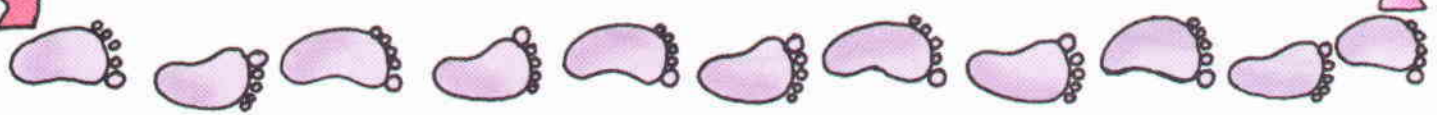




**February 4, 2018**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

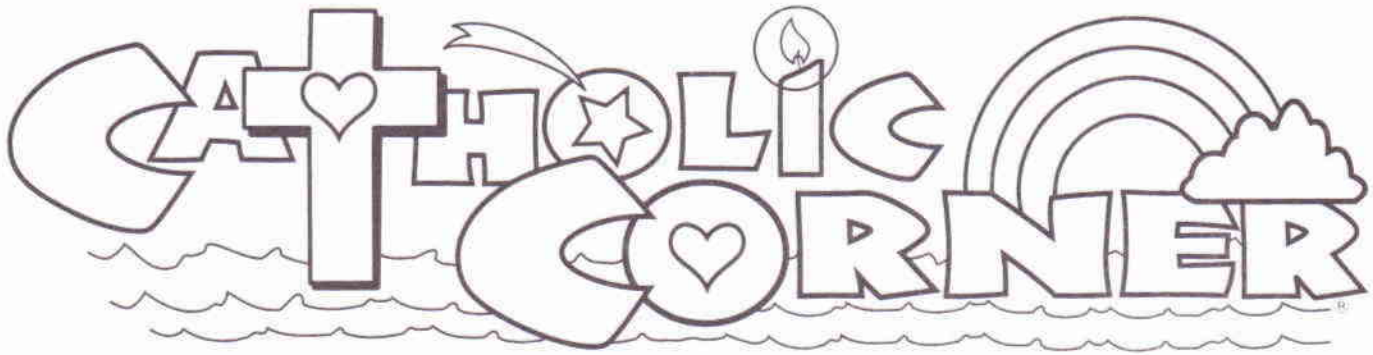
Count by fives to lead Jesus to the house.  
Once there, he can find and  
heal Simon's mother-in-law from a fever!

A path of numbers is shown, starting from a cartoon illustration of Jesus on the left. A large black arrow points from Jesus to the first number, 5. The path continues through a series of numbers in circles: 10, 80, 35, 25, 70, 5, 40, 15, 20, 40, 10, 30, 45, 90, 75, 80, 25, 5, 65, 85, 10, 45, 40, 35, 30, 15, 25, 80, 50, 55, 5, 25, 60, 90, 95, 100, 20, 60, 95, 55, 85, 30, 65, 15, 80, 10, 45, 50, 70, 75, 20. A large black arrow points from the number 100 down to a cartoon illustration of a house with two windows and some bushes in front. The entire path is surrounded by decorative borders of colorful ribbons and shapes.



Simon's mother-in-law  
lay sick with a fever.  
Jesus grasped her hand,  
and helped her up.  
Mark 1 : 30, 31





## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus traveled "throughout the whole of Galilee" and "cured many who were sick with various diseases" (Mark 1:29-35). The Church continues this work of Jesus in the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. People may want to receive this sacrament for many different reasons. They might have a serious illness, or they might be preparing for surgery. Those who are very old or weakened by some physical condition, even if they are not seriously ill, may seek the blessings of the sacrament to renew their strength.

In administering the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, the priest lays hands on the person and prays silently. Then he anoints the person with the oil of the sick, one of the holy oils blessed by the bishop during Holy Week. The one being anointed is reminded that his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Jesus. The prayer asks God to grant the sick person peace and courage in the face of illness. Sometimes those who are ill recover. Some do not. But the sacrament promises that no matter what, God is with them to bring them comfort.

You can also bring comfort to those who are ill. First, you can pray for them, that they may be well and know God's loving presence. You can also assure them that you care for them by sending a note or a card with your prayers and good wishes. If you know someone who is sick or elderly and weak, think about sending them a card. You are part of the Church that continues Jesus' work of caring for those who are sick.





Jesus healed many people.

Find and circle four things that are in the top picture but not the bottom one.

