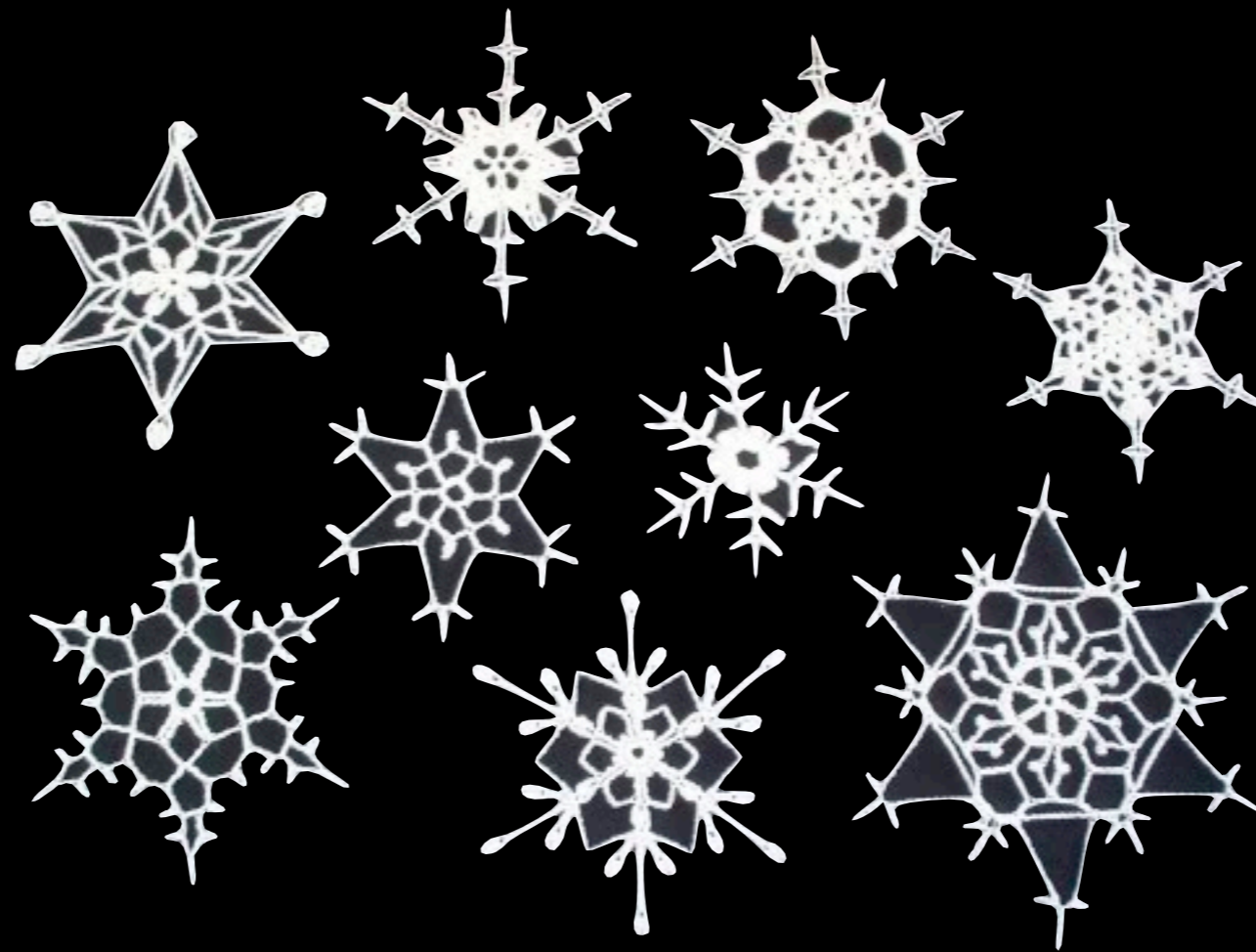


Collect Snow Day Homework



February 10, 2010

Tomorrow: World Day of Prayer for the Sick
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
Pictures from Lourdes on Friday

St. Scholastica

Twin sister of St. Benedict.

Foundress of religious life for women in the West.

Prayers of cloistered religious are enormously valuable to the Church!

Objectives for the day

1. Left over from Monday
2. Switching to Mark
3. John the Baptist's death
4. Feeding the crowds
5. Walking on water
6. John 6

Reading for Friday: John 6:25-34

Twelve Apostles

Why 12?

Switch to Mark

We've been reading along in St. Matthew, but I didn't realize the amount of time it would take to go over a passage. I'm fine taking that time, but we have to get to all the important material, so I'm switching (mostly) to the shorter Gospel according to St. Mark.

Death of John the Baptist

Mark 6:14-29

Questions:

Why do people think that Jesus might be connected to Elijah?

Who else have they thought might be connected to Elijah?

What did Herod think about John?

Why does Herod have John killed?

Feeding of the 5,000

Mark 6:30-44

Multiplication of the loaves (with or without fish) is one of the few miracles recorded in all four Gospels; it happens twice in both Matthew and Mark.

Questions:

What does Jesus tell the disciples when they ask Him to send the people away to get food?

What do they reply?

Jesus *takes* the bread, *blesses* it, *breaks* it, and *gives* it to the people. When do we see this done today?

How many baskets of bread are left?

Walking on Water

Mark 6:45-52

Questions:

Almost always, the miracle of multiplication of the loaves is followed by Jesus walking on water. Why did Jesus do this in this order?

What does walking on water show us about Jesus?

John 6

Remember (as I told you at the beginning of the semester) that St. John's Gospel does not have a story of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Some people think this means he didn't know about it or didn't care. That's silly on the face of it, but John 6 is further proof.

Multiplication of the loaves is much as we saw it in St. Mark's Gospel.

Followed by walking on water.

Jesus leaves the crowds because He saw "that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king." Why do you think they were going to do that? Isn't Jesus a King? The King? Why doesn't He want to let them do it?