

# Ash Wednesday

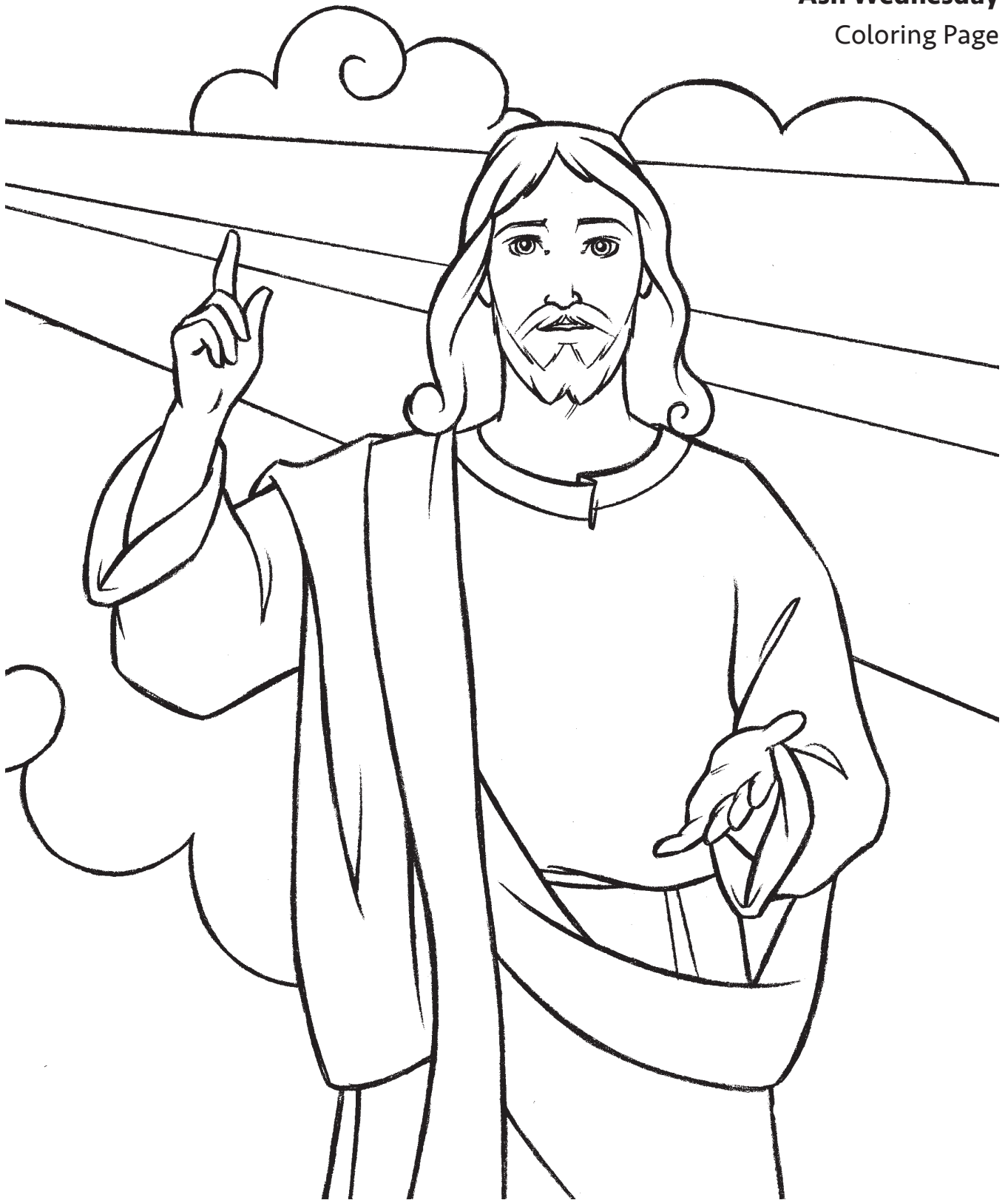
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Jesus instructs His disciples that when they pray and sacrifice, they should not do so simply to receive praise from others. He warns them that those who pray and perform good deeds in order to receive recognition are not pleasing to God. Rather, Jesus encourages His disciples to keep their prayers and good deeds hidden so that only God will know.



## PRAYER

Father, please help me not to be tempted to seek the praise and admiration of others. Rather, help me to only pray and serve You in order that I may grow closer to You. Amen.



**“Your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you”**

# First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

Jesus spent forty days fasting and praying in the desert to prepare for His public ministry. The Church gives us this same opportunity during Lent. We may be tempted by the Devil to give up our prayer and penance, but like Jesus, we must continue to trust that God will take care of us no matter what.



## PRAYER

Jesus, please give me strength this Lent to remain diligent in my daily prayers and sacrifices. Help me keep my eyes on You for these forty days. Amen.

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**“He remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan”**