

# HomeTouch

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Orange Coast Church



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Scripture Reading: Romans 13:11-14

**TODAY'S THOUGHT: *Laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects.***

—Arnold Glasow

Sister Bernadette was doing some paperwork in her office at the Mother Cabrini Shrine in the foothills west of Denver last spring, when she heard a snap, crackle and pop. Sis-boom-crash!

Long story short, the statue of Jesus, which overlooks the city of Denver, and stands above Interstate 70, had been hit by lightning, knocked off the hands and arms of Jesus, and the falling debris had injured portions of the feet as well.

The statue came from Italy in 1954 in sections, and the sisters believe they will be able to have it repaired with the help of donations. The Shrine is visited by thousands of people every year. It was established in the early '30s by Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, who was the first American to be canonized by the Catholic Church. So we have an armless, hand-less Jesus.

Experts believe the statue can be repaired. But the incident is a reminder that Jesus needs our arms and hands to minister to the needy of our world. You say, "Well, what if I don't have arms or hands to give to Jesus? What if I can't do what I used to be able to do?"

Don't worry. "Arms" and "Hands" are metaphors for actions we can take that render help, support and encouragement to others. So do what you can. But do it all, as Jesus would have you do it. For his sake!

**Prayer: *Lord Jesus, I understand that I am Your visible presence to others. Help me to reflect Your love and grace and mercy better than ever before. Amen.***

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Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: 2 Peter 1-3

Monday: 1 Timothy 1-3

Tuesday: 1 Timothy 4-6

Wednesday: 2 Timothy 1-4

Thursday: Titus 1-3

Friday: 1 John 1-2

Saturday: Psalms 136-138



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# Aye, Eye, I!

Brush up on your vocabulary by matching all the words which begin with "I" to the definitions provided. Answers are below and to the right.

**Scorecard: 18-22=A+; 13-17=A; 8-12=A-; 2-7=A--; 1=A---; O=F!**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Imbroglio     | A. Imperceptible to touch, intangible                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Immolate      | B. Excitable, fiery, impulsive                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Impalpable    | C. Initial, belonging to the first stages                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Imperturbable | D. Persistently beg, beset with persistent requests         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Impetuous     | E. Habitually inactive, lazy, as a way of life              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Impious       | F. Absolute, submissive, unquestioning                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Implicit      | G. Assail by argument, challenge, contradict                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Importune     | H. Sacrifice, to kill as a sacrifice                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Impugn        | I. Blame, charge with fault, to incriminate                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Incarnate    | J. Embody in flesh, in human form                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Incipient    | K. Misunderstanding, entanglement, an intricate plot        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Incorrigible | L. Incapable of being agitated, self-controlled, calm       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Inculpate    | M. Cannot be corrected, depraved                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Indolent     | N. Irreligious, wicked, profane                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Ineffable    | O. That which is enjoined, a writ of prohibition            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16. Injunction   | P. Choleric, prone to anger                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 17. Insensate    | Q. Malicious, likely to provoke ill will                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18. Insouciance  | R. Uncompromising, irreconcilable, refusing to agree        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 19. Intransigent | S. Indifference, heedlessness, careless unconcern           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20. Invidious    | T. Having colors like the rainbow                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21. Irascible    | U. Brutish, soulless, destitute of sense or reason          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 22. Iridescent   | V. Cannot be expressed in speech, too sacred for expression |

Answers: 1K, 2H, 3A, 4L, 5B, 6N, 7F, 8D, 9G, 10J, 11C, 12M, 13I, 14E, 15V, 16O, 17U, 18S, 19R, 20Q, 21P, 22T.