all of us on this birthday of the Church.



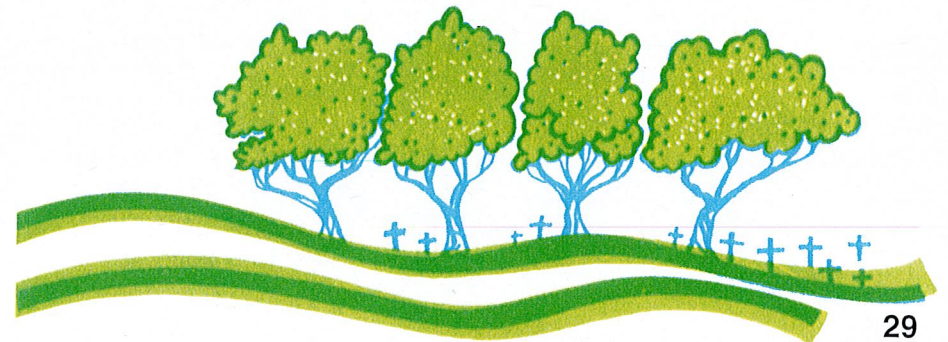


## MARY IS TAKEN TO HEAVEN

**M**ARY'S last years on earth were spent close to the Blessed Sacrament. Saint John said Mass each day in his own home, where Mary lived, and gave her Jesus in Holy Communion.

As Mary's love for Jesus grew greater, so also her desire to be with Jesus grew strong. One day Jesus came for His Mother. After she died, the Apostles took her body to a new tomb near the Garden of Olives. By the Assumption we believe that the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up into heaven, body and soul. This was her reward for her love of God and all of us, and for her prayers and sufferings.

At the Annunciation Mary received Jesus on earth; at the Assumption Jesus received her in heaven.

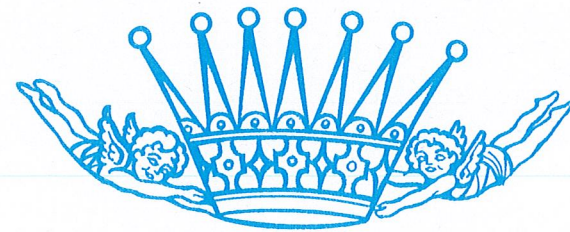




## JESUS CROWNS MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

**J**ESUS led His Mother to a throne of glory in heaven, next to His own. As she felt pain and sorrow with Him on earth, she now feels joy with Him in heaven forever. As Jesus put a most beautiful crown upon her head, all the angels and saints praised her as their Queen. She bowed to the Most Blessed Trinity and again could say her prayer of praise: "My soul praises the Lord. All people shall call me blessed, for God has done great things for me."

The Blessed Virgin Mary now shares in the glory of her Son because she had a part in the great work of saving our souls. She is Queen of all of us. She obtains all graces for us through her prayers. As her children we should pray to her in all our needs.



## MARY OUR MOTHER

**M**ARY is our true Mother. Jesus gave her to us from the Cross when He said, "There is your Mother." In heaven she obtains many graces and blessings for us.



Mary loves us very much. We should love her as Jesus did and pray to her every day. Mary will keep us from sin and lead us to her loving Son and our Savior.



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