

# Jesus Tells us to Repent

Today we hear about Jesus beginning His mission of preaching and healing the sick. The very first thing He tells the people is that they should repent from their sins.

Why do we need to repent of our sins? Why don't we just stop thinking about the bad things we did and start trying to be good?

Well, pretend your soul is like a garden. When you sin, it's like making a big hole in the ground. You can't grow flowers in a hole, and someone might trip on it and make the hole bigger. That's what can happen with sins too- little sins can cause bigger ones.

When you are sorry for your sins and go to confession it's like filling in the holes and planting flowers where they used to be. Keep your soul like a good garden and make sure you don't have any holes in it!



Answer to Unscramble puzzle: darkness, light, joy, harvest, yoke, smashed.  
Answer to puzzle on front: the Kingdom of Heaven

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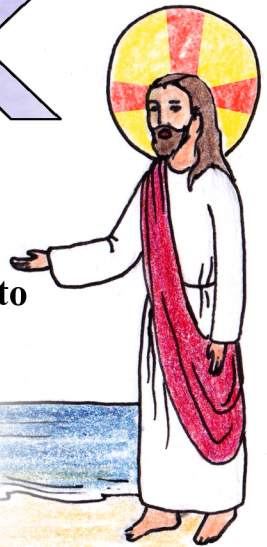
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What did Jesus say as He began to preach by the sea?

Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks.

Repent, for...

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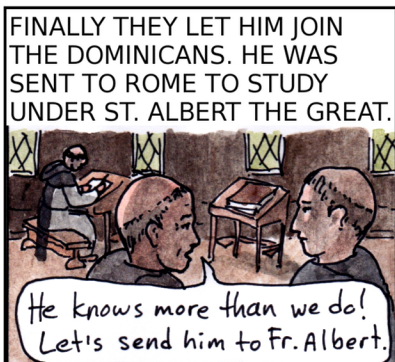
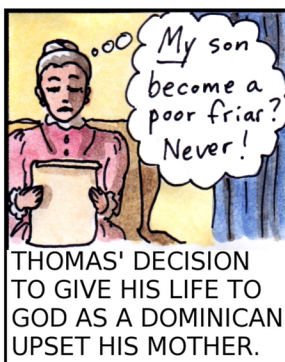
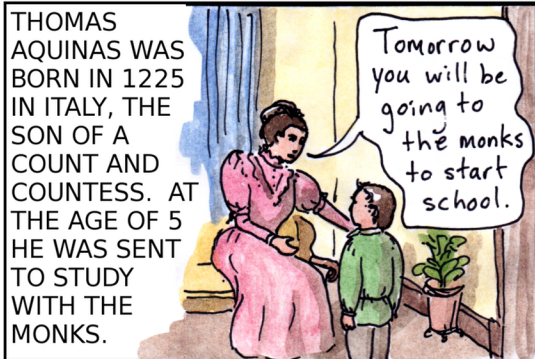
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... is at hand.

# Saint Thomas Aquinas

## January 28



SAINT THOMAS WROTE A GREAT WORK CALLED THE SUMMA THEOLOGICA, WHICH EXPLAINS MANY THINGS ABOUT GOD, MAN AND CREATION. HE NEVER FINISHED IT, THOUGH, BECAUSE HE REALIZED HE COULD NOT SHOW IN WRITING HOW AWESOME GOD REALLY IS. SAINT THOMAS DIED AT AGE 49.

## Unscramble and Fill in the Blanks: A Prophecy about Jesus...



he people who walked in \_\_\_\_\_  
have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in a land of gloom  
a \_\_\_\_\_ has shone.

You have brought them abundant \_\_\_\_\_  
and great rejoicing  
as they rejoice before you as at the \_\_\_\_\_,  
as people make merry when dividing spoils.

For the \_\_\_\_\_ that burdened them,  
the pole on their shoulder,  
and the rod of their taskmaster  
you have \_\_\_\_\_,  
as on the day at Midian.

Unscramble the words below to fill in the blanks  
in the prophecy from today's first reading.

OJY      KOEY      SSNAKDRE  
GLTHI      EHSMSAD      ASEVHRT