

Jesus Doesn't Want to be Your Boyfriend!

By Carolyn Huntzinger

Ah, June, the month of marriage for many couples. If you believe the Hollywood myth, you might have the picture in your mind that everything is beautiful in married life. You have the white picket fence, the nice house, the family car, and perfect harmony. But, hang on a minute, why are so many marriages ending in divorce? Where's the Eutopia shown in Hollywood? Where's Prince Charming and Cinderella?

So let's take a moment to reflect on marriage and what it *really* means. How many of us understand the depth of "to death us do part?" Do we still have actual role models to look up to? And how many of us walk into marriage with an attitude of giving and sacrifice, of working together for a common goal?

My own examples came from my family, namely my parents. They were devoted, loving, caring people who served each other and their family. But before you paint a perfect picture, let me put a pin in this fantasy bubble. Before I was even conceived, my dad left my mom for another woman. At the time my mom had 5 small children to raise, now all on her own, and she had to work. I don't know how I would've coped in her shoes. It wasn't long before my dad realized that the grass really wasn't greener in someone else's yard. He came back to my mom, they remarried, and then I came along. Now we have the perfect picture (if only)!

After my mom forgave and remarried my dad, they worked hard at loving. They chose to try to understand and honor each other instead of looking out each for their own interests. I still marvel at how my mom forgave and entered back into marriage with my dad, knowing that he was not a man of faith, had been unfaithful to her, and yet she was willing to put the past where it belonged, in the past. She never spoke a bad word to me about my dad. I was taught that he was a great man to be highly respected and cared for, and that is what she did. I am so thankful for that beautiful example of love.

Beyond this, Jesus is the example of love for us. He wants to be in covenant with us, totally exchanging all He is for all of who we are! He gave all He is to us, His church! Not exactly a beneficial or easy exchange! He is the Bridegroom. He doesn't want to be your boyfriend. He wants you for his Bride! And the price for this exchange was His death. He came to the world to save us from our sin.

Our cultural standard today in married life is to stay married as long as we are happy and satisfied. I'm so glad Jesus does not desert us when we are unfaithful to Him or betray Him. He doesn't walk away when we choose a life of sin, never leaves us abandoned, but has arms open wide with mercy, inviting us back into His loving embrace.

Now I'm not delusional, thinking I'm Jesus, but I believe we can become more like Him when we stretch our spiritual muscles, practicing the virtues of hope, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness and generosity. We become like Him as we receive His body and His blood.

Do you struggle with unforgiveness, with not letting go of the past hurts your spouse has caused you? Marriage in Christ (in the Church) is really worth fighting for. There is great power in a married couple ready to pull together and work hard at loving. We are to be the example on earth of Christ and His church.

It has been a long time since we have had a marriage retreat. We know the battle. It is at the core of our lives: we fight for family, for marriage. This takes sacrifice and commitment from both spouses. We also have the responsibility of teaching our children a better way than the world shows them. So I challenge

you to commit to a weekend together at our Marriage Retreat. It is worth it.

Come join me in delving into the mystery of married life. We'll explore how to overcome the attacks of the enemy as we stand firm in love.

I leave you with this private revelation given to Mary Constanco from our Blessed Mother, Queen of Mercy:

"My dear children, Satan is prowling this earth, seeking the destruction of marriages and the family. My dear children, you must pray as families. You must teach your children, you must teach your families. You must teach your children to pray with you at a very early age. But, if your children are older, it's never too late to start. Pray with and as a family. For I remind you again, my dear children, your prayers will blind the eyes of Satan. Go with my peace and my love."



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Maximum of 600 tickets will be sold.
Tickets may be purchased by stopping by the ministry or by calling Kathy Gloria at 806-445-1440, Eleaser Perez @ 817-495-2386, or Howard Huntzinger at 806-831-3176.



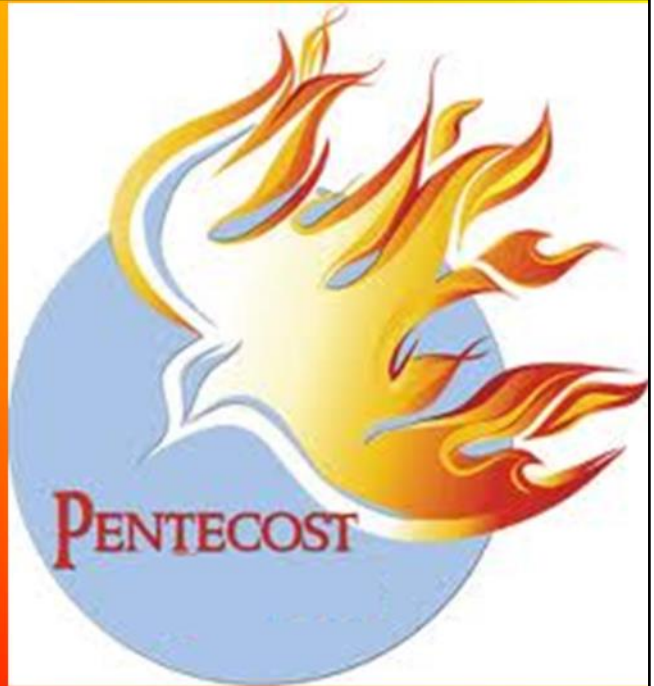
Happy Father's Day!

PENTECOST RETREAT From Mercy to Empowerment June 7-9, 2019

Come and learn how to put on the full Armor of God so that you can serve the Lord with strength and the power He intended you to have. *“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control” (2 Tim. 1:7).*

Possible Topics Include:

- Living in the Mercy and Power of God
- What Does it Mean to Be Baptized by the Holy Spirit?
- What Gifts Were You Born With?
- Getting out of Depression and Into the Joy of the Spirit
- Do you Feel Hopeless in Your Family Situation?
- Was the Gift of Miracles only for the first Pentecost?



Do you do battle everyday and lose? Now prepare yourself for daily victory!

Cost of this retreat is \$175.00 per person.

INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE!

Retreat Topics Include:

- Communication:** Is your spouse getting angry when you communicate?
- Intimacy:** Has romance left your marriage and bitterness set in?
- Forgiveness:** Do you have a hard time forgiving your spouse because you think things won't change?
- Prayer:** Do you want to know why your prayers are not being answered?
- Interference:** Are people, jobs, in-laws or other things interfering in your marriage?
- Children:** Are your children controlling your marriage?
- Role models:** Have you had no model to base your marriage?
- Ex-Spouses:** Are situations with your ex-spouses, child support, children from a previous relationship affecting your marriage? Do you feel your spouse loves ex-spouse's children more than yours?
...and many more topics!



THE MARRIAGE RETREAT July 12-14, 2019

*The cost of this retreat is \$325.00 per Couple
Register by July 8 and Registration is \$300.00*



Celebrate with us August 14 - 15, 2019

(Wednesday and Thursday)



***The 31st Anniversary of the Queen of Mercy
Prayers! Praise! Food! Talks by Mary Constancio!***

Come share and enjoy a day filled with prayers, blessings, food, and praise.

Food will be served between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. August 14 (*Love offerings are appreciated*)

This event is unlike any other we hold here at the Ambassadors of the Flame of Mercy. This is not a retreat, but a full celebration of our Blessed Mother's Feast Day. Freely come and go as you please, as there is no formal retreat schedule. Bring your lawn chair, share fellowship, receive personal prayer. You may want to pray the rosary while walking through the garden or visit our gift shop, and enjoy the festivities of the day. Many make a pilgrimage to St. John Neumann Church in Lubbock to attend mass and visit the beautiful grounds there.

On the actual day of the Feast, August 15, you may want to come as early as 9:00 a.m. to prepare to say the rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother's Feast Day. You are welcome to browse through our gift shop and choose a special gift to remember the day.

Whatever you decide, be ready for a miracle, and be ready to love. Come with an open heart ready to be filled by our Mother and our Lord. We look forward to your visit with us.

Accommodations are available for \$35/person/night. If you'd like to stay with us, please call Carolyn @ 806-773-5147 or 806-445-1440 Kathy Gloria (Spanish speaking) to make a reservation.



Henry and Mary Constancio during the rosary on the Feast of the Assumption



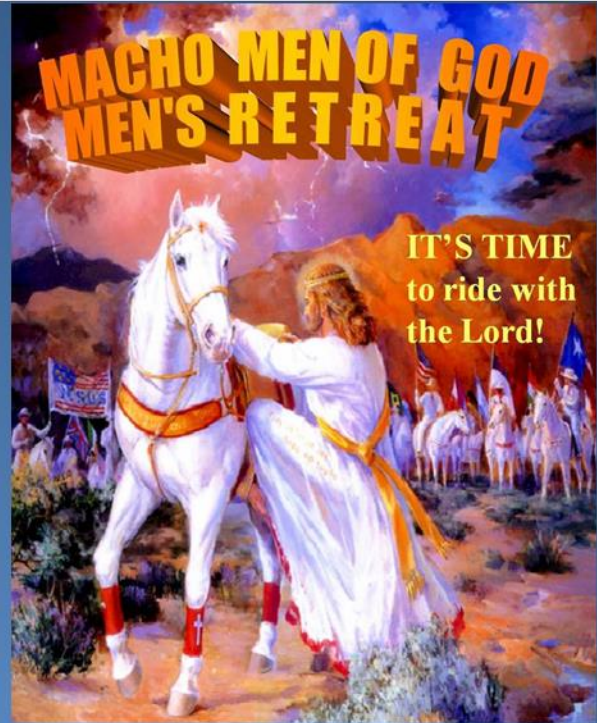
Come join us as we celebrate our Mother's Feast of the Assumption

For more information visit our website at www.flameofmercy.com

89th Men's Retreat

Aug. 30 - Sept. 1, 2019

- Accepting the Purpose for Who God Created Me to Be
- How to Stop a Negative, Complaining Wife
- Getting out of Desperation
- Is Hopelessness Leading Your Life?
 - Overcoming Your Physical Sickness with God's Mercy
 - Is Your Sickness Running Your Life?
 - Overcoming Addictions
 - Come Experience God's Love



**Join us
For a weekend
that will
change your life!**

A NEW SEASON OF RETREATS FOR 2019

◆ Pentecost Retreat	June 7-9, 2019	Registration Fee: \$175.00
◆ Marriage Retreat	July 12-14, 2019	Registration Fee: \$325.00/Couple
◆ Macho Men of God Retreat	August 30 - September 1, 2019	Registration Fee: \$175.00
◆ Women of Power Retreat	September 20-22, 2019	Registration Fee: \$175.00
◆ Macho Men of God Retreat	November 1-3, 2019	Registration Fee: \$175.00
◆ Women of Power Retreat	November 15-17, 2019	Registration Fee: \$175.00

Register today online: www.flameofmercy.com, Email: Admin@flameofmercy.com,
or call Carolyn @ 806.773.5147

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