

# Colouring In



## Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie  
welcomes

.....  
to Mass today.

### The Gift Of Love

#### *4th Sunday in Advent. Year C.*

Have you ever seen the film "The Sound of Music"? In it, there is a song called "My Favorite Things", sung by the character named Maria, and one of the things that she mentions is "brown paper packages tied up with string."

On Christmas morning, we will wake up to find a lot of packages under the tree! Packages wrapped in brightly colored paper and tied up with pretty ribbons and bows. What if there was one package under the tree wrapped in plain brown paper tied up with string -- and what if that package had your name on it? Would that be the package you would choose to open first? I don't think so! Gifts are supposed to come in beautiful packages, aren't they?

I think that is why a lot of people have missed out on the gift that God sent to them. You see, God's Gift didn't come in a beautifully wrapped package. God sent Jesus, His only Son, as His gift to us. His mother was a young girl... his earthly father was a poor carpenter... he was born in a stable. Not a very pretty package, is it? But do you know what? It was the greatest gift the world has ever known! It was the gift of salvation and it had your name on it... and yours... and yours... and mine!

The Bible tells us that when Mary found out that she had been chosen to be the one to deliver God's gift to the world, she was filled with joy. She sang a song glorifying God for choosing her. "The Mighty One has done great things for me," she sang. Well, the Mighty One has done great things for us too! He has sent us the gift of His love, and his name is Jesus.



# Decoder Puzzle

Each number below represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the letters for numbers, to reveal the coded words!

E	O	U	N	X	B	F	R	Z	T	L	H	Q
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

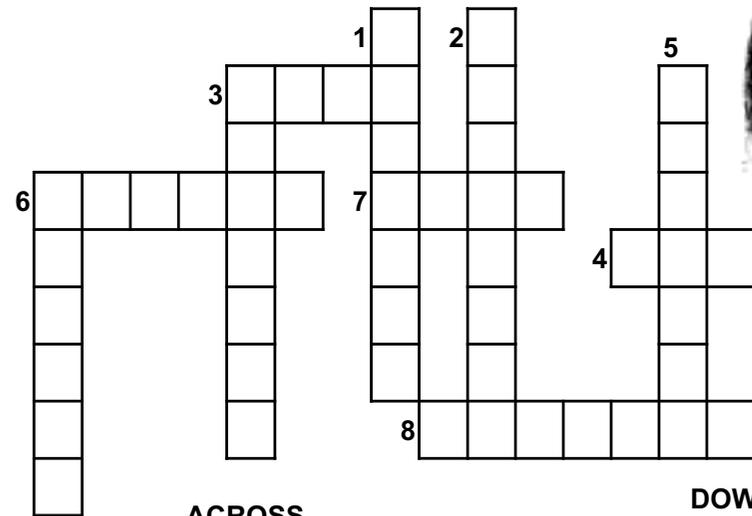
V	D	J	S	A	K	I	C	Y	P	W	G	M
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 6-1-11-20-1-14-1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1-11-20-9-18-6-1-10-12 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-11-1-17-17-1-15 \_\_\_\_\_
- 21-2-3-17-20-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 26-18-8-22 \_\_\_\_\_
- 21-12-2-17-1-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 25-18-6-8-20-1-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-2-22 \_\_\_\_\_
- 24-1-11-21-2-26-1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 24-2-26-1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

Gabriel	Cousin	Mary	Joy	Elizabeth
Blessed	Chosen	Believe	Women	Welcome



# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- The spiritual part of humans which lives forever
- What you feel when you are very happy
- To feel the need or desire for food
- Having great wealth
- You are this when you have good things given to, especially by God

## DOWN

- To give honour, praise and adoration to
- To show mercy or compassion to another
- One who yields or surrenders to the will or authority of another
- To express great joy or happiness is to \_\_\_\_\_
- Not proud or boastful

Soul	Rejoice	Blessed	Hungry
Servant	Glorify	Humble	Joy
Rich	Merciful		

# Children's Prayer

Dear Father. Thank you for loving us so much, that you sent us your only Son to come and save us! Please help us to make the most of your gift of love. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

