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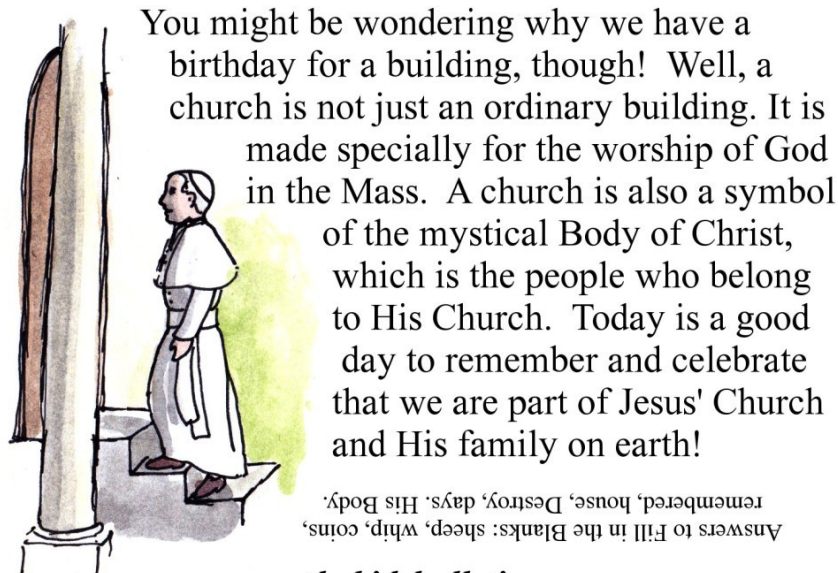


DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
NOVEMBER 9TH 2025

Birthday of the Church's Church!

Today is a rather unusual feast day. On most feast days we celebrate Our Lord or Our Lady or one of the saints. But today we celebrate the day that a church in Rome was started.

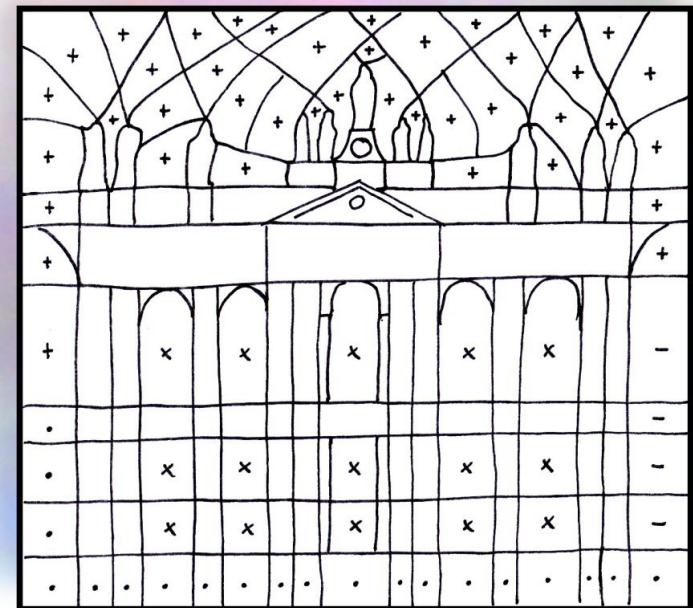
Did you know that every parish has a special feast day when it has its birthday or the feast day of its patron saint? The Saint John Lateran Basilica in Rome was dedicated to God, sort of like its birthday, on November 9. And because it is the Pope's main church- and all Catholics belong to his parish, we celebrate its birthday because it's our church too!



You might be wondering why we have a birthday for a building, though! Well, a church is not just an ordinary building. It is made specially for the worship of God in the Mass. A church is also a symbol of the mystical Body of Christ, which is the people who belong to His Church. Today is a good day to remember and celebrate that we are part of Jesus' Church and His family on earth!

Answers to Fill in the Blanks: sheep, whip, coins, remembered, house, Destroy, days, His Body.

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Today is the feast of the dedication of the Pope's cathedral, the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome.

A cathedral is the main church of a diocese.

All Catholics belong to the Pope's diocese.

Do you know what the Pope's cathedral looks like?

Use the code to colour in the spaces and find out!

• grey

x black

+ blue

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Jesus in the Temple

Fill in the Blanks!

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading and use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the very end.

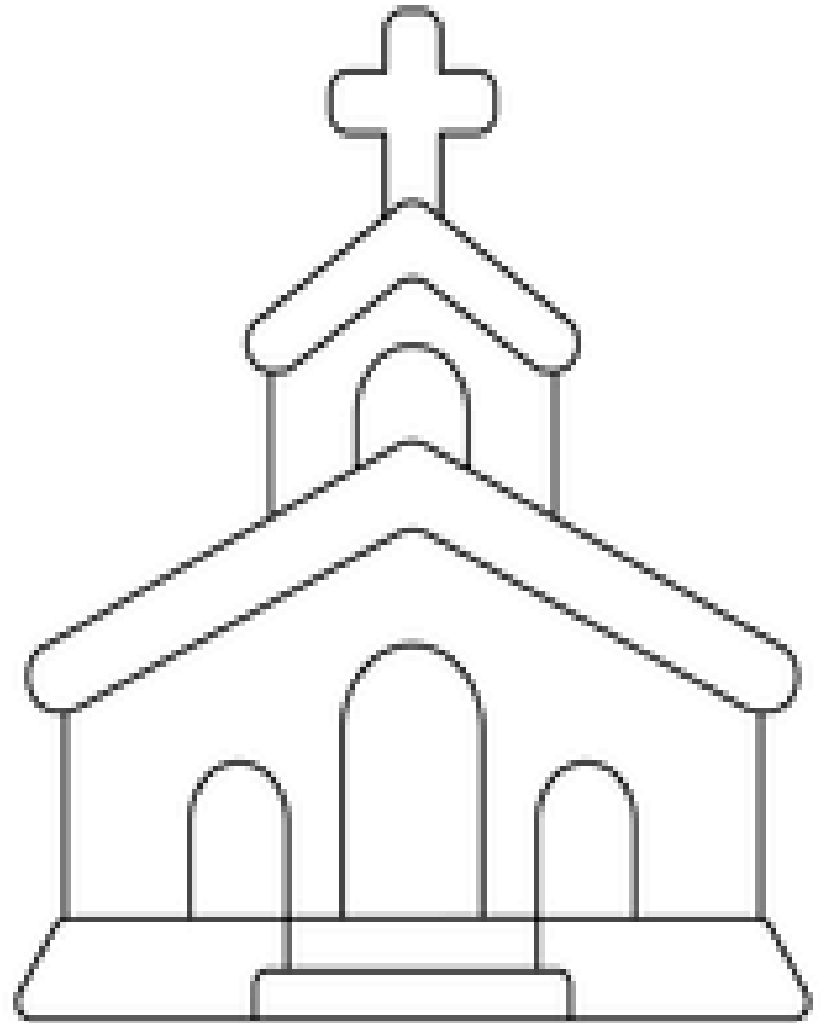
...Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and _____ and pigeons, and the money-changers at their business. And making a _____ of cords, he drove them all, with the sheep and oxen, out of the temple; and he poured out the _____ of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples _____ that it was written, "Zeal for thy _____ will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "_____ this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three _____?" But he spoke of the temple of

_____.

Destroy	days
whip	coins
house	sheep
remembered	



Hey did you know that the Church where we come to for Mass and to pray is a very special place? It is GOD's house, but because we are part of GOD's family it is kind of like our house too, it is our other house. Can you colour in this picture of a Church?



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