

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

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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 17th was on a Sunday so there was no Mass. There is never a Mass when the 17th 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 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, which 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 the 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! If fact, the last Chapter in the Holy Bible is all about “Come, Lord Jesus!”

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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 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 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.