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MEDJUGORJE
May 25, 2022

“Dear children! I am looking at you and thanking God for each of you, because He permits me to still be with you, to encourage you to holiness.

Little children, peace is disturbed and Satan wants peacelessness. That is why, may your prayer be even stronger so that every unclean spirit of division and war may be stilled.

Be builders of peace and carriers of joy of the Risen

One in you and around you, for the good to win in every man. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

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“Dear children, I rejoice with you and thank you for every sacrifice and prayer, which you have offered for my intentions.

Little children, do not forget that you are important in my plan of salvation of mankind.

Return to God and prayer that the Holy Spirit may work in you and through you. Little children, I

am with you also in these days when Satan is fighting for war and hatred. Division is strong and evil is at work in man as never before. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



Meditation on the May 25, 2022 Message

by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM

TRUE PEACE BUILDING OVERCOMES EVIL

Let us be thankful we have a motherly love interceding for us with the Lord and he permits her to still be with us and encourage us in holiness... We do not realize the state of our daily peacelessness which is effected by Satan. Mary encourages us to make our prayers be even stronger so that every unclean spirit of division and war may be stilled. Unclean spirits like our homes and cities where physical violence takes place due to jealousy and where tempers are lost, bullying weaker individuals, nasty behaviors, cursing, using the Lord's name in vain, sexual misuse, warfare, violence due to the illusion of sexual freedom. There are many led by the spirit of power; the illusion of money-wealth-property-gold-jewelry and material objects used by the demon spirit to control us. There are groups creating a spirit of division by political illusions. True moral freedom is not accepted and peacelessness is real.

We need to counteract these by being builders of peace and carriers of joy of the Risen One in you and around you, for the good to win in every man, every person and every neighbor.

Love our Mother Father AL



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MARY LIFTS US UP TO GOD

Mary says to us today, I am rejoicing with you & thanking you for every sacrifice & prayer offered for my intentions of salvation. Mary lifts us up to God. This should encourage us and others to join in prayer and sacrifice and penance. Continuing; Mary says that "you are important to my plan in God's salvation." Return to God & pray that the Holy Spirit will work in you and through you.

Remember Mary's words and in no way contradict Jesus' accomplishment on the cross for all of us; His rising again and at the right hand of the Father. Jesus' victory for us has redeemed us. He invites us through the Holy Spirit, Mary and the Apostles to pray for the beginning of the Church at Pentecost. This is the good news, The Gospel. For when Jesus died on the cross, Jesus invited Mary and His beloved disciple, John, to work together. Jesus invites Mary, our beloved Mother to work with the disciples as she has from the beginning. To share the good news & wait for the Holy Spirit to unite all brothers & sisters into the church at Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit invited Mary, to pray with the apostles and the church in its unique role to share salvation with all the people that she calls her little children. Mary's role is to step on the head of the snake (Satan) to help her little children in the church & all humanity.

Mary counteracts Satan's working for war & hatred by her multiple attacks. The rosary is the greatest weapon, because it brings us together in prayer for peace and rejoicing in thanksgiving to the Father & to the Holy Spirit. It invites us, brothers & sisters to overcome hatred.

If we commit to faithful prayer & sacrifice and invite others to form the heavenly army with her Son, Jesus, Mary will indeed crush the head of the snake & will break the hold of division and hatred with peace, love, sacrifice and the rosary. The Immaculate Heart of Mary will triumph with Jesus and "all her children!"

Love Father AL

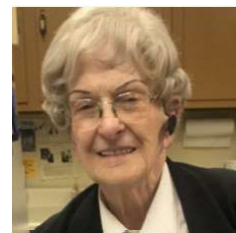
OUR ANGELS IN HEAVEN INTERCEDING FOR US THANK YOU!



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



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June 19, 1933 - March 14, 2019



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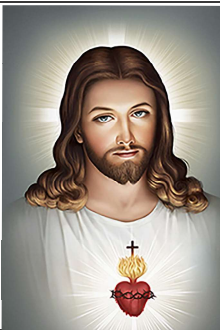
JUAN ANTONIO GIL / Mystic from Venezuela, was at the Ave Maria Shrine in Prairie Ronde/Opelousas on Saturday June 18, last month. Juan has been walking miles and miles during the pandemic to keep busy and praying along the way. On Saturday, Juan spoke to the crowd about his deep devotion and his faith. Juan led us in prayer prior to saying several rosaries which were offered up to Our Lady. After the last rosary was said, Mary appeared to Juan and began speaking to him. As he repeated Her words, someone translated his Spanish into English so we could understand each word. He said Mary was accompanied by St Michael and She was sending her blessings into the crowd. She also offered prayer for the release of souls from purgatory. She asked us to hold up our rosaries and She blessed them. It was such a beautiful day! Since Juan came on short notice, we apologize that we couldn't get the word out for more people to attend. Lots of people have asked when he would return. Afterwards, a few of us also visited Charlene Richard's grave which is very close to the Ave Maria Shrine.



Alicia Elizabeth Fournier Falcon, passed away on May 7, 2022 at the age of 49. Alicia was the daughter of a close friend and relative of Mary's Helpers (Elizabeth Plaisance). Please help us pray for Alicia and the family and friends that she left behind and will meet her again in God's kingdom. Spread your angel wings Alicia and fly to your heavenly father. May she rest in peace and may God shine his perpetual light upon her.

JUNE-The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most popular Catholic devotions. Although it was beloved in previous centuries, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673, showing her a vision of the now-famous image of His Sacred Heart, surrounded by flames. He said to her: "My Heart is so full of love for men that it can no longer contain the flames of its burning love. I must discover to men the treasures of My Heart and save them from perdition." She was given the special mission to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart throughout the Church. Jesus gave St. Margaret Mary many promises associated with this devotion, and requested that a feast day in honor of His Sacred Heart be instituted on the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi. In 1856, the Feast of the Sacred Heart was spread to the Universal Church, and in 1899 Pope Leo XIII solemnly consecrated all mankind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, calling it "the great act" of his pontificate



never under estimate The Power of God. I never thought that I would make it this far having been born Pre-Mature; diagnosed with Fourth-Stage Cancer; a bad heart and a much arduous Journey to travel, but here I am alive and well. I don't know for how long, again that is up to God, but I do know this, I wouldn't have made it this far without Him.

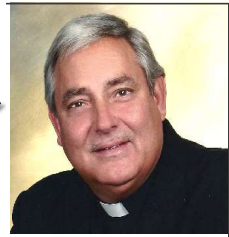
HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER PAUL

Seventy-two years ago on Aug 29, a baby boy was born to Leola Marie Lirette Bergeron and Clarence Paul Bergeron, Sr., the youngest of four boys. Born pre-mature, his newborn body could fit in a cigar box. The doctor didn't give much hope for survival as he was placed in an incubator for quite some time. They gave him the name of his father and consecrated him to Our Lord and The Blessed Mother. As miracles do happen, he began to grow in strength and soon became a thriving member of his new family. God had plans for him as he was destined to be one of His Holy Priest. I tell this story to let everyone know that nothing is impossible with Almighty God. What seems to be an impossible situation became a beautiful reality. We should

God Bless - Father Paul

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A word from FATHER PAUL BERGERON



This past Sunday we celebrated Pentecost. The disciples of Jesus were in the upper room; the same room where He instituted The Holy Eucharist and established His Holy Priesthood. So it is fitting therefore that The Gift of God which Jesus bestowed upon them-The Advocate-The Holy Spirit was an appropriate place. This gift gave them the courage to leave the room to proclaim The Gospel of The Lord. As you and I have received this same gift at Baptism and Confirmation, we too must leave our upper rooms to continue The Work of Jesus. We cannot, like some religions, believe that as long as we are saved we need not worry. This is a falsity making it all too simple. We know that we are to do good works and work for our salvation. As St. James says "Faith without good works is a dead faith". We have been charged by Jesus like the Apostles of old to go out to those in need "For if you do good to the least of my brothers, you do them to ME". Therefore, let us go out then with The Spirit of Jesus Christ to make a difference in this world-AMEN.

God Bless you all-Fr. Paul.

COME ON A MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE
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SAVE THE DATE
 AUGUST 29 is Father Paul's
 Birthday. He'll be 72 years
 young. Remember to wish
 him a Happy Birthday.



*May God
 BLESS YOU
 Father Paul
 with abundant
 JOY
 on your birthday
 & ALWAYS*

**THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF
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 SEE PAGE 8 FOR INFORMATION
 3 PM CONFESSION & ROSARY ~ 4 PM MASS
 CELEBRANT: FATHER PAUL BERGERON



UPPER ROOM PRAYER CENACLE
 invites you to join us on Jim Bowie Road in Houma at the
 SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF
 COMPASSIONATE PROTECTION
 Catholic faithful from the Diocese of Houma Thibodaux, every
First Saturday at 3pm-4:15pm

to pray the Rosary, the Angeles, Litany of Loretto and to consecrate themselves to Our Lady. The Cenacle is dedicated to Our Lady in all her titles. Visitors to the room are invited to bring their favorite picture of Our Lady with their name so their prayer intentions will be offered during each gathering. Over 300 pictures of Mary cover the walls.

DAYS TO REMEMBER

- July 2 - Upper Room Prayer Cynical/Houma
- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 15 - Begin St Sharbel Novena
- July 16 - Our Lady of Mt Carmel Feast Day
- July 17 - No Mass in Houma (Sunday)
- July 22 - St Mary Magdalene Feast Day
- July 24 - St Sharbel Feast Day
- July 26 - Sts Joachim & Anne, 150th Annual Novena
- Aug 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord
 - Upper Room Prayer Cynical/Houma
- Aug 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Aug 17 - SPECIAL Houma Mass - Wed 4pm Mass
- Aug 22 - Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Aug 29 - Father Paul's Birthday (wish him well)
- Sept 3 - Upper Room Prayer Cynical/Houma
- Sept 5 - Labor Day/Medjugorje Pilgrimage begins

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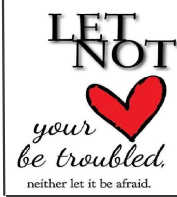
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The CHAPEL in MARY'S HELPERS' in Marrero will have a SPECIAL prayer hour each Tuesday at Noon. Let's try to pray together here for peace in the world and here at home. Please join us.

Do not let your hearts be troubled

May 23, 2022

Dear Family of Mary!



The Gospel for Holy Mass on Sunday, May 22, 2022 was from John 14:23-29. I want to quote one verse:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid...” (Jn 14:27)

Jesus was very careful to explain to the Apostles that His peace is not the kind of peace that the world offers. They should not look for worldly peace. Only Jesus can give us peace. But don't we still fall into the trap of looking for worldly answers to our anxieties? Hoping for peace from that source?

Here is a beautiful, inspired, and absolutely true description of where to find true peace, written by Caryll Houselander many years ago. Everything Caryll said so many years ago applies to us today! Please read this short excerpt slowly and prayerfully. She is speaking to us right now. Our Mother is speaking to us through her. This is how we will bring in the Triumph!

“Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid”

Too many anxious Christians today think that their efforts to preach and teach and enter into outward activities can do more to save the world than the surrender of their souls to God, to become Christ-bearers.

They believe that they can do more than our Lady did, and they have not time to stop to consider the absurdity of this.

They fear that if the world goes on hurling itself into disaster, as it seems to be doing now, Christ's kingdom may be defeated. This is not so; Christ has given his word that he will be with and in his little flock until the end of the world.

However dark our days seem to be for Christianity, they are not so dark as the night following the crucifixion must have seemed to the apostles. For that night Christ had already prepared them. He told them to wait: to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. He told them that he was going away, that they would no longer see him and know the consolation of his presence with them, but that it was better for them that he should go, and that the condition for the coming of the Holy Spirit, through whom he would live on in them, was his going (Jn 16:7-8).

Christ himself prepared for his Resurrection by resting in the tomb, just as he had prepared for his birth by resting in his Mother's womb.

He did not call the legions of angels he could have called to fight back the forces of evil that had crucified him; he simply lay in the tomb at rest and, at the appointed moment in time, rose from death to renew the life of the whole world.

The apostles, like the modern apostles, were afraid, and with good cause.... They, with the Mother of Christ, alone stood for Christ's kingdom, and the murderous hatred of Christ's enemies pointed straight at them.

But Christ told them simply to wait in the city until the Holy Spirit came to them; not to run away, not to make plans of their own, not to be troubled, with either their own recent failure and sin or concerning the danger that fenced them all around, but only to wait, with his Mother among them, for the coming of the Comforter who would make them strong, heal their wounds, wash the stains from their souls, and be their joy.

Christ does not change, the preparation for the coming of the Spirit is the same today as two thousand years ago, whether it be for the rebirth of Christ in one soul that is in the hard winter, or for the return of Christ from the grave, whose blood is shed again by the martyrs.

The preparation is the same: the still, quiet mind, acceptance, and remaining close to the Mother of God, resting in her rest while the life of the world grew within her towards the flowering of everlasting joy.

Caryll Houselander († 1954) was a British artist, poet, and spiritual author. / From The Risen Christ. Sheed & Ward Publishers, 1958.

Our job is to remain close to the Mother of God, resting in her rest while the life of the world grows within her - Jesus, Our Life! This is how we will be safe and save others! Our Lady only wants one thing, to be with us and help us to wait for her Son. She said, early on in the apparitions:

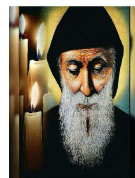
Saturday, February 25, 1984

**“Know that I love all of you.
Know that you are all mine.
To no one do I desire to give more than to you.
Come to me all of you.
Stay with me.
I want to be your Mother.
Come, I desire all of you.”**

If we stay close to Mary, she will teach us to wait for her Son, to pray as she prays, and to believe as she believes. In this will be our hope and our victory. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid!

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph!
Cathy Nolan
Mary TV

**“Where the rosary is recited,
there will be days of peace and
tranquility.”** *St John Bosco*



St. Sharbel Makhlouf Feast day: Jul 24

On July 24, the Catholic Church celebrates the life of St. Sharbel Makhlouf, a Maronite Catholic priest, monk, and hermit who is known for working miracles both during his life and after his death.

On the occasion of his beatification in 1965, the Eastern Catholic hermit was described by Pope Paul VI as “a new, eminent member of monastic sanctity,” who “through his example and his intercession is enriching the entire Christian people.”

Born into humble circumstances in Lebanon during 1828, Youssef Antoun Makhlouf was the youngest of Antoun Zaarour Makhlouf and Brigitta Elias al-Shediyah's five children. Antoun, who had been taken away from the family and forced into hard labor, died when his youngest son was only three.

Youssef studied at the parish school and tended to his family's cow. Engaged in prayer and solitude from a early age, he spent a great deal of time outdoors in the fields and pastures near his village, contemplating God amid the inspiring views of Lebanon's valleys and mountains.

His uncle and guardian Tanious wanted the boy to continue working with him, while his mother wanted him to marry a young woman. Youssef had other plans, however, and left home in 1851 without informing anyone.

Youssef would become “Brother Sharbel,” after making a pilgrimage on foot to his new monastic home. In this, he followed the example of his maternal uncles, who were already living as solitary monks at the Hermitage of Saint Paul in the Qadisha Valley.

Sharbel took his monastic vows in November of 1853, during a solemn ceremony which was closed to the public and off-limits even to his family. He subsequently studied for the priesthood and was ordained, returning to the Monastery of St. Maron.

The priest-monk lived and served in the monastery for 19 years, showing great devotion to the life of prayer, manual work, and contemplative silence.

Sharbel's superiors observed God's “supernatural power” at work in his life, and he became known as a wonder-worker even among some Muslims. In 1875, he was granted permission to live as a solitary monk in a nearby hermitage dedicated to Saints Peter and Paul.

Rigorous asceticism, and a profound union with God, continued to characterise the monk's life for the next 23 years. Deeply devoted to God's Eucharistic presence, he suffered a stroke while celebrating the Divine Liturgy of the Maronite Catholic Church on December 16, 1898. He died on Christmas Eve of that year.

St. Sharbel's tomb has been a site for pilgrimages since his death. Hundreds of miracles are believed to have occurred through his intercession with God, both in Lebanon and around the world.

He was canonised in 1977 by Pope Paul VI, who had earlier hailed the Lebanese Maronite saint as an “admirable flower of sanctity blooming on the stem of the ancient monastic traditions of the East.”

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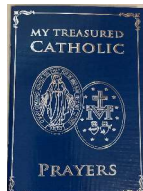
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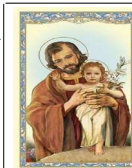
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THE ORDER OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Good News from "Sister Anne"

Thank you for your ongoing prayers for the Order of the Mother of God! Although the political news is depressing, and even alarming because Satan appears to have the upper hand, the Mother of God has a plan to triumph over everything. It's our duty, as Theotokans, to radiate hope, confidence and encouragement! Bear witness with your smile! Yes, weep over sins in your heart, but when you radiate Christian joy, it throws the demons into despair!

I'd like to share information about our 5 new videos of live-recordings of Theotokans praying 5 holy hours from "Mary's Prayers." We've collected prayers from modern apparitions and provide a chart so that you can find the reference. You can follow the prayers on screen – or – purchase the booklet from Mary's Helpers gift shop (see pg. 5) – or – download the free pdf at <https://tinyurl.com/yckkr4mr> Links to the videos are at the end of this article.

The Holy Spirit has blown me into Tulsa, Oklahoma where I have many friends who attended our 2020 Spiritual First Responders Conference. My plan is to hunker down this summer and, with the help of fresh volunteers sent by Our Lady, bring many projects to a conclusion: upgrade the website, write the Constitutions now that most of the French documents are in English, complete the Gregorian hymns-on-video project, produce new videos on various topics.

If you would like to receive news of the progress of Mary's new Order which I hope, in due time, to establish in Louisiana, subscribe to the "House of Mary" website – <https://houseofmaryomd.org> and check out these videos at our MarianNews YouTube channel

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<https://youtube.com/playlist=PLGfKsM6-ZzkWrfInFoSpC5lw9qpzqBIht>

MEDJUGORJE: THE FIRST APPARITIONS JUNE 24, 1981

Before June 24, 1981 Medjugorje (which in Croatian means "between the mountains" and is pronounced "Medg-yu-gor-ye") is just a tiny farming village lost in a harsh and desolate corner of the former Yugoslavia. From that date everything has changed and that village has become one of the most important centers of popular religiosity of Christianity.

What happened on June 24, 1981? For the first time (the first of a long series still in progress), Our Lady appeared to a group of local kids to deliver to the world a message of peace and conversion through prayer and fasting.

Apparitions in Medjugorje: The First Day

It is the late afternoon of Wednesday, June 24, 1981, the feast of St. John the Baptist, when six kids between 12 and 20 years are walking on Mount Crnica (today called the Apparition Hill) and in a stony area called Podbrdo they see in the sky a evanescent figure of a beautiful and luminous young woman with a child in her arms. The six young people are Ivanka Ivankovic (15), Mirjana Dragicevic (16), Vicka Ivankovic (16), Ivan Dragicevic (16), 4 of the 6 current visionaries, plus Ivan Ivankovic (20) and Milka Pavlovic (12 years). They immediately understand that the figure is the Virgin Mary, even if the apparition does not speak and only makes the sign to approach her, but they are very scared and run away. At home they tell what happened but the adults, frightened by the possible consequences (don't forget that the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was officially atheist) told them to shut up.

Apparitions in Medjugorje: The Second Day

The news, however, is so resounding that it spreads quickly in the village and the following day, June 25 '81, a group of curious gather in the same place and at the same time in the hope of a new Apparition, which is not slow to come. Among them are the kids of the previous day, except Ivan Ivankovic and Milka, who will no longer see the Madonna despite being present at the subsequent Apparitions. Instead, Marija Pavlovic (16), Milka's eldest sister, and the young 10-year-old Jakov Colo are there to see with the other 4 the "Gospa", the Madonna: this time She appears on a cloud and without a child, always beautiful and bright. The group of six visionaries chosen by the Blessed Virgin is so firmly formed, and this is why the anniversary of the Apparitions is celebrated on June 25 of each year, as expressly decided by the Virgin herself.

This time, at the sign of the Gospa all 6 young visionaries run fast among rocks, brambles and weeds towards the top of the mountain. Even though the trail was not marked, they did not even get a scratch and lately tell that they felt "transported" by a mysterious force. Our Lady appears smiling, dressed in a shiny silver-gray dress with a white veil covering her black hair; She has loving blue eyes and is crowned by 12 stars. Her voice is sweet "like music". She has few words with the youngsters, pray with them and promise to come back.

Apparitions in Medjugorje: The Third Day

On Friday, June 26, 1981, more than 1,000 people gathered, attracted by a bright glow. Vicka, on the advice of some elders, throws a bottle of holy water on

the Apparition to verify if the figure is a celestial or demonic entity. "If you are the Madonna stay with us, if you are not, go away!" she exclaims strongly. Our Lady smiles and at the direct question of Mirjana, "What's your name?", for the first time She says "I am the Blessed Virgin Mary". She repeats the word "Peace" several times and, when the apparition is over and the visionaries leave the hill, She appears again but only to Marija, crying and with the Cross behind Her. Her words are sadly premonitory: "The world can only be saved through Peace, but the whole world will have peace only if it finds God... Reconcile yourselves, be brothers ...". Ten years later, on June 26, 1991, the Balkan War broke out, a fierce and inhuman war right in the heart of Europe that completely redesigned Yugoslavia.

Apparitions in Medjugorje: The Fourth Day

On Saturday, June 27, 81 the 6 visionaries are summoned to the police office and undergo a first long interrogation that also includes medical-psychiatric examinations, after which they are declared perfectly sane. Once freed, they run to the hill not to miss the fourth Apparition. Our Lady answers various questions about the role of priests ("They must be firm in the Faith and help you, they must protect the people's Faith") and the need to believe even without the apparitions.

Apparitions in Medjugorje: The Fifth Day

On Sunday, June 28, 1981 a large crowd of people from all the neighboring areas began to gather from the early hours, so that at noon there are more than 15,000 people waiting for the Apparition: an impressive spontaneous gathering that is unprecedented in a country led by a communist government. The Blessed Virgin looks happy, prays with the visionaries and answers their questions.

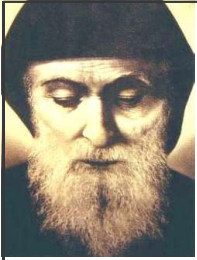
Sunday is also the day when the parish priest of Medjugorje, Father Jozo Zovko, come back home from a trip and is amazed by what he is told, so he speaks to the visionaries to evaluate their good faith. In the beginning he is skeptical and fears that what is happening is just a mount of the communist regime to discredit the Church, but the words of the 6 young people, so spontaneous and with no contradictions, slowly win its reserves. At this moment, however, he decides to be prudent and not blindly support the six kids.

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Our Lady's Annual Apparition to Ivanka

The visionary Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez had her regular annual apparition on June 25th 2022. At her last daily apparition on May 7, 1985, Our Lady confided to Ivanka the 10th secret and told her that she would have an apparition once a year on the anniversary of the apparitions. It was that way also this year. The apparition, which lasted 5 minutes (18:34h - 18:39h), took place at Ivanka's family home. Only Ivanka's family was present at the apparition. After the apparition, Ivanka said:

Our Lady gave the following message: "Little children, pray, pray, pray." Our Lady blessed us all



Saint Sharbel
MORE STORIES OF JESUS
HEALING THROUGH ST SHARBEL
PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS
COUNTRIES, RELIGIONS AND
BACKGROUNDS.

These letters have come from people that wish to share the great news of miracles, cures and wonders performed by St Sharbel. The people have also asked for St Sharbel's intercession to protect their family, friends and country. The people have also requested blessed oil, water, incense and relics of St Sharbel to give to the sick, disabled and dying.

A Saint Sharbel Moment,
Miraculous Healing of a Baby's
Heart

The names have been changed for privacy reasons.

We have come to know that Almighty God has manifested the power of Saint Sharbel's intercession by numerous favors and miracles, and I wish to share a St. Sharbel miraculous moment with you.

The compassion of Saint Sharbel in this memorable story began in June of 2021 when I was invited to have dinner at my daughter, Kate's house along with her husband, Matt and his parents, John and Jane who had traveled from Florida for a visit. John and Jane were just stopping by for a lay-over on a trip to see the birth of their grandchild. The birth of this child was very special as his parents', Joe and Lucy had been trying to get pregnant for seven years. Finally, a baby had been conceived and was on his way.

The birth of a new baby is an exciting event, but sadly, a prenatal diagnosis through an ultrasound detected a rare congenital heart defect in which the heart's lower two chambers, the ventricles, are reversed in their position. The right ventricle is on the left, and the left ventricle is on the right. This is a serious birth defect.

It was anticipated that the baby would need immediate pediatric cardiac surgery by a team of experts. It was also expected that the infant would spend up to four weeks in the hospital for recovery after the procedure.

In catching up with John and Jane, as I'd not seen them for two years, I began to talk about Catholic shrine where I currently work. I talked about the pilgrims, the devotions, the shrines and the thanksgiving for prayers answered. The soon to be new grandparents asked me the question, "Who would you pray to for the baby who was already known to have a serious heart defect?" The first thought that came to my mind was Saint Sharbel.

I shared all I knew about Saint Sharbel. I suggested, if they were open to the idea, that we pray a Novena to Saint Sharbel together. The next day I got Novena booklets, literature on the history of Saint Sharbel and Saint Sharbel Devotional Oil which contains a tiny relic of cloth. I took these items to Ralph and Sue before they got back on the road.

We four (my daughter, the baby's grandparents and myself) prayed the Novena to Saint Sharbel each day for a miraculous healing of Baby Eric's little heart. I was able to pray at the Saint Sharbel Shrine and before the Saint Sharbel relic at the shrine.

When John and Jane arrived, the expectant parents Lucy and Joe began to pray the Novena to Saint Sharbel as well with expectant faith and hope.

By way of a text I suggested that the expectant mother be anointed with The Sign of The Cross with the Saint Sharbel oil, and that her belly be anointed with the holy oil as well prior to delivery, which they did.

Prayers for the intercession of Saint Sharbel were continuously and fervently offered for

the healing of Baby Eric's heart defect.

On the ninth day of the Saint Sharbel Novena Eric was born. Although a team of pediatric heart specialists was at hand, it was discovered that the anticipated heart defect was not nearly as serious as expected. There was no need for the infant to be rushed into emergency heart repair surgery.

Miraculously the right ventricle was on the right side, and the left ventricle was on the left side as it should be.

There is a hole in the lower chamber of the baby's heart, but a procedure to repair the hole will not be done until Eric is four months old. With continued prayers to Saint Sharbel, I am confident the tiny hole will be repaired through Divine Intervention.

Praise to God and thanksgiving to Saint Sharbel for the healthy heart of Baby Eric.

LEBANON

Marie-Therese Sfeir

Before the birth of Marie-Therese her parents had a boy which they discovered his blood was contaminated. He only lived one month in hospital and eventually passed away. When Marie-Therese was born, she also had contaminated blood and would eventually pass away. Her parents prayed to St Sharbel and they visited the monastery wishing that their daughter could recover from her contaminated blood. St Sharbel responded to their prayers and Marie-Therese was born and free of contaminated blood. Marie-Therese parents registered the miracle on 4/11/2005.

Elias Awad

Elias was infected with a disease in his leg and he was unable to walk for three years. All medical efforts couldn't relieve him from his pains. Then he prayed for St Sharbel who appeared to him and he healed him. Elias registered the miracle on 05/29/2005.

Ghazy Stephan

Ghazy was infected with cancer which spread all over his body. He underwent a surgical operation and more than 30 sessions of chemotherapy. Ghazy parish priest, Father Albert Assaf, brought him a tissue blessed from the body of St Sharbel. He rubbed his head, chest and stomach. At that moment Ghazy recovered and there was no need for the chemotherapy. After two years, Ghazy did the necessary medical tests and he was cleared from cancer. Ghazy visited the monastery of St Maroun in Annaya, Mount Lebanon with the priest to say thank you to St Sharbel. Ghazy registered the miracle on 05/18/2005

Healing Testimony of Bashir Youssef Karam

Mr. Bashir Youssef Karam born, in Kfour, Keserwan in 1977, is married to Mrs. Lilian Nicolas Al-Karout with three kids. He is the owner of a company, he speaks about his health supported by medical reports.

"In April 2016, I suffered from pain in my stomach. I went to Keserwan Medical Center, where I was under the care of Dr. Lara Younan. After undergoing many medical tests, x-rays, and radiology, the doctors concluded that the cancer spread in my stomach and was at an advanced level. I was notified that I had a month to live and there was no hope for recovery.

After spending a few days at the hospital, I returned home. Before going to sleep, I prayed wholeheartedly to my patron Saint, Saint Sharbel. I told him with all honesty that I do not fear death. I also told him that I place my family, my wife and

kids in his loving care.

I fell asleep like a little baby, peace in mind, and the belief that I would wake up healthy and healed. I had a strong feeling that Saint Sharbel would never leave my side and that he would heal me.

I went for a checkup at Saint Joseph Hospital in Dora. After reviewing the previous report, the doctor decided that I should undergo another MRI to check how the cancer is spreading in comparison to the previous report that he saw.

Before this checkup, I was in a good psychological state and I had total confidence that Saint Sharbel had healed me. I underwent the MRI test several times over because the doctor could not find any signs of cancer in my stomach. I was healed.

I came to thank Saint Sharbel for gratitude and for the grace of the miracle. This miracle was registered on the 14th of October 2021.

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REVERSAL OF ROE VS WADE
JUNE 24, 2022

Celebrating the reversal of Roe v. Wade, which came down June 24, 2022 on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus AND the Anniversary of Our Lady's first apparition in Medjugorje as Queen of Peace on June 24, 1981!!

Prayer for the Unborn

Lord Jesus,

- You who faithfully visit and fulfill with your Presence the Church and the history of men; You who in the miraculous Sacrament of your Body and Blood render us participants in divine Life and allow us a foretaste of the joy of eternal Life; We adore and bless you.

- Prostrated before You, source and lover of Life, truly present and alive among us, we beg you.

- Reawaken in us respect for every unborn life, make us capable of seeing in the fruit of the maternal womb the miraculous work of the Creator, open our hearts to generously welcoming every child that comes into life.

- Bless all families, sanctify the union of spouses, and render fruitful their love.

- Accompany the choices of legislative assemblies with the light of your Spirit, so that peoples and nations may recognize and respect the sacred nature of life, of every human life.

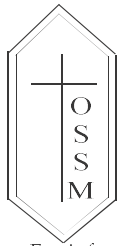
- Guide the work of scientists and doctors, so that all progress contributes to the integral well-being of the person, and no one endures suppression or injustice.

- Give creative charity to administrators and economists, so they may realize and promote sufficient conditions so that young families can serenely embrace the birth of new children.

- Console the married couples who suffer because they are unable to have children and in Your goodness provide for them.

- Teach us all to care for orphaned or abandoned children, so they may experience the warmth of your Charity, the consolation of your divine Heart.

- Together with Mary, Your Mother, the great believer, in whose womb you took on our human nature, we wait to receive from You, our Only True Good and Savior, the strength to love and serve life, in anticipation of living forever in You, in communion with the Blessed Trinity.



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**SPECIAL HOUMA MASS
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There will be a dedication for the new
plaque that will adorn the very spot where
Mary appeared to Louis Saia at our monthly
mass on August 17 at 4pm on Jim Bowie
Road in Houma. Louis Saia will be there
and Father Paul to bless and place the
plaque. If all goes our way, we will also
have a new statue next to the porch of Our
Lady. Please come help us celebrate this
momentous occasion.

Ultimo Mensaje, 25 de junio de 2022

"¡Queridos hijos Me regocijo con ustedes y les
agradezco por cada sacrificio y oración que han
ofrecido por mis intenciones. Hijitos, no olviden
que son importantes en mi plan de salvación de
la humanidad. Regresen a Dios y a la oración para
que el Espíritu Santo obre en ustedes y a través
de ustedes. Hijitos, yo estoy con ustedes en estos
días en que Satanás lucha por fomentar la guerra y
el odio. La división es fuerte y el mal actúa en el hombre
como nunca antes. Gracias por haber respondido a
mi llamado." Gracias por haber respondido a mi
llamado."

Ultimo Mensaje, 25 de mayo de 2022

"¡Queridos hijos! Los miro y doy gracias a Dios por cada uno de
ustedes, porque Él me ha permitido estar todavía con ustedes, para
animarlos a la santidad. Hijitos, la paz está deteriorada y Satanás quiere
la tribulación. Por lo tanto, que su oración sea aún más fuerte a fin
de que todo espíritu impuro de división y de guerra sea silenciado.
Sean constructores de paz y portadores de la alegría del Resucitado
en ustedes y a su alrededor, para que el bien triunfe en cada hombre.
Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado."

How to say: *The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy*

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., The Apostles' Creed.

Then on the Our Father beads
say:

**'Eternal Father, I offer You the
Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity
of Your dearly beloved Son, Our
Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement
for our sins and those of the
whole world.'**

On the Hail Mary beads say:

**'For the sake of His sorrowful
Passion, have mercy on us and
on the whole world.'**

In conclusion say" (three times)

**'Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy
Immortal One, have mercy on us
and the whole world.'**

**The Hour
of DIVINE
MERCY**

**THE THREE
O'CLOCK
PRAYER**



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July/August Newsletter. Stay Tuned.



**AMAZING GRACE... how sweet the
sound.. that saved a wretch like me..**

Therefore, little children, in humility of heart
return to God and to His commandments
so that with all of your heart you are able to say:
as it is in Heaven so may it be on earth

"Little Children,

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY"

Our Lady of Medjugorje 6/25/22

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HIS FORGIVENESS OF SINS,
CONVERSION AND DO ACTS
OF REPARATIONS**

"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