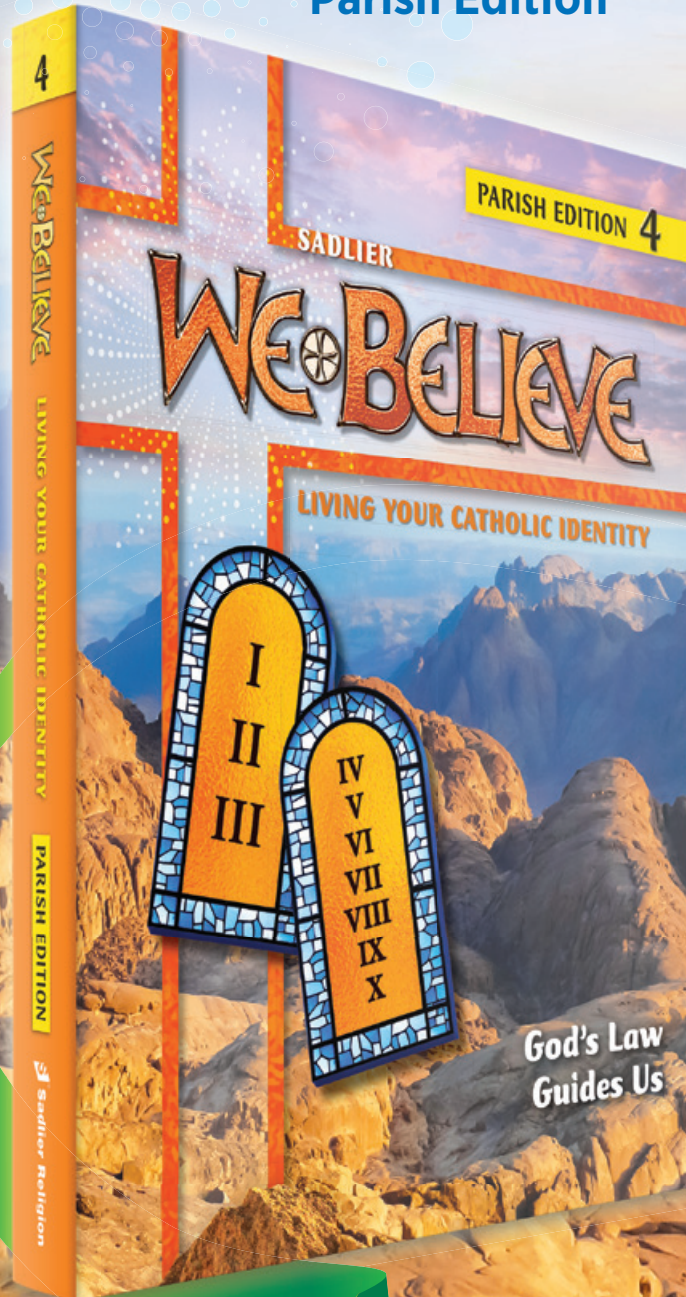


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We Honor Mary and the Saints **19**

WE GATHER

Let Us Pray

- Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you! Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THINK! ABOUT IT

- Whose good example do you follow? Who helps you to live as Jesus' follower?

Faith Words saints | procession

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WE BELIEVE

We honor Mary with special prayers.

Mary had an older cousin named Elizabeth. Elizabeth was going to have a baby, too. Mary went to visit her cousin and help her. The Holy Spirit helped Elizabeth to know that God had chosen Mary to be the mother of his Son, Jesus. Elizabeth said to Mary, **"Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb"** (Luke 1:42).

The words of Elizabeth to Mary are part of one of the Church's prayers to Mary. This prayer is called the Hail Mary.

Color the rosary beads. Add decorations around the prayer. Then, pray the Hail Mary.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you!

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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Each lesson begins with a **prayer**, a **reflection** question, and **Faith Words**—preparing students for what's to come.

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LIVE THE GOSPEL

WE RESPOND

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Saint Juan Diego

Saint Juan Diego lived in what is now Mexico. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him. She told him to build a chapel for her.


Juan Diego told the bishop. The bishop did not believe him! The bishop asked for a sign to prove that his story was true.


Juan Diego collected roses in his cloak. He brought them to the bishop. He opened his cloak. A picture of Mary was on the cloak!

The bishop built the chapel. Many people visit it each year. They want to see the picture of Mary.

Juan Diego is the first saint who was born in the Americas. His feast day is December 9.

What is your favorite picture of Mary?






Partners in Faith

Saint Juan Diego


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Saints Are Our Models


Who is a role model in your life? Why do you look up to this person? Mary and all of the saints are our role models in living our faith. Throughout their lives, they learned how to love like Jesus. With their whole selves, body and soul, they lived as Jesus taught. They grew in love for God. Many of the saints suffered illness or persecution. They trusted God and lived out their faith. The saints are great witnesses for us and can help us on our journey in faith.



On the left, draw a picture of your favorite saint. On the right, draw a picture of yourself. Write the saint's name and your name on the lines. ▼



Saint _____



Let Your Light Shine!

Find an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary in your parish church. It could be a statue or painting. It might be a stained-glass window. Bring Mary some flowers. They could be from your garden. Or you could make paper flowers. Pray the Hail Mary with your family.

For more, go to the Family Corner page.



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NEW! LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

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WE BELIEVE

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