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MEDJUGORJE
November 25, 2022

“Dear children! The Most High has sent me to you to teach you prayer. Prayer opens hearts and gives hope, and faith is born and strengthened. Little children, with love I am calling you: return to God, because God is love and your hope. You do not have a future if you do not decide for God; and that is why I am with you to guide you to decide for conversion and life, and not for death. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

MEDJUGORJE
December 25, 2022

“Dear children! Today I am carrying my Son Jesus to you, that you may be His peace and a reflection of clarity and joy of Heaven. Pray, little children, to be open to receive peace because many hearts are closed to the call of the light, which changes hearts. I am with you and am praying for you to open yourselves to receive the King of peace, Who fills your hearts with warmth and blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

*"I have set before you
LIFE and DEATH.
Blessing and cursing: therefore
CHOOSE LIFE"*
Deuteronomy 30:19

**Meditation on the
November 25, 2022
Message**
by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM

Mary our beloved Mother, an expert on prayer was chosen by God from the beginning of her life and prepared by the Holy Spirit to be a Virgin and Mother of our Lord, Jesus. She is spiritually oriented to prayer. Her parents, Saint Anne and Joachim brought her to the Jewish convent to prepare her to a life of prayer and service.

Mary's first words with the Archangel Gabriel were words of prayer. This is also the church's prayer, "Hail Mary Full of Grace" and Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth gives us her beautiful prayer, The Magnificat "Mary rejoices in prayer to the Lord" (Luke 1:46-55) "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on His lowly servant."

Mary is with us by election of the Lord God, to teach us prayers to open hearts. It gives both hope and faith and strengthens our relationship with God.

Mary is calling us in love, to return to God because God is love and is your hope. "We do not have a future if we do not turn to God." Mary has come with this purpose in mind; to impress on our minds and hearts **to decide now! To turn and follow God!** For conversion and prayer with God, gives life and love with your neighbor; not death. Hate, violence or living without purpose of love means DEATH!

Respond to Mary. She thanks and praises us with her soul, that we can choose love, God and your mother.

Love, Father Al



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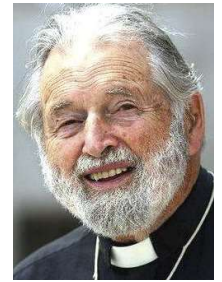
The 25th of December, Mary brings Jesus into our world in her arms! This is a sign of prayer, supplication and intimacy. A mother's love with us! "Today, I am carrying my Son Jesus to you, that you may be His peace!" (Requirement of our surrendering) "Pray that others may be open to receive peace." Mary promises to be with us to help many hearts that are closed to the call of the light that changes hearts. If we let ourselves be ruled by the King of Peace, it will transform our lives.

The goal of Christmas is to receive the King of Peace who fills our hearts with warmth and blessings. This is indeed the best way to start our new lives this coming year.

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.
Love Father Al

*Unto Us
Savior's Born* Merry Christmas
Everyone and A
Happy New Year!

OUR ANGELS IN HEAVEN
MERRY CHRISTMAS
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



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



**The love and the laugh
of Father Jeanfreau of
Immaculate Conception
Church and School
will be missed.**

December 7, 2022
By Peter Finney Jr.
Clarion Herald

Father Jeanfreau, 60, died Nov. 28 in an accident in his woodworking shop on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Parish. The Jefferson Parish Coroner's Office classified his death as accidental blunt-force trauma.

Those who knew Father Jimmy Jeanfreau said he had a zest for life manifested through his love for parishioners and students at Immaculate Conception Parish in Marrero as well as through his tireless support of the church's universal call for Catholics to be missionaries for the faith.

"Father Jimmy was a homegrown missionary who lived life to the fullest," said Kristie Vollentine, who worked with Father Jeanfreau in his role as executive director of the archdiocesan Pontifical Mission Societies. "He embraced his life of mission with a zeal like no other. He loved his family, his

IN HONOR OF

Thanks to everyone who donates each year in honor of Margaret and Gayle. You and your family are in our prayers and I'm sure Margaret and Gayle are watching over you too. *God Bless You !!*

faith communities, his brother priests, his church parish and his mission office as if all of these were gifts from God."

Father Jeanfreau, who had a master's degree in oceanographic engineering, used his woodworking skills not just as a hobby to relax but also to create gifts for friends and coworkers. He hand-crafted large and small pieces – candy bowls for the desk, dip bowls, a chopping board, a school bell with a wooden handle and holder, jewelry cases – and often sold them to raise funds at parish events.

He signed each piece with a wooden stamp of a large tree encircled by the words: "Handcrafted by Fr. Jimmy-NOLA."

"He was always making gifts," DiMarco said. "He actually built a small pond that he filled with water and coy fish. I think we're going to name it Father Jimmy's Mission Pond."

Father Jeanfreau attended St. Mary Magdalen School in Metairie and St. John Vianney Prep and East Jefferson High School. He attended Louisiana State University, Florida Atlantic University, Duke University and Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He earned a bachelor of science degree in engineering, a master's in oceanographic engineering from Florida Atlantic and a master of divinity from Notre Dame Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of New Orleans on May 30, 1992, and served as parochial vicar at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Belle Chasse, St. Catherine of Siena in Metairie and St. Luke the Evangelist in Slidell.

His pastorates were at St. Jerome in Kenner and Immaculate Conception in Marrero. Father Jeanfreau also served as chaplain at Cabrini High School, Pope John Paul II High School and Ursuline Academy.

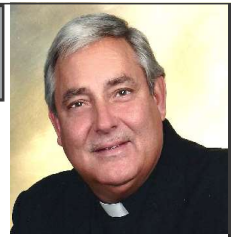
His Funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 6 at Immaculate Conception Church. He was buried in the tomb for archdiocesan priests at St. Louis Cemetery No. 3 in New Orleans.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Father Jeanfreau's name to the Pontifical Mission Societies, UNO Newman Center, 2000 Lakeshore Dr., New Orleans, LA 70148.

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A word from **FATHER PAUL BERGERON**



As we enter the season of advent, we must remember that it is a season of joy for the anticipation of the birth of the Lord. Unlike lent when the only joy comes from the end with the resurrection, this season has all of our hope, love, joy and promises which can only

come with great expectation of a redeeming child. Mary, chosen to bring forth this child, becomes in essence the very first tabernacle. She is the New Eve with a giving heart, the light of her son to all the world. She made sure, along with Joseph that the Christ Child was made comfortable laying his precious head on a manger of straw. You know I can remember a beautiful religious family years ago that told me of an advent custom they had with their children, to teach them the importance of doing God's work. They would put a stack of hay near the empty manger and whenever the children did something good, they would put a few straws of hay inside the manger for Baby Jesus, but when they did something bad, they would have to take it out and start all over again. Then at Christmas they would all rejoice because Jesus had a place to lay his head and the children made it possible. Isn't that a touching custom? One of which we too might embrace. Let us then with joy prepare our hearts to receive our newly Born King!

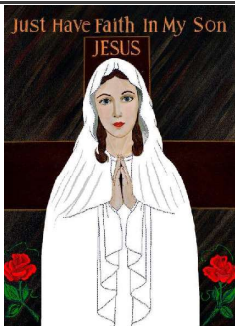
May I take this opportunity to wish you and yours the **GREATEST CHRISTMAS EVER**. God Bless-Fr Paul

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF COMPASSIONATE PROTECTION HOUMA MASS EVERY MONTH ON THE 17th

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**CELEBRANT: FATHER PAUL BERGERON
JIM BOWIE ROAD IN HOUMA, LA**



DAYS TO REMEMBER

- Jan 1- *New Year's Day 2022-Solemnity of Mary*
- Jan 6-Epiphany of Our Lord
- Jan 7- *Upper Room Prayer Cenacle/Houma*
- Jan 8- Baptism of Our Lord
- Jan 17-*Houma Mass TUESDAY 4pm*
- Jan 22-Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn
- Feb 2-Presentation of Our Lord
- Feb 4- *Upper Room Prayer Cenacle/Houma*
- Feb 5-*Mary's Helpers Anniversary Mass*
- Feb 11-Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day
- Feb 14-St Valentine Feast Day
- Feb 17-*Houma Mass FRIDAY 4pm*
- Feb 21-Holy Face of Jesus Feast Day
- Feb 22- Ash Wednesday (Fast & Abstinence)
- Mar 4- *Upper Room Prayer Cenacle/Houma*

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 written on it so their prayer intentions will be offered during each gathering. Over 300 pictures of Mary cover the walls.

Please pray for Louis Saia who is battling some health issues. May Jesus and our Mother Mary bless him with new health in the coming year.

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"The Lord manifests Himself to those who stop for some time in peace and humility of heart. If you look in murky and turbulent waters, you cannot see the reflection of your face. If you want to see the face of Christ, stop and collect your thoughts in silence, and close the door of your soul to the noise of external things." St. Anthony of Padua

**FATHER PETER MARY
ROOKEY
AND HIS MIRACLE**

Testimony of FAITH by: Linda Harrison



Continued from Sep/Oct Newsletter

Did I have pancreatic cancer? When I went for the biopsy, I can remember the doctor coming to the room next to mine and I heard him tell the young lady there that she did not have cancer. My mind was set. I was sure I didn't have it either. But when he came in my room, his news was different. It looked like I had pancreatic cancer. My faith began to take over, just like it had for the young woman in the article who had remained so positive through her pancreatic cancer ordeal. **Faith chased away my fear.**

My next step was to see an oncologist. When he came in, he had positive aura about him. He glowed with hope. We were gonna get through this. It was Stage 1B. This was not necessarily a death sentence. I had a chance to beat this. He prescribed six treatments of the strongest possible chemotherapy one could take, one every other week. By the time I got to the third session, the Holy Spirit spoke to me saying "Linda you are about to be challenged." Despite being very sick from the effects of the treatments, I realized that many of the sick people taking chemo around me really needed my prayers. Their pain humbled me. I had so many prayer warriors praying for me. These people needed my prayers. The pregnant mother that was taking chemo, the gentleman who celebrated because he had regained 2 pounds despite the chemo, the lady who laid there unaware of what was happening around her and whose husband looked very concerned.

There is healing when you pray for others. Share your graces with others who are in need of them. Those who don't have others offering up adoration hours for them, mass intentions for them, rosaries for them. So I prayed for them.

The first surgery was to remove the polycystic cysts.

Once they removed the large cysts they could see exactly what they were up against with the cancerous mass. By God's grace, everything went very well. Three months later, after that I got my strength back, I went in for the cancer surgery on the pancreas. I was blessed that I had two incredible surgeons, one who had recently relocated to Northside Hospital from MD Anderson in Houston. The other from Mt Sinai Hospital in New York. I had these angels at my side, fighting for my life. The surgeons did not know exactly what they would have to do – they would have to decide what to keep and what to remove as they were working on me.

I kept this positive attitude. Everything was going to be okay. The sweet Holy Spirit was with me. I had my Blessed Mother with me. Jesus with me. Saint Joseph with me. All the angels and the communion of saints. From the moment I met the oncologist through the able hands of the surgeons, I knew I would beat this cancer. Their hands and hearts were guided by my loving heavenly family. How could I have any doubt?

Our God is a God of miracles. He only asks that we have faith. I survived pancreatic cancer through early detection and my faith. Thank you for letting me share my story with you. If you have an interest in my complete testimony, **tune into Catholics Come Home on EWTN on Feb 12th 8:30 Eastern/ Sunday Night.**

The Miracle Prayer of Father Peter Mary Rookey
Lord Jesus, I come before you just as I am. I am sorry for my sins, I repent of my sins, please forgive me. In your name I forgive all others for what they have done against me. I renounce Satan, the evil spirits and all their works. I give you my entire self, Lord Jesus, now and forever. I invite you into my life, Jesus. I accept you as my Lord, God and Savior. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul, and spirit. Come, Lord Jesus, cover me with your precious blood, and fill me with your Holy Spirit. I Love You, Lord Jesus. I Praise You, Jesus. I Thank You, Jesus. I shall follow you every day of my life. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, Queen of Peace, St. Peregrine, the cancer saint, all you Angels and Saints, please help me. Amen.

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at 4512 7th Street, Marrero, LA at Noon til 1pm (just 1 hour) every Tues
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Can you give Jesus one hour of your time to adore him?

PREPARE FOR LENT
Feb 22 - Apr 6, 2023
Praying, Fasting and Charitable Giving are good practices during Lent. We should also ask God every day, "What does my soul need?" or "What makes God happy?"

"The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever."
John 2:

**We will celebrate the
35th ANNIVERSARY OF
MARY'S HELPERS
on SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 5, 2023
at NOON**
**Please come help us
celebrate at:**
Visitation of Our Lady Catholic Church
3500 Ames Blvd, Marrero, LA
Arrive in time to walk in the Entrance Procession since you are part of this ministry too.

35 YEARS AGO... I was 27 years old and living in Lake Charles raising my first child at that time. I had no idea that I was going to be a part of this wonderful ministry. At 27 I was worried about other things. Oh I went to mass on Sunday like a good catholic and prayed at night before bed but I never prayed like I pray today. Mary's Helpers has brought me closer to God and Mary. I now pray the rosary daily and attend mass more often than Sunday. I also see the blessings and graces God has bestowed on me now. They were there in my life 35 years ago, but I wasn't taking the time to see them. Today I see God in a very different light. Most people don't hear him at all. Which is so sad.

It does sadden me to see my very own family that does not attend mass, much less know God. I pray for them and for all of our Mary's Helpers family that you and they will **slow down, open your hearts and minds** and see all of God's graces that he gives to you daily! God is still there loving you and helping you even if you don't know it.

Please heed the warning and slow down. *Take a breath.* Do you really need to be going 100mph? Pray daily and you will begin to see things that you have never noticed before. You will see and hear God in your hearts. And it will be so wonderful you will be walking on air. *Thank you for all your support of Mary's Helpers' ministry. We really couldn't do this without you. It sounds corny but it's soooo true!*

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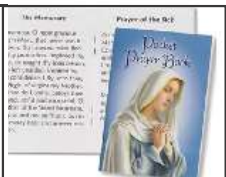
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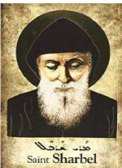
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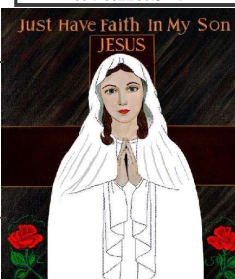


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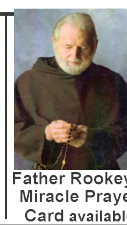
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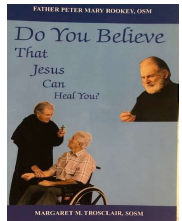
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The Story of the Miraculous Medal

Feast Day Nov 27 - Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

On November 27, 1830, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Catherine Laboure', a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. It was during that visit on November 27, that Mary asked Sister Catherine to have a medal made. Mary showed her what the medal should look like - Mary standing on the globe with a snake under her feet and rays extending from rings on her fingers to represent the graces given to us from her Son. She also asked for the words "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." She was claiming her title as the Immaculate Conception. On the back there would be a cross that was interlocked with an "M". Mary's mission is that of her Son. There would be the sorrowful hearts of Jesus and Mary at the base, indicating their communion with our suffering. Twelve stars were also included to remind us of the followers of God - the twelve tribes of Israel - twelve apostles - and us who follow in those traditions.



OUR LENTEN FASTING

- FAST** from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- FAST** from pressures and be prayerful
- FAST** from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- FAST** from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- FAST** from grudges and be reconciled
- FAST** from words and be silent so you can listen to others



Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love. Believers say God worked through his life to perform miracles and teach people how to recognize and experience true love. Before he was killed, Valentine wrote a note to encourage a friend Julia to stay close to Jesus and thank her for being his friend. He signed the note "From your Valentine" which still inspires us today.

Know that our faith is strengthened by the resurrection of Christ. The passion of Christ represents the misery of our present life, while the resurrection of Christ gives us a brilliant glimpse of the happiness of the future life. Let us apply ourselves energetically in the present life, and hope in the future. Now is the time for painful struggle; then will come the recompense. Those who are lazy about carrying out their work will be brazenly impudent if they expect the recompense."
St Augustine



GOD SAID NO!

I asked God to take away my habit. God said, No, it is not for me to take away, but for your to give it up. I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No. his spirit is whole, his body is only temporary. I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned. I asked God to give me happiness. God said No. I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you. I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No. suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me. I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No. you must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful. I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life, God said, No. I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things. I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me. God said... Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or Candlemas. It is based on the Scripture passage in Luke 2:22-40 where the Holy Family journeys to Jerusalem forty days after the birth of Jesus to present him to God and offer sacrifice in the temple. At this time Mary completes the ritual purification required of women after childbirth, and Joseph offers the sacrifice for the redemption of the firstborn, as required by the Law of Moses. The Holy Family offered two turtledoves, permitted to the poor instead of a whole lamb. During their time in the temple Simeon gave his famous prophecy about the Christ Child being a light to the Gentile nations and a sign for the Jews, and that a sword would pierce Mary's soul. On this day the Church has a special ritual involving a procession and the blessing of candles, a symbol of Christ whose birth illumined the world's darkness.

THIS DAY IS YOURS, DON'T THROW IT AWAY...

May God Bless You

Let all that you do be done with love!

Corinthians 16:14

SIX LIGHT HEARTED LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

- 1) Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. **That is Faith.**
- 2) When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. **This is Trust.**
- 3) Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. **That is Hope.**
- 4) We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That is Confidence.**
- 5) We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. **That is Love.**
- 6) On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." **That is Attitude.**

Have a blessed day and laugh a little. Peace of Christ be with you.

The righteous man Simeon takes the Child Jesus into his arms and turns to his Mother and says, "And you yourself a sword will pierce." Even before Jesus can walk, Mary is resolved "to walk just as he will walk" to his crucifixion. "Remember the sufferings which gave new radiance to the faith. All saints give testimony to the truth that without real effort, no one ever wins the crown" (Saint Thomas Becket)

MASS INTENTIONS REQUEST FORM

If you would like to offer mass intentions for you or your loved ones, living or deceased, please send us this form. We will be glad to offer these intentions up on our 17th of the month mass in Houma.

Intention for: _____ Living or Deceased

Intention for: _____ Living or Deceased



The Art of Communication and Dialogue

By Raymond Nader, President of the Family of Saint Sharbel Community
December 2014

the sand. In many other instances, he spoke with his eyes, as when he saw Peter at the trial: he looked

Communication and dialogue are some of the most important foundations upon which human relationships

are built.

Every misunderstanding in family or society is caused by a lack of communication and dialogue.

Humans need to communicate. They are social beings who neither live, nor grow in isolation; they need each other to fully develop. This is a human trait and a blessing that animals do not possess. Only humans can communicate rationally.

In this Season of the Birth of Our Lord, season of Incarnation, we see the most sublime of God's work. God gave humans the grace of communicating with him. Humans have a fundamental need to communicate with the Creator to grow in their humanity. They also need social communication: the child at home communicates emotionally with her mother and fathers. Then, when she grows up, she discovers the greatness of communicating with the Creator without whom no growth or perfection is possible. Humans delve deeply into the mystery of existence and the meaning of life through this communication with the Creator.

Saint Paul says that God has spoken to us in many ways, beginning with the prophets, but in the fullness of time he spoke to us through the Word, his son Jesus. Jesus is the communication between us and God. This is of great importance.

In our daily life, we live through many different experiences. We learn new things every day, and we take in many thoughts. All this shapes us. The human brain contains ideas, experiences, and knowledge. In interpersonal communication, all these are expressed: they proceed out of one person and are received by another. What proceeds

from one becomes part of the other and contributes to her formation. Thus God spoke to us through the Word who took flesh and lived among us. Who is the Word of God? It is Jesus, God's mind, God's experience, God's love, God's might... All these became incarnate in the Word, so that this Word may be in us. This is a big blessing and the splendor of humanity. This is the greatest historical event, the apex of communication between God and humans, whose goal is for humans to receive the perfection of their humanity from Jesus, the perfect man, and the perfection of their divinity from Jesus, the perfect God. Communication, then, takes from us and puts in the other person, and vice versa. True communication is founded on building up others.

How did Jesus communicate with people?

With his disciples: who do people say that I am? He asked them and they replied. Then he asked again, and Peter answered under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who revealed the teaching to him.

The disciples of the road to Emmaus: two disciples were walking and communicating with each other. Jesus started a dialogue with them. He walked with them, asked them, explained to them, and heard them. Jesus' communication with people inspired techniques taught today in universities. When asked if it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, Jesus asked: whose image is this? In the encounter with the blind man, Jesus came to the blind man and asked him what he wanted so that he would engage him in dialogue. We see that, in his wonderful dialogue with the Samaritan woman, Jesus entered her life and redirected her from the water that quenches earthly thirst to the deep living water that springs out of the person's depth.

In other instances, Jesus did not talk, but his silence was very eloquent. In the episode of the stoning of the adulteress, he only wrote in

at him and his look said a lot. He spoke to his disciples in parables. He drew a picture in parables. He was the first to use audio-visual aids. In sum, communication today is necessary for learning, progress, and development. Every experience we live and every word we hear shape us, either in a negative or in a positive way. But every dialogue with the other can be beneficial to us if put in the context of self-upbuilding through God's presence in us.

Communication does not need to be verbal. It is comprised of three elements: 40% audible, 50% visual, and 10% verbal. When we listen, we understand a lot from intonation. Our eyes communicate half the content, and they are the most important element of communication: eyes speak louder than words.

Saint Francis used to send out his disciples to preach and instructed them to even use their words in preaching, if necessary.

When we communicate and aim to convey an idea to another person, it is important to express it properly, then put it out there and wait for a response. We should not simply output ideas without listening to the other and understanding her.

These are the rules of communication: convey a message and wait, without coercing or imposing certain ideas on the other.

It is crucial that I accept the other who is different from me, otherwise it is no use communicating with her. I must take into consideration obstacles, language, time, place, age, etc. All this affects communication and must be taken into account.

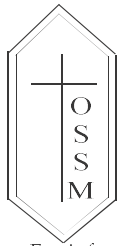
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ANNUAL APPARITION TO JAKOV ON DECEMBER 25TH

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:

December 25, 2022 Message to Jakov

“Today, when the light of Jesus’ birth is illuminating the entire world, in a special way, with Jesus in my arms, I am praying that every heart becomes a stable of Bethlehem, in which my Son will be born, so that your lives become a light of His birth. Little children, you live in peacelessness and fear. That is why, little children, today, on this day of grace, implore Jesus to strengthen your faith and to become the ruler of your lives; because, my children, only with Jesus in your lives will you not be looking at peacelessness but praying for peace and will live in peace; and you will not be looking at fear, but at Jesus Who frees us of all fears. I am your Mother who ceaselessly keeps vigil over you and I am blessing you with my Motherly blessing.”



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"¡Queridos hijos! El Altísimo me ha enviado a ustedes para enseñarles a orar. La oración abre los corazones y da esperanza; y la fe nace y se fortalece. Hijitos, yo los invito con amor: regresen a Dios porque Dios es su amor y su esperanza. Si no se deciden por Dios no tienen futuro, y por eso estoy con ustedes para guiarlos a fin de que se decidan por la conversión y la vida, y no por la muerte. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado."



"The Savior-yes, the Messiah, the Lord-has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!"
 Luke 2:11 NLTL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!
 Thank you God for the greatest gift we could ever receive!
 Hope everyone had a great day filled with joy and love!

Ultimo Mensaje, 25 de diciembre de 2022

"¡Queridos hijos! Hoy les traigo a mi Hijo Jesús para que ustedes sean Su paz y el reflejo de la serenidad y del gozo del cielo. Oren, hijitos, para que estén abiertos a recibir la paz, porque muchos corazones están cerrados al llamado de la luz que cambia los corazones. Estoy con ustedes y oro por ustedes para que se abran a recibir al Rey de la Paz, que colma sus corazones de calor y bendición. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado."

Prayer to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel – Be our constant hope.
 Mary, perfect disciple of the Lord – Make us also faithful to him.
 Mary, Flower of Carmel – Fill us with your joy.
 Virgin Mary, Beauty of Carmel – Smile upon your family
 Sweet Mother of Carmel – Accept me as your child.
 Holy, Mother beyond compare – Remember your children forever.
 Holy Virgin, Star of the Sea – Be our beacon of Light.
 Protecting Veil – Shelter us in the mantle of your love.

THE LIGHT OF JESUS CHRIST IS STRONGER THAN ANY DARKNESS

The shepherds rejoiced to hear the choir of angels sing, **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST.** Loving Father darkness is for ever changed because of the birth of the Light; Jesus Christ your Son. Take all the darkness of our lives and replace it with the radiance of our newborn Savior. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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