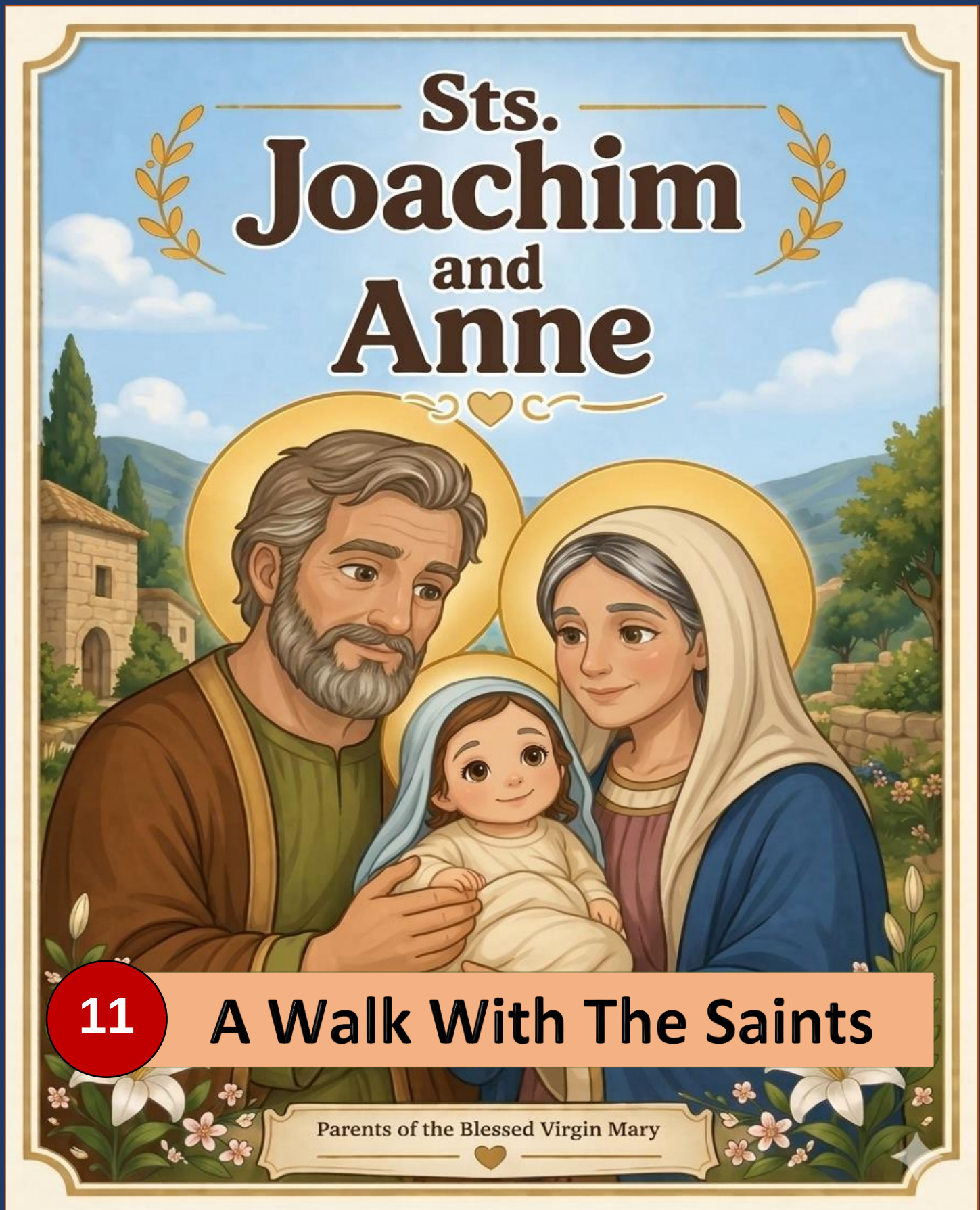
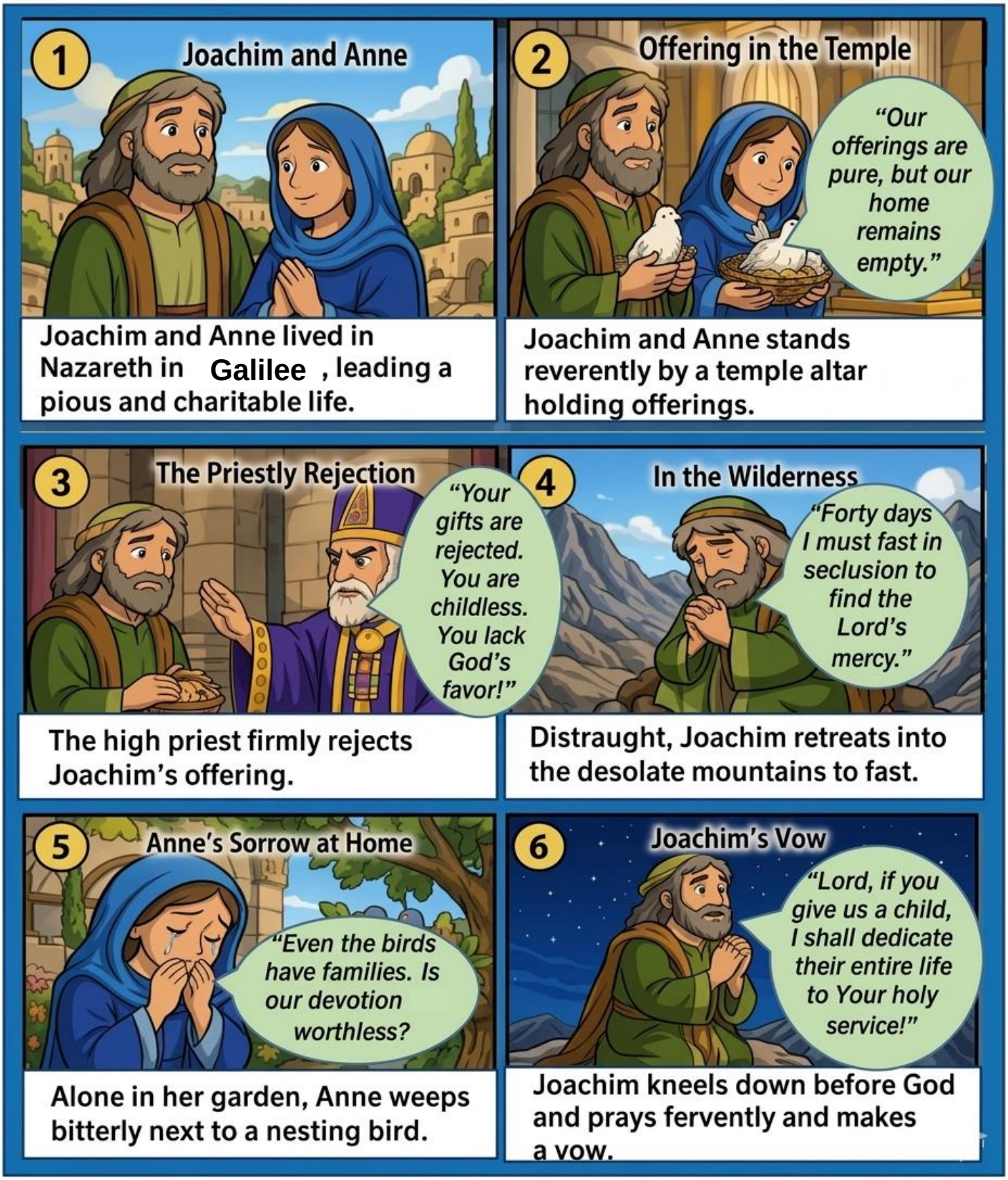
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DEPARTMENT OF CATECHISM




1
Joachim and Anne
Joachim and Anne lived in Nazareth in Galilee , leading a pious and charitable life.
2
Offering in the Temple
"Our offerings are pure, but our home remains empty."
Joachim and Anne stands reverently by a temple altar holding offerings.
3
The Priestly Rejection
"Your gifts are rejected. You are childless. You lack God's favor!"
The high priest firmly rejects Joachim's offering.
4
In the Wilderness
"Forty days I must fast in seclusion to find the Lord's mercy."
Distraught, Joachim retreats into the desolate mountains to fast.
5
Anne's Sorrow at Home
"Even the birds have families. Is our devotion worthless?
Alone in her garden, Anne weeps bitterly next to a nesting bird.
6
Joachim's Vow
"Lord, if you give us a child, I shall dedicate their entire life to Your holy service!"
Joachim kneels down before God and prays fervently and makes a vow.


7
The Angel Appears to Joachim
"Fear not, Joachim! Your prayers are heard. A child will be born to you!"
A radiant angel surrounded by glowing beams descends upon Joachim's campsite.
8
The Angel Visits Anne
"Anne, clear your tears. You will conceive a daughter."
The same bright angel shines through the window of Anne's room.
9
The Journey Home
"I must return home at once! Hope is reborn!"
Filled with renewed vigor, Joachim travels down the mountain passes riding a donkey.
10
The Golden Gate
Me too Anne
"Joachim! An angel came to me in a vision!"
Joachim and Anne run toward each other, meeting right outside the massive stone city gate.
11
The Birth of Mary
"Behold, our sweet daughter, we shall call her Mary".
A baby girl is born to them. They name her Mary.
12
Dedicating Mary to the Temple at the age of 3
Feast Day: September 9
As Joachim vowed, toddler Mary is presented to the Temple at the age of three.

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