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November 25, 2020

"Dear children! This is a time of love, warmth, prayer and joy.

Pray, little children, for little Jesus to be born in your hearts.

Open your hearts to Jesus who gives Himself to each of you. God sent me to be joy and hope in this time, and I am saying to you:

Without little Jesus you do not have the tenderness or the feeling of Heaven which is hidden in the Newborn. Therefore, little children, work on yourselves. By reading the Sacred Scripture you will discover Jesus' birth and joy, as in the first days which Medjugorje gave to humanity.

History will be truth which, also today, is being repeated in you and around you. Work on and build peace through the Sacrament of Confession.

Reconcile with God, little children, and you will see miracles around you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

MEDJUGORJE

December 25, 2020

"Dear children! I am carrying to you little Jesus who brings you peace, Him who is the past, present and future of your existence. Little children, do not permit for your faith and hope in a better future to be extinguished, because you are chosen to be witnesses of hope in every situation. That is why I am here with Jesus that He may bless you with His peace. Thank you for having responded to my call."



**Meditation on the
NOVEMBER 25, 2020
Message**
by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM

Mother Mary calls us to humility. Dear Children, she speaks to us as her children with love and tenderness of her experiences. Mary speaks to what we can experience and the reality of knowing the meaning of Jesus' life and what little Jesus wants, prayer and joy. This reality of the birth of Jesus in each of our hearts without the little Jesus, we will not have tenderness or feelings of heaven which are hidden in the new born.

By working on yourself, begin with knowledge of sacred scriptures, you will begin the experience like I did as in the first days of the Medjugorje apparitions. I began to discover Jesus in the birth and joy it gave to humanity. Mary preaches her devotion to the word in her heart before the little Jesus was born physically in her womb. She experiences the longing for the love he had and the joy and peace he desires to give us. That experience is the beginning of conversation with God and calls us prophetically to learn more.

Like Mary, we need to work and meditate on the scriptures and our role will be revealed to us. Mary began to think of these mysteries in her heart and the meaning of them. Such as Mary in the temple with Simeon for the baptism of Jesus.

The mysteries in Mary's life gave her wisdom to know the meaning of Jesus' life. We are being called by Mary to work on ourselves. Not only are we called to scripture but to the sacraments. They reconcile us with God and neighbor through reconciliation. You will see miracles around you and you will experience joy, love and peace. It's really a taste of heaven. The first miracle is receiving forgiveness and the grace to see heaven interiorly and outwardly in your lives.

You will experience that the blindness of others will be overcome by God's grace to see the miracles around us, by revealing the work of little Jesus and Mary. Little sisters and brothers, listen and you will be a witness like Mary in sharing heaven now. Love Mary and Jesus and you will experience heaven on earth.

Amen and God Bless Love Fr AL



*"A Savior
is born"*



**Meditation on the
DECEMBER 25, 2020
Message**
by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM

Mary knows that our experience of Jesus' birth is a powerful and a renewing experience. So she wants us to keep that experience fresh so we can experience CHRISTMAS in our future and transform our future because the Little Jesus often calls us to a NEW future.

WAKE UP!

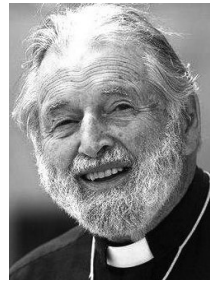
**Do not be passive about your
Christmas experience!**

Mary says – "Do not permit for your faith & hope in a better future to be extinguished because you are chosen to be witnesses of hope in every situation. That is why I am here with Jesus, that he may bless you with his peace." Mary joins the Little Jesus to call us to renew our hope in Jesus Christ. To actively witness every day by gifting to each other faith, hope and charity. That's a real future for the church and the world. He calls us to be his apostles.

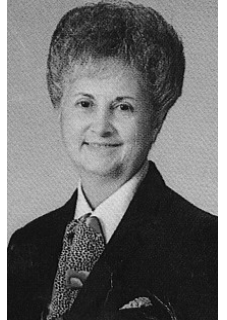
We need to live our future now. How are we going to bring peace to others if we don't experience this peace ourselves first? Mary experienced this peace and wants us to experience it too.

Amen and God Bless
Love, Father AL

**WHERE IT ALL BEGAN
RIP OUR ANGELS**



Fr. Peter Mary Rookey, OSM
Oct. 12, 1916 - Sept. 10, 2014
The Apostle of Compassion



Margaret M. Trosclair
June 19, 1933 - March 14, 2019



Gertrude Gayle Ponseti
Oct 14, 1937-Dec 10, 2019

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*Merry Christmas
Everyone and A
Happy New Year!*



**MARGARET TROSCLAIR AND GAYLE PONSETI - ONE YEAR gone
but not forgotten**

It's been **ONE WHOLE YEAR** since our beloved Ms Gayle and Ms Margaret passed away. Ms Gayle on December 10th and Ms Margaret on March 14, 2019. Mary's Helpers seems so empty without them. Their legacy lives on through all their hard work though. They have helped build an organization that is now going on 33 years. WOW! Great job Ms Gayle and Ms Margaret. Two girls that dedicated their lives to Jesus, Mary and Mary's Helpers.

Today I got a donation from D Knipp with the following message which I couldn't have said better:

Dear Mary's Helpers,

Please find my donation in the name of Gayle Ponseti. She was such a wonderfully faithful woman. Gayle was a living constant example of what a devout catholic women, dedicated to our Blessed Mother and her local church ought to be. God willing, may Gayle's soul rest in the palm of Jesus' hand and be wrapped in St Mary's Mantle. Pax Christi Doris Kemp, OFS.

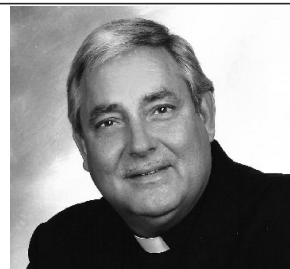
Could we have said it any better than this letter from one of our members? Let us stop and say a prayer for the souls of Ms Gayle and Ms Margaret that they are both enjoying their heavenly rewards. What big shoes we have to fill!!!

COME HELP US CELEBRATE 33rd ANNIVERSARY OF MARY'S HELPERS
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Please show your support - come early to join in our procession with Fr. Braud. Let's make Gayle & Margaret proud.

From The Desk of FATHER PAUL BERGERON

Come O Lord Jesus Come!

O Come,
O Come
Emmanuel



Another Christmas is upon us. We sing "O Come O Come Emanuel" a name which means God is with us. These are new and difficult times perhaps unlike any other Christmas we will experience and yet through all this chaos we know that God is with us. He wants us to look at the silver lining through this horrible storm. What are these silver linings? Well even though many thousands of people have died-look at the ones who were diagnosed yet were saved through treatment. People also have been forced to deal with one another in their families and have become closer to each other. Since we were not able to attend Holy Mass for some of us our faith grew stronger for the hunger of The Lord. The old saying might apply here, absence makes the heart grow stronger. Somehow through all of these difficulties for some it reminded us of the Words of Our Lord-remember that you are in the world and not of the world. Through this, for some, we saw that we needed to rise above the things of this world to those spiritual things that are most lasting and more important. We must all remember that this place is not our final destination, we are merely passing through here. Our final destination is with God Our Father in Heaven. So many wonderful blessings we have been given by Almighty God through these difficult times. As we await the vaccine to end this pandemic, we also await the birth of Our Lord. Have a great Christmas and wonderful New Year-the best is yet to come!

God's Blessings-Fr. Paul

NO HOUMA MASS ON JANUARY 17th since on a Sunday - Resumes February 17, 2021 6pm

ANNUAL APPARITION TO JAKOV ON DECEMBER 25TH

At the last daily apparition to Jakov Colo on September 12th, 1998, Our Lady told him that henceforth he would have one apparition a year, every December 25th, on Christmas Day. This is also how it was this year. Through Jakov, Our Lady gave the following message:

Dear children, also today Jesus is here beside you, even when you think that you are alone and that light does not exist in your life. He is here and has never left you or distanced Himself from you. The light of His birth illuminates this world and your life. His Heart is always open towards you, to receive your every pain, every trial, fear and need. His arms are extended towards you, that as a father, He may embrace you and tell you how important you are for Him, how much He loves you and cares for His children. Children, is your heart open towards Jesus? Have you completely surrendered your life into His hands? Have you accepted Jesus as your father, to whom you can always turn and in Him find consolation and everything you need to live true faith? That is why, my children, surrender your hearts to Jesus and permit Him to begin to rule your lives, because only in this way, will you accept the present and be able to face the world in which you live today. With Jesus, every fear, suffering and pain disappear, because your heart accepts His will and everything that comes into your life. Jesus will give you the faith to accept everything and nothing will distance you from Him -- because He firmly holds you by the hand and does not permit for you to distance and lose yourselves in difficult moments -- because He has become the Lord of your life. I bless you with my motherly blessing."

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ENCYCLICAL LETTER
The JOY of the GOSPEL
EVANGELII GAUDIUM
APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION

of the
SUPREME PONTIFF
FRANCIS
to the BISHOPS,
PRIESTS, DEACONS,
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PERSONS, &
The LAY FAITHFUL
of the PROCLAMATION
of the GOSPEL in
TODAY'S WORLD
Part 49



CHAPTER THREE
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE
GOSPEL

195. When St. Paul approached the apostles in Jerusalem to discern whether he was “running or had run in vain” (*Gal 2:2*), the key criterion of authenticity which they presented was that he should not forget the poor (cf. *Gal 2:10*). This important principle, namely that the Pauline communities should not succumb to the self-centred lifestyle of the pagans, remains timely today, when a new self-centred paganism is growing. We may not always be able to reflect adequately the beauty of the Gospel, but there is one sign which we should never lack: the option for those who are least, those whom society discards.

196. Sometimes we prove hard of heart and mind; we are forgetful, distracted and carried away by the limitless possibilities for consumption and distraction offered by contemporary society. This leads to a kind of alienation at every level, for “a society becomes alienated when its forms of social organization, production and consumption make it more difficult to offer the gift of self and to establish solidarity between people”. [162]

The special place of the poor in God's people

197. God's heart has a special place for the poor, so much so that he himself “became poor” (*2 Cor 8:9*). The entire history of our redemption is marked by the presence of the poor. Salvation came to us from the “yes” uttered by a lowly maiden from a small town on the fringes of a great empire. The Saviour was born in a manger, in the midst of animals, like children of poor families; he was presented at the Temple along with two turtledoves, the offering made by those who could not afford a lamb (cf. *Lk 2:24; Lev 5:7*); he was raised in a home of ordinary workers and worked with his own hands to earn his bread. When he began to preach the

Kingdom, crowds of the dispossessed followed him, illustrating his words: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor” (*Lk 4:18*). He assured those burdened by sorrow and crushed by poverty that God has a special place for them in his heart: “Blessed are you poor, yours is the kingdom of God” (*Lk 6:20*); he made himself one of them: “I was hungry and you gave me food to eat”, and he taught them that mercy towards all of these is the key to heaven (cf. *Mt 25:5ff.*).

198. For the Church, the option for the poor is primarily a theological category rather than a cultural, sociological, political or philosophical one. God shows the poor “his first mercy”. [163] This divine preference has consequences for the faith life of all Christians, since we are called to have “this mind... which was in Jesus Christ” (*Phil 2:5*). Inspired by this, the Church has made an option for the poor which is understood as a “special form of primacy in the exercise of Christian charity, to which the whole tradition of the Church bears witness”. [164] This option – as **Benedict XVI** has taught – “is implicit in our Christian faith in a God who became poor for us, so as to enrich us with his poverty”. [165] This is why I want a Church which is poor and for the poor. They have much to teach us. Not only do they share in the *sensus fidei*, but in their difficulties they know the suffering Christ. We need to let ourselves be evangelized by them. The new evangelization is an invitation to acknowledge the saving power at work in their lives and to put them at the centre of the Church's pilgrim way. We are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them.

Part 50 Next Month

Pope Francis proclaims
via Vatican News



**"YEAR
OF
SAINT
JOSEPH"**

Part 1

With the Apostolic Letter “*Patris corde*” (“With a Father's Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021.

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde*

(“With a Father's Heart”), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St Joseph,” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

A beloved, tender, obedient father Saint Joseph, in fact, “concretely expressed his fatherhood” by making an offering of himself in love “a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home,” writes Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor St Paul VI.

And because of his role at “the crossroads between the Old and New Testament,” St Joseph “has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people” (PC, 1). In him, “Jesus saw the tender love of God,” the one that helps us accept our weakness, because “it is through” and despite “our fears, our frailties, and our weakness” that most divine designs are realized. “Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser,” emphasizes the Pontiff, and it is by encountering God's mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we “experience His truth and tenderness,” – because “we know that God's truth does not condemn us, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us” (2).

Joseph is also a father in obedience to God: with his “fiat” he protects Mary and Jesus and teaches his Son to “do the will of the Father.” Called by God to serve the mission of Jesus, he “cooperated... in the great mystery of Redemption,” as St John Paul II said, “and is truly a minister of salvation” (3).

Part 2 Next Month

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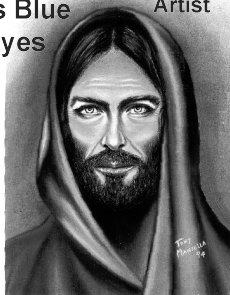
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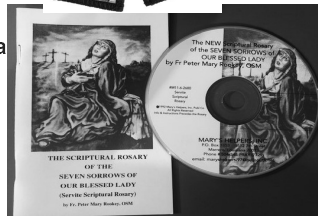


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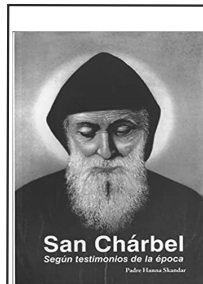
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Continued from Previous Month A Miracle in America

On January 16, 2016, the relics of Saint Charbel were brought to Saint Joseph's Maronite Catholic Church in Phoenix, Arizona. Dafne Gutierrez was invited by her sister to venerate the relics of Saint Charbel. Dafne suffered from benign intracranial hypertension. In 2012 she lost vision in her right eye, and by 2015 was completely blind. The doctors were at a loss for treatment, recommending she enter a nursing home due to occasional seizures.

Dafne, her husband and three children came to Saint Joseph's and went to confession. They prayed before the relics, and a priest anointed Dafne's eyes with sacred oil. The following day, Dafne and her family returned for Sunday Mass, and they again venerated the relics and Dafne was anointed by the priest.

The next morning, Dafne awoke with intense pain in her eyes. Her husband

turned on the light, and the brightness was almost too much for her to bear, but her vision was restored. Two days later she was examined by an ophthalmologist, and her vision was a perfect 20/20. In the medical committee report, her doctor testified: "We have no medical explanation and therefore believe this to be a miraculous healing of Saint Charbel."

News of this miracle spread quickly, and Saint Joseph's Church was flooded with people seeking to venerate Saint Charbel's relics. Another miraculous cure happened that same week when a Phoenix woman was cured of cancer.

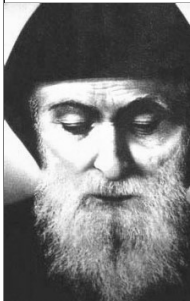
Father Akiki, pastor of Saint Joseph's, erected a large outdoor shrine to Saint Charbel, where monthly devotions are thriving. True to form, Saint Charbel's miracles have brought a great increase of faith.

A Saint for Our Times and for All Time

Archivists at the monastery of Annaya, Lebanon continue to document miracles performed by Saint Charbel. Since the 1950s, the number of authenticated cures of people around the world has reached over 26,000!

But as impressive as so many miraculous cures are, Saint Charbel does something far greater. The numbers of those cured is a fraction of those who climb the sacred mountain or pray around the world, asking for his help. And he does give help. Saint Charbel imparts his own strength for his devotees to carry their crosses. The grace to endure one's sufferings until death is a miracle of the soul—far greater than any bodily healing.

Over and over again, Saint Charbel works wonders when the circumstances seem impossible. In the many dire circumstances we face today, no worldly solution can be found. For our own needs and those of so many others, let us invoke the powerful help of Saint Charbel with confidence.



St. Sharbel Makhlof May 8, 1828 - December 24, 1898 Saint of Miracles - Part 23

Healing Miracle of Homer Wiggins
I was born on December 23, 1955, in Alabama and lived there until 1984 when my wife and I moved to Richmond, Virginia. I am retired from the U.S. Postal

Service and have one son. He and his wife have two children. I am a Roman Catholic.

In August of 2019, I was rushed to the hospital with severe stomach pains and passing lots of blood.

There in the emergency room I was diagnosed with colon cancer. Two days later, I was operated on. The surgery lasted five hours. While in the recovery area of the surgery room, I had a vision of a man standing not far from the foot of my bed. He was dressed in a black religious robe, had an aura of light around his body and wore a long white beard. He was looking down.

On the other side of the room, several nurses were frantically typing information on their computers. One said in a loud voice, "Saint Sharbel." Then another said, "Saint Sharbel," and a third said, in an asking way, "Saint Sharbel?" Then the first

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Glory to God in the Highest
AND ON EARTH, PEACE
good will toward men.



Christmas is undoubtedly one of the most joyful holidays of the year. From gifts under the tree to turkey dinners with family and friends--the holiday is celebrated by all nationalities, ages and religions. But amid the bustle and buying, the family and the presents, take a moment aside to reflect on the true reason for the holiday--**Jesus Christ**. Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. Luke 2:4-19 reveals that God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born to Mary, a young woman, and Joseph, her husband. Shepherds, wise men, and angels all shared in the joy of the event, as the prophets of old had told of His coming hundreds of years before. The star stopped over Bethlehem to mark the way for those who visited the holy child. Luke 2: 8-14 recounts: "And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Cont from Page 6 Healing of Homer Wiggins

one repeated, "Saint Sharbel, look him up!"

I fell back to sleep and in a while, I heard the nurse trying to wake me up.

If I had not heard the voices say the name Saint Sharbel, I might have thought it was Saint Benedict. I had heard of Saint Sharbel once but did not know anything about him except that he was from Lebanon. I did not know how he looked. I happened to see once on a website for "saint of the day" the name of Saint Sharbel mentioned but had not really researched him before.

After I told a few people about my vision, a friend told me that Saint Sharbel is a saint known for healing. The next day of my stay in the hospital, this friend brought me holy oil of Saint Sharbel and a prayer card. I begin to pray to Saint Sharbel for a positive outcome of the cancer diagnosis and also used the holy oil.

I had to wait a week to find out if my colon cancer had spread and the severity of it. I was told by my surgeon after a week of waiting that the cancer was stage 2 and it had not spread. I needed no chemotherapy. I am cancer free as of today.

Two months before my colon cancer surgery, I was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. I was taking medication for it but after leaving the hospital, my diabetes has improved so much that I no longer take medication and my blood sugar numbers are low enough that I can control it with diet. I like to think Saint Sharbel is responsible for this as well because I have prayed to him to help heal my physical ailments.

My family and friends were amazed about my experience and began to research more about Saint Sharbel. I was told that a Lebanese Muslim who learned about my experience from my daughter-in-law's family is now interested in the Catholic faith.

I wanted to tell of my testimony and hope to spread devotion to Saint Sharbel.

St Sharbel's - Miracles among us by Maria G Foley

I would like to relate the most amazing "incident" that happened to me yesterday (11/12/2020) while shopping at Mary's Helpers organization. I inquired about one of my most beloved saints--Saint Sharbel. I first learned of him through a close friend of mine, years ago, as well as through Mary's Helpers Newsletter. I knew of the countless healings through him in Lebanon and throughout the world. I yearned to learn more about him; I was eager to buy his autobiography. I was ecstatic when told that two books on his life were in stock. I went around and picked one up to see the cover. Needless to say that I was in total SHOCK!!

He was looking straight at me; his eyes were very much alive!! I told myself that this can't be happening! Now I quickly put my brain to work to find a rapid solution. After placing the book on the counter, I figured that probably the publishing company had manipulated the photo so that on this book he would be looking straight ahead. In all other pictures he is always piously looking downwards. I did not say anything. At home I started unloading my purchases and what a SHOCK again!! St. Sharbel's picture on the book cover is looking down!!! Well ---- I got myself "together" and could not stop thanking him for this "sign", for this gift that he had bestowed on me. I pray daily for his intercession and use his holy oil as well. I especially petition him to guide and protect my two young nephews, whose father died not so long ago. He too was Lebanese. I have not stopped smiling and thanking St. Sharbel since my happy "incident". I decided to come forth with my story because it is good to share. To boost each other up and to know that St. Sharbel is here to assist us with our petitions.

(I find the book to be very inspiring. It is an excellent guide on our earthly walk; for we learn humility, to love, to assist our fellowmen).

St Charbel Testimony

April 3, 2019 by Georgette LaRose

My mother, Valerie Vercher, goes and prays at Mary's Helpers. I know with the type of woman my mother is, she prays for everyone else more than she prays for herself, that's just how she is.

My name is Georgette LaRose, and I was blessed with my first child and son at the age of 40. A boy named Luke. He is a loving child, funny and he has the greatest and biggest imagination any child can have. So here my story and testimony goes...

At the age of 3, I could tell that Luke was always on the go, he never would stop. At first, everyone would tell me, he's a boy, he is supposed to be active. But I could see it was a different type of activity, he would never...never stop, always on the go. And then I noticed that he wouldn't speak, so the type of mother I was, I brought this up to his pediatrician, and we had him evaluated numerous times. Autism was one of the things, that stuck in my head, as he displayed some of the symptoms. We placed him in school, and the school couldn't handle him, as I was told that "he literally wore the teachers out." So we were asked to put him some place else. I was very fortunate at the time to find a "godsend of a lady" to watch Luke and she continues to watch him during the holidays and during the summer. She also raised a son with similar characteristics as Luke, so she could relate to Luke and he related to her.

Three years ago, Luke finally got a diagnosis of being ADHD, Developmental Delayed and also Sensory Processing Disorder. So

from private school, he was placed in public school (he is in Special Ed), where he started receiving the help and understanding that private school couldn't provide for my son. Many days and nights, I would cry myself to sleep and then I would cry during the day wondering what did I do wrong. And my mom, would tell me to pray and pray. And I was told numerous times, that God knew what he was doing when he gave me a special child, because God thought that I was special and I could handle it. And there are times, when it's hard. But I constantly pray and ask God, "Please don't change my son, just give me the strength to deal with him." And it has helped my tremendously.

So one evening, I was picking Luke up from school and my mom handed me a brown paper bag and she told me Mrs. Gayle said to put this oil on Luke at night and say a prayer and then burn some incense and rub a piece of cloth on him. The oil, prayer and incense and a relic that all connect to a saint named St Charbel. It has been close to three months that I have been doing this to my son every night. He is also on medication which was a very hard decision I had to make, but within those three months, my son has went from red days (bad days) and now he is receiving purple days (outstanding days). I have seen so much change in my son. The most important thing to me is his education, I wanted him to learn and not to be labeled as a bad kid. I truly believe with my faith in Jesus Christ and with help from St Charbel, Luke has made significant progress. He still has his days, but nothing like before. And I also believe that God has answered my prayer by sending him a teacher that has helped him so much. Since praying to St Charbel, his school days are wonderful. I don't have to have my heart in my throat and have my anxiety out of control waiting for the phone to ring.

Some people would say oh it's the medicine, maybe so...but my faith and my heart tells me, it's St Charbel and also the fact that Luke's teacher was sent to him through prayer to help him, teach him and have patience with him. I tell her all the time, she is what an answered prayer looks like. And she has turned Luke into a LEARNING MACHINE. All of this is from prayer. And I will never stop praying for my child. And lastly, prayer does work. It may not happen immediately, but having faith and believing that God is always on your side and he makes things happen on his time. Just have faith and don't stop praying.

To the people at Mary's Helpers:

Thank you for sending me and introducing me and my son to St Charbel and also thank you for all the prayers you all have offered to my son. They are working.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart and please keep the prayers coming. They are working.

Sincerely, Georgette LaRose

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Feliz navidad y próspero año nuevo
 Espero que hayas tenido una Feliz Navidad y un próspero Año Nuevo de Mary's Helpers.

JAN/FEB DATES TO REMEMBER
 Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary
 Jan 3 Epiphany of the Lord
 Jan 10 Baptism of the Lord
 Jan 22 Day of Prayer for Unborn
 Feb 2 Presentation of the Lord
 Feb 16 Mardi Gras
 Feb 17 Ash Wednesday/Begin Lent

Ultimo Mensaje, 25 de noviembre de 2020
 "¡Queridos hijos! Este es un tiempo de amor, de afabilidad, de oración y de alegría. Oren, hijitos, para que el Niño Jesús nazca en sus corazones. Abran sus corazones a Jesús que se da a cada uno de ustedes. Dios me ha enviado a ser alegría y esperanza en este tiempo. Y yo les digo: sin el Niño Jesús no tienen la ternura ni el sentimiento del Cielo que están escondidos en el Recién Nacido. Por eso, hijitos, trabajen en ustedes mismos. Al leer la Sagrada Escritura descubrirán el nacimiento de Jesús y la alegría, como en los primeros días que Medjugorje dio a la humanidad. La historia será verdadera: lo que también hoy se repite en ustedes y en torno a ustedes. Trabajen y construyan la paz a través del sacramento de la Confesión. Reconcíliense con Dios, hijitos, y verán milagros en torno a ustedes. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado. "

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!
 The true meaning of Christmas is found in a single Word, a Name, **JESUS!**
 The holy angels proclaim It.
 The Hope of the world!
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 Have a Very, **Mary** Christmas!
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