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# News

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**MEDJUGORJE**  
**March 25, 2023**  
to Marija Pavlovic

"Dear children! May this time be a time of prayer for you."

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"Dear children! I am calling all of you to be carriers of the peace and joy of the risen Jesus for all those who are far from prayer; that the love of Jesus, through your lives, may transform them to a new life of conversion and holiness  
Thank you for having responded to my call."

**MEDJUGORJE**  
**March 18, 2023**  
Annual Message to  
Mirjana Dragicovic

"Dear children, I am calling you, through prayer and mercy, to come to know my Son all the better; to learn to listen with a pure and open heart; to listen to what my Son is saying to you in order to come to see spiritually. That, as one people of God in communion with my Son, you may bear witness to the truth with your life. Pray, my children, that, together with my Son, you can bring only peace, joy and love to all your brothers and sisters. I am with you and am blessing you with a motherly blessing."



### Meditation on the March 25, 2023 Message

by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM

Mary's message is short to focus on as she says "may this time be a time of..."

Mary is clearly aware that this time is Holy Week and the Passion and Easter Sunday. We stand at attention, on our knees, meditating the Popes messages on Passion Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. He said, "On this day we proclaim that he, the Lord of our life, is "the resurrection and the life" of the world (cf. Jn 11:25)."

For this time then we must stop to reflect where we are now in our world, in each of our lives and what we live and believe about life - its condition and suppositions of life in our America and what the Lord our God is calling us to follow! WE are to reflect and pray the message of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus! We have to be clear and reflect the false claims of our social life and world of false ideas that we are bomb blasted with every day. One, first about our values against life, the Church, what sin is and laws. Every day the means of communication play un-true messages about sexual morality and life. The male and female gender, transgender and life styles that over run our message, news and pushing them as good moral living to our children in schools, at work and in all parts of our society. Stop, Stop! Stop and pray! Reflect! Don't shout and blame and curse. Take yours back to the message of the Gospel and what Jesus our Lord says. "I have overcome the world. Peace be with you! Leave behind earthly things and walk with the Church because despite sin, the Church has answers for all these false rumors!! It will heal our sinfulness and the powers of hell cannot overrun it but the Church will overcome and be victorious in Jesus Christ the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Amen! Alleluia! Secondly, we are transformed into an Easter people! We are called from fear, despair and anger and inaction; to be brother and sisters of peace and joy filled with strong faith. To pray with and listen to our Immaculate Virgin Mary! Our victory with her and all her children is now! We walk from the empty tomb, the world of sin and death, to the resurrection of life, love and peace with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Go out to all the world and announce the Good News! I have overcome the world!

Love and Peace! Alleluia! Fr Al



### Meditation on the April 25, 2023 Message

by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM

Easter is a season of new beginnings. Mary our Mother was present at that first Easter with the disciples. She was a carrier of Peace and joy for the Apostles and disciples of that first Easter. She remained at prayer constantly with that community for peace and the intercession of the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus to descend on His followers. That was fulfilled on the Feast of Pentecost! This occurred ten (10) days after the Ascension of Jesus.

Jesus promised the disciples the Holy Spirit would be sent from Jesus and the Father and the Church was born; as the Holy Spirit came upon Mary and the Apostles praying together with the disciples in Jerusalem. From that day, empowered by the Holy Spirit, all Christians in their baptismal birth are called as witnesses of the Gospel (The Good News).

Mary tells us simply, we are called from prayer that the love of Jesus through your lives may transform them to a new life of conversion and holiness. Every Easter a season of renewal and recommitment of each of us is at prayer to wake up with Mary and the disciples to walk with Jesus, our risen Lord and speak with courage, love and boldness that Jesus Christ is our Lord and savior.

Amen! Alleluia, Alleluia!!  
Love and Peace Fr. Al

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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

#### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embrace them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away; welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.



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*blessed*

IF IT'S BIG ENOUGH TO  
WORRY ABOUT, IT'S BIG  
ENOUGH TO PRAY ABOUT.

### VOLUNTEER ~ WE NEED YOU!

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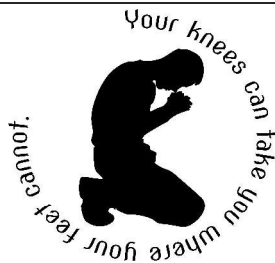
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Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if He wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you strength."



### A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

Please watch over  
and support all mothers  
on earth and in heaven...

and help them to know how much  
they are loved and appreciated  
on Mother's Day and every day.

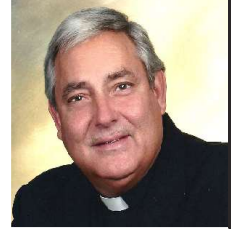
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# A word from FATHER PAUL BERGERON

God Bless me



## WHEN SHOULD ONE BLESS THEMSELVES?

We all know that when we enter a Church we look for The Holy Water Font so that we can dip our finger in it to make The Sign Of The Cross before genuflecting and taking our seat. But did you know that you can bless everything you put in your mouth; the drops you put in your eyes; the coffee you drink in the morning; the clothes you cover yourself with; the shoes and socks you use to walk; the teeth you brush and the ears to hear with. I think by now you get the picture. What I even do is when I sit on the side of my bed when arising in the morning is to thank Almighty God for giving me yet another day to live and to ask Him to bless the day that I might live the day for Him. At night after my prayer to make a good Act of Contrition to ask God what I have failed to bless, especially all the people I have come into contact with during the day that He might forgive me. Now it is important to understand that this is not the same blessing a priest might give because that is an official Sacramental Blessing but as parents you have the right to bless your children. I know a lady who puts Holy Water in a spray bottle and blesses each child before they go to school to protect them and you can even bless your marriage as well. Yes, there are a lot of times to bless even everything we can and will do. So that in answer to the question in the beginning when should one bless themselves, is always.

God Bless You Fr. Paul.

**JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY TO PRAY**  
*at Mary's Helpers in the chapel*  
**at 4512 7th Street, Marrero, LA at NOON**  
*Across from Immaculate Conception Church*  
**We pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary and the Divine Mercy along with other prayers. Our Lady wants us to pray pray pray. Please join us.**

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 First Saturday at 3pm-4:15pm

## DAYS TO REMEMBER

- May 4-National Day of Prayer
- May 6-Upper Room Prayer Cenacle/Houma
- May 13-Our Lady of Fatima
- May 14-Mother's Day
- May 21-The Ascension of the Lord
- May 28-Pentecost Sunday
- May 29-Memorial Day/Mary, Mother of the Church
- May 31-The Visitation of the Blessed Mother
- Jun 3-Upper Room Prayer Cenacle/Houma
- Jun 4-The Most Holy Trinity
- Jun 5-Feast of the Holy Spirit
- Jun 11-The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
- Jun 16-Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Jun 17-Immaculate Heart Mary
- Jun 18-Father's Day
- Jun 24-Birth of St John the Baptist

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**JUN 17 SAT-10AM CONFESSION & ROSARY 11AM MASS**  
 106 JIM BOWIE ROAD IN HOUMA, LA  
**CELEBRANT: FATHER PAUL BERGERON**



**HE BREATHED ON THEM AND SAID TO THEM, RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT** John 20:19-23

**LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.**



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**Remember WE need YOU to keep this ministry going!!!**

**MAR / APR 2023**  
**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!!!**

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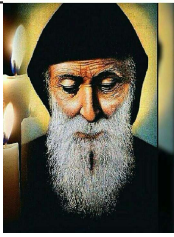
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**Mary's Helpers would like to take this time to THANK YOU for helping us continue this ministry. We couldn't do it without YOU! MARY QUEEN OF PEACE, PRAY FOR US!**



**St. Sharbel  
Makhlouf**  
May 8, 1828 - Dec 24, 1898  
**Saint of Miracles**

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**Testimony of Deacon Michael Chirichella  
at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church  
(Astoria, New York) on October 24, 2022.**

Thank you for coming out this evening on this Monday night, to come to this beautiful mass, this healing mass in honor of Saint Sharbel. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us the parable of the sower of the seeds. He challenges us today, to bear good fruit, to plant good seeds. And I know myself in my own life, I was not always a good seed sower. But we had a good foundation Father Vincent and myself. And that's what we need to have when we sow those seeds in our lives. We need to be a little more like grandpa Vincenzo who sowed the seeds in his family, and showed patience, love and prayer to his own family. That rich soil. But life happens, life gets in the way and the Evil One tries to distract us, when really our end game is to be with Jesus Christ.

And who better to segue into tonight then this beautiful Saint Sharbel, who sowed so many seeds, who planted the seeds and has sprouted up among you tonight. Who is he? Where did he come from? I was asking that question myself. Earlier this year at the end of January, I was diagnosed with cancer. It was quite serious; the tumors were quite large, the cancer was in the bladder. And I was beside myself, looking for answers. This man of faith, this deacon, shaken to my core, to my foundation. About a week after my diagnosis a statue was delivered here at St Joseph to Father Vinnie's rectory. His maintenance man, Joe, brought it in, brought it to Father Vincent and father said what is this? I did not order this; I did not order the statue. Who is this? His (the statue's) hand was broken. He had no idea how it got there. He called the company that sent the statue, and they said, "Father, sorry, it was a mistake. It doesn't belong to you but you can keep it." It piqued Father Vincent's interest and he called his good friend, Father Justin, a Carmelite priest, who was proficient in Saints. And he told him, yes! St Sharbel! He's a hermit for the Eastern Rite, a Maronite priest. He's the Padre Pio of the East. Many miracles were attributed to him. He piqued our interest, so father Vincent and I looked into it further. We started to pray to this powerful saint. There was a 9-day novena that we started. Father Justin told me about the shrine to St Sharbel in St Patrick's Cathedral. There was a Lebanese businessman that had many miracles with his family, and he asked Cardinal Dolan, "I would like to build a shrine here to Saint Sharbel." Cardinal Dolan said,

"Who is he?" He said, "He answered many, many prayers for me and my family. I want to donate a million dollars to St Patrick's if you put the shrine here." Cardinal Dolan said, "Where do you want it?" So right behind the main altar to Saint Patrick's to the left is a shrine in honor of Saint Sharbel. Saint Sharbel was born in Lebanon in the 1800's, in 1828, to a poor family of farmers. His father died when he was three years old, his mother would go on to remarry and he was raised by his uncle, him and his siblings. And he had a call to the priesthood. He entered the priesthood as a young man, and he was different from everybody else: very humble, putting others before himself. Later on, in his priesthood about the last 20 years, he lived as a hermit. He would die in 1898 at the age of 70 years old, on Christmas Eve. The next day, they buried him, on Christmas day. There was a terrible blizzard and the men of the town of Annaya, Lebanon, volunteered to bring his body to the cemetery -- but they couldn't go all the way in! So they went just to the front of the cemetery in a sloped area, buried his body, they were up to their knees in mud and they left. Shortly afterwards, the people of the town saw light coming from the cemetery. They went and told the priest, and the priest told them, "We don't see any light." They dismissed them! But they persisted and they followed that light. There was a light permeating from his grave site. And the Miracles started to be attributed to him early on. Remember now, his body was buried on the side of the hill of the cemetery with all kinds of weather, rain, snow... but his body was uncorrupted. They opened up his grave and found his body was untouched. Not only was it untouched and uncorrupted, it was warm to the touch and it was oozing light blood and oil. His vestments that he was buried in were drenched. They moved the body somewhere else. Again, a few days later they would open it up, uncorrupted again, with light blood and the oil that we have here today. For 72 years his body was incorrupt. Amazing. Many miracles were attributed to him. I called my cousin, father Jerry - who lives as a Hermit, he is a priest in Rockville Centre - after father Vincent got the statue. I said, "Jerry, Father Vinny got a statue of St Sharbel." He said, "Michael, how do you know Saint Sharbel? Nobody from this part of the world hardly knows about him." He said I was just there at the shrine at Maryknoll looking for a statue of Oscar Romero, and next to it was a statue of Saint Sharbel and I bought it." I said, "My God, two hits now from Saint Sharbel, he keeps on working!" After they removed the tumors, the doctor did not give me good news. They wanted to go further and further and remove more things from my body. They didn't know how far the cancer was progressing. We went to three other doctors, and they all had the same opinion. Father Vincent and I were praying the

prayer to St Sharbel daily, we had family members and friends praying to St Sharbel. I had to keep explaining to them who he was. Father Justin sent me a relic and a cross, a first-class relic, that he says, "Michael you just wear it when you've got to go for your test, anytime you go to get checked out." I wore it. I still wear it today. He sent me the holy oil that he had from Lebanon. His brother monks went to Lebanon and they had that oil. I applied it daily. We went to the last doctor, my wife and I, and he said, "I think we can treat it." This is after about 2 months. I went to the shrine of Saint Sharbel before my second procedure and prayed for his intercession. The night before, the following day, we had the procedure and my bladder was clear of cancer. Truly a miracle, but we weren't finished. I had to go for treatments. I had to go for immunotherapy. For 6 weeks. Every time I went, Saint Sharbel went with me. I explained and talked about him to all the people I came in contact with. I did that for 6 weeks, then I rested the bladder for another 6 weeks, and I was volunteering: I was ministering at the Lady of Mount Carmel, my parish in Williamsburg, ministering at The Shrine. The night before I was to go to see if the therapy worked, this gentleman was going into the church and he says to me, "Can you bless me, Deacon?" I said, "Absolutely!" So I blessed him, and I said, "Can you pray for me? I'm going in for a procedure tomorrow. Pray to Saint Sharbel." So I had Saint Sharbel cards on me, and I gave him one. He opened up his cell phone case, he says, "Deacon I have one! I was in the Holy Land about 15 years ago and I brought this back with me." Again, Saint Sharbel is working in my life. When I spoke to that gentleman that I didn't know, I felt very confident. And the next day, the doctor told me the most beautiful words I'd ever heard. He said, "Michael, your bladder is clear. There are no tumors in your bladder." What can I say? We're here tonight because I made a promise to Saint Sharbel. If he healed me through the intercession of our Lord Jesus Christ, we would let everybody know who Saint Sharbel is in this part of the world. How powerful he is, how many healings he's had. And my brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, you are here tonight to sow the seeds, my brothers and sisters. You are the missionaries to go out in the world and tell the world about Saint Sharbel, about his healings, about what you heard tonight. We have Novena booklets, we have relics in the back, we have prayer cards for you to take into your communities and into your families and sow the seeds of this powerful saint who has been with me my whole life, whom I just recognized now. The Saints who are with you since you're small,

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**"Let us love the Cross and let us remember that we are not alone in carrying it. God is helping us. And in God who is comforting us, as St. Paul says, we can do anything." -St. Gianna Molla**



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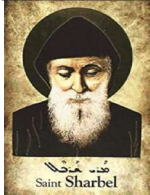


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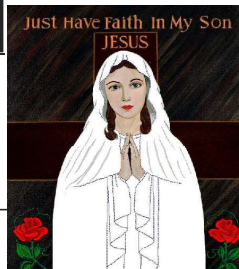


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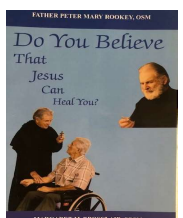


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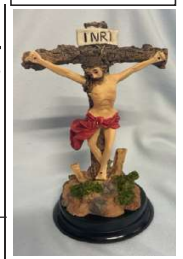
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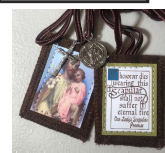
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## MAY CROWNING

**OF OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
JOIN US ON Wed, MAY 17th at 3pm  
when we will have a procession  
around the grounds of the  
Shrine of Our Lady of  
Compassionate Protection  
106 Jim Bowie Rd, Houma, LA**

It is our hope and prayer that you will join us to honor and crown Mary as "Queen of Heaven and Earth"

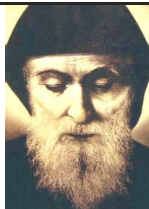
The procession will begin at 3pm.

Mass will be celebrated at 4pm

Celebrant: Father Paul Bergeron

*Roses will be available to offer to Mary*

*also for a donation.*



St. Agnes Catholic Church  
749 East Blvd, BATON ROUGE, LA  
**ST. SHARBEL HEALING MASSES**  
using the Maronite Liturgy  
at 6:30pm on the  
3rd MONDAY OF EACH MONTH  
Celebrant: Fr. Alex Harb  
Next Mass times: May 15 & Jun 19

### Testimony of Deacon Michael Chirichella Continued from Pg 4

to your middle, till you're grown, forever! It's just that you have to recognize them in your life. When he presented himself to me and I was healed, and I was praying in adoration a few months ago, I said, "What do you want Lord? What am I to do, Lord? Tell me." He said, "I want you to work with people who have cancer." I said, "Where am I going to find them, Lord, where are they?" He said, "I will send them to you." And so it began. I'm ministering to 9 people at least that have stage 4 cancer that have come into my life, that I introduced Saint Sharbel to, that I tell about the Holy Oil. A miracle? Yes. He's here to heal us tonight spiritually, physically, mentally, whatever you want to bring tonight to his intercession to Jesus Christ Our Lord. What an honor it is to give testimony tonight, my brother and I spoke about this months ago. "What are we going to do after you're healed, brother? How are we going to tell the people about Saint Sharbel, brother?" I said, "We will figure it out." And so it began. And so we are here. Thank you for being the missionaries, for evangelizing and going on to the world and letting people know what you heard this evening, what you're going to experience this evening and who Saint Sharbel is. God bless you.

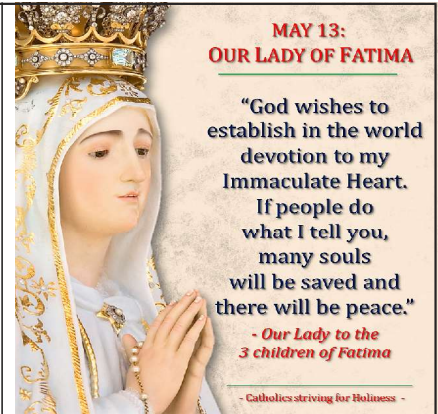
*St Sharbel Statues and other items sold on Page 5*

## OUR LADY OF FÁTIMA

The Virgin Mary, appeared six times before three peasant children near the village of Fátima, Portugal, in 1917. Millions of the faithful have made pilgrimages to this site. The Roman Catholic Church officially recognized the Fátima events as worthy of belief in 1930.

On May 13, 1917, Lucia dos Santos (aged 9) and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto (aged 8 and 6, respectively) were tending sheep in central Portugal, northeast of Lisbon, when they had a vision of a woman surrounded by light who identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary. Following the initial event, the children reported seeing the vision five more times, once each month through October. During her appearances, Our Lady of Fátima gave the children three secrets and repeatedly exhorted them to pray the rosary for world peace and emphasized the necessity of devotions to her Immaculate Heart in order for souls to be saved. The children also said that she told them God would perform a miracle on October 13 so that people would believe. A crowd estimated at about 70,000 gathered at Fátima on that day and witnessed what has been described as a miraculous solar phenomenon in which the Sun appeared to fall toward Earth—sometimes called the Miracle of the Sun—immediately after the lady's final appearance to the children.

After initially questioning the authenticity of the children's visions, the Vatican accepted them as appearances of the Virgin Mary (Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fátima), and Fátima became the location of one of the greatest Marian shrines in the world, visited by thousands of pilgrims each year. Numerous cures of the sick have been reported there. On May 13, 1967—the 50th anniversary of the first vision—a crowd of about a million pilgrims gathered at Fátima to hear Pope Paul VI say mass and pray for



**MAY 13:  
OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

**"God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If people do what I tell you, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."**

**- Our Lady to the 3 children of Fatima**

- Catholics striving for Holiness -

peace.

At the end of the 20th century, there was growing speculation concerning the three secrets Our Lady of Fátima allegedly revealed to the children in 1917. Though two of the messages had been disclosed in the 1940s—commonly interpreted as the prediction of the end of World War I and the start of World War II and the rise and fall of communism—the third had been kept secret by the Vatican, giving rise to numerous theories. In May 2000 it was finally announced that the third message was the Virgin Mary's vision of the May 13, 1981, assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II, and the pope publicly credited Our Lady of Fátima for saving his life.

Although Lucia dos Santos would later become a Carmelite nun and live to the age of 97, Francisco and Jacinta Marto died as children as a result of the influenza pandemic of 1918–19. The pious siblings were beatified in 2000 by Pope John Paul II, making them the youngest non-martyred children to be beatified in the history of the Roman Catholic Church. They were canonized as saints by Pope Francis in 2017 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of their visions.

## FIVE FATIMA PRAYERS



### The Pardon Prayer

My God, I believe  
I adore, I hope and I love Thee  
I ask pardon for those who do  
not believe,  
do not adore, do not hope and  
do not love Thee. Amen

### The Rosary Decade Prayer

Oh My Jesus, forgive us  
our sins, save us from the  
fires of Hell, lead all souls  
to Heaven, especially those  
in most need of Thy mercy.  
Amen

### The Sacrifice Prayer

Oh my Jesus,  
I offer this for love of Thee,  
for the conversion of sinners,  
and in reparation for the sins committed  
against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.  
Amen

### The Eucharistic Prayer

Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee  
My God, my God,  
I love Thee in the  
Most Blessed Sacrament.  
Amen.



### The Angel's Prayer

Most Holy Trinity-  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit-  
I adore Thee profoundly.  
I offer Thee the most precious  
Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity  
of Jesus Christ, present in all  
the tabernacles of the world,  
in reparation for the outrages,  
sacrileges, and indifferences  
whereby He is offended. And  
through the infinite merits of  
His Most Sacred Heart and the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg  
of Thee the conversion of poor  
sinners. Amen.





**WE PRAY FOR THE GLORIOUS  
RETURN OF HER SON  
into the darkness of this world!  
By Paul Maclean**

The Shrine of Our Lady of Compassionate Protection has been the site of many wonderful events since March 17, 1996. With the monthly Masses on the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month and the many daily private visits over the years and the many pilgrims, the site has been efficacious for many. It is hard to leave the shrine without being changed forever. That is a constant theme that is heard. Many smell the fragrance of roses when there! Since 1988, the monthly Masses have been celebrated on the site on the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month. In 2021, that has now been joined by a monthly First Saturday Upper Room Prayer Cenacle and now even more pilgrims are being blessed by visiting and praying where Our Lady appeared.

In August of 2021, Hurricane Ida hit the area and although there was so much devastation to the surrounding area, the shrine site (itself) came through it in with no material damage. In fact, the over 800 images of Our Lady (under numerous titles) were untouched. Utilities remain out at the site, but the Masses and First Saturday Cenacles continue. Electricity has been provided by a generator and water needs are by a well that had been unused for years. Our Lady provides!

There is much to write about the shrine, but this narrative will speak briefly about an event that happened at the Shrine of Our Lady of Compassionate Protection and its extended grounds on May 17, 1998. That year May 17<sup>th</sup> was on a Sunday so there was no Mass. There never is a Mass when the 17<sup>th</sup> is on a Sunday. But there was a procession and May Crowning that day. The pilgrims that attended were about 150 in number. It was a beautiful day.

Once the procession reached a large oak tree at the site of the old home site, Cindy Saia (Lou's wife) climbed a ladder and crowned Our Lady's statue that was placed in the oak tree.

At that exact moment, an attendee of the crowning interiorly heard the following words "the whole world will know that Our Lady is Queen of heaven and earth when Her Son returns". Once that was processed, the following words were heard "it would be most appropriate but not mandatory that there be an additional decade added to the end of the rosary and that it should

be call "The Glorious Return of Her Son" ... "The Light Returns into the Darkness of this World". At the time, that was a very intimidating request because the recipient had no authority to proclaim such a thing, even though voluntary.

Upon returning to the site where Our Lady of Compassionate Protection appeared in 1996 to Lou Saia, the attendee spoke to Fr. Paul Bergeron (the director of the site). Fr. Paul said that was consistent with scripture and told him that he should begin to speak about what he received. But he did not! Within a couple of days, he brought it to his spiritual director, and he also said it was consistent with scripture and the teachings of the church. By the rosary, we pray the life of Jesus and the last step is His Glorious Return! In fact, the last Chapter in the Holy Bible is all about "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Instead, the recipient asked Our Lady for confirmations. There were several confirmations but the most impactful one came on the Feast of St. Bridget in 1998. St. Bridget was the first saint the recipient was drawn to after his conversion on Sunday, March 1, 1992. He had continuously said the St. Bridget prayers all those years. On St. Bridget's feast day that year he decided to go to 8:00 am Mass at St. Bridget in Schriever, LA.

After Mass the Pastor of the Parish and the celebrant of the Mass that morning walked up to the attendee (who he knew) and said that he had been asked a question by one of his parishioners that he could not answer, and he said *I think you might be able to*. That shocked this lay person because he thought "what could he have answered that the priest could not".

The priest brought him over to a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes in the front of the church and showed him that built into the statue was a rosary that contained six decades. Father asked him "what do you think the sixth decade stands for"? The man told Father about the message at the May Crowning concerning the Sixth Glorious Mystery. Father looked at him stunned. He did not expect that answer. But, in fact, it was a strong confirmation to the recipient that Our Lady wanted the Sixth decade of the Glorious Return of Her Son spoken about. Still, the attendee resisted and spoke about it only occasionally and in safe venues.

Then, much changed on October 16, 2002 by the **APOSTOLIC LETTER ROSARIUM VIRGINIS MARIAE OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF JOHN PAUL II TO THE BISHOPS, CLERGY AND FAITHFUL ON THE MOST HOLY ROSARY**. Pope John Paul introduced the Mysteries of Light by in part stating:

*"The Rosary of the Virgin Mary, which gradually took form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God, is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness. It blends easily into the spiritual journey of the Christian life, which, after two thousand years, has lost none of the freshness of its beginnings and feels drawn by the*

*Spirit of God to "set out into the deep" (duc in altum!) in order once more to proclaim, and even cry out, before the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour, "the way, and the truth and the life" (Jn 14: 6), "the goal of human history and the point on which the desires of history and civilization turn".*

So, with that new proclamation, it was now understood that it was time to speak boldly about the Sixth Glorious Mystery... "The Glorious Return of Jesus!" "The Light returns into the darkness of this world!"

Later, Our Lady actually sent a person to the recipient to tell him that it was indeed time to pray that decade for Her Son's Return! Simply add an additional decade (or as like to say in Louisiana, a "Lagniappe Decade" for that intention. That removed all doubt to talk about this voluntary addition. Her Son cannot deny such a request brought to Him through His Mother's rosary!

There is more that can be said about this sixth decade that has been prayed across South Louisiana since May 17, 1998, but that may be for a later day. In the meantime, please consider praying and telling others about this additional decade and visit *The Spiritual Bulletin Board of Louisiana* <http://spiritualbulletinboardoflouisiana.info> and its page titled *Louisiana and the Sixth Glorious Mystery*. If you want to know more, once on the site, there is an email address to contact.

**This is God speaking**

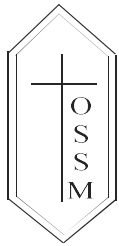
This is God. Starting today I will be handling ALL of your problems for you. I do NOT need your help. So have a nice day. I love you.

P.S. And, Remember If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do NOT attempt to resolve it yourself! Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. I will get to it in MY TIME. ALL situations will be resolved, but in MY time, NOT yours.

Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it by worrying about it. Instead, focus on all the wonderful things that are present in your life now.

Should you decide to send this to a friend; Thank you! You may have touched their life in ways you will never know!

Now, you have a nice day.  
I LOVE YOU!  
God



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"Queridos hijos, los invito a que, a través de la oración y la misericordia, conozcan a mi Hijo lo más posible; para que con corazones puros y abiertos aprendan a escuchar; para que escuchen lo que mi Hijo les dice a fin de que puedan llegar a ver espiritualmente. Que, como un solo pueblo de Dios, en comunión con mi Hijo, den testimonio de la verdad con sus vidas. Oren, hijos míos, para que junto a mi Hijo puedan llevar sólo paz, alegría y amor a todos sus hermanos y hermanas. Yo estoy con ustedes y los bendigo con mi bendición maternal. "

**Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.** Matthew 3: 1-12

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