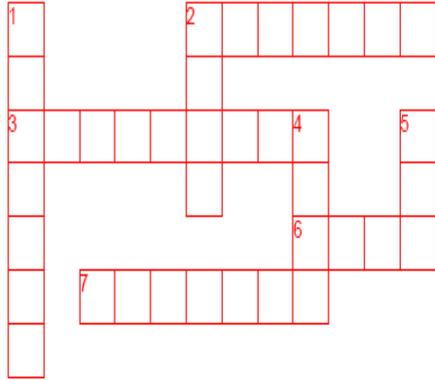


CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 2. To accept as true
- 3. The mother of John the Baptist
- 6. The mother of Jesus
- 7. To agree to do something for someone in the future

DOWN

- 1. Highly favored by God
- 2. An infant; a young child
- 4. The place where a person lives
- 5. The feeling of great happiness

ELIZABETH	PROMISE	BLESSED	BELIEVE
JOY	MARY	HOME	BABY

Mission for the Week

Let us always remember that Jesus is the reason for the season not a lot of pretty packages!

Holy Family Catholic Church Victoria, Texas
December 20, 2015



All the money you donate from now until December will benefit children in the hospital, and children in need in our community. Last week you donated \$165.20.

Some of the donations will be used to buy little gifts to brighten the day of children that are in the hospital at MD Anderson and Texas Children Hospital in Houston. Many of the children are very sick and need our prayers, love and support.

In addition, donations will be used to help children in the community in need.

Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me.....Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me "
 Matthew 25:35-36



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!" Luke 1:42-43

Dear Father, we are thankful that you loved us so much that you sent your only Son to be our Savior. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





**EVEN SANTA
CLAUS KNOWS
JESUS IS THE
GREATEST GIFT
OF ALL!!**

One of my favorite movies is "The Sound of Music." In that movie, there is a song called "My Favorite Things." Some of you may have seen the movie and you may know that song. If so, you will remember that the character named Maria, sings about her "favorite things." One of the things that she mentions in that song 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! After all, a gift is supposed to come in a beautiful package, isn't it?

You know, 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 virgin... 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 hurried to the home of Elizabeth to share the good news. When Elizabeth heard the news, she exclaimed in a loud voice, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said."

Well, the Lord has fulfilled his promises to us too. He has sent us the gift of His love, but some people are so busy unwrapping the beautifully wrapped packages that this world offers that they have missed out on the greatest gift. Maybe it is because it came wrapped in brown paper tied up with string.



Read the Gospel and Color



Thank you, God, for Jesus.