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MEDJUGORJE March 25, 2026 to Marija Pavlovic'

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I am calling you, little children: be love and my extended hands to all those whom you meet. In humility, pray for peace and work on reconciliation among people, so that it may be good for every person on earth.

Thank you for having responded to my call.”

(With ecclesiastical approval)

MEDJUGORJE April 25, 2026 to Marija Pavlovic'

“Dear children, I am praying for you and encourage you to a new life, a life in joy and prayer.

May the Holy Spirit fill you, little children, with joy so that you may be like a spring of pure and drinkable water; that you, little children, may be in God and with God missionaries of love and peace.

Your life is short here on earth and that is why I am with you to lead you towards Heaven.

Thank you for having responded to my call.”

(With ecclesiastical approval)

**Meditation on the
March 25, 2026 Message
by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM**

Our mother Mary reminds us that sin is the ultimate killer and that the poison of selfishness and hatred rules the human heart. "This is why you do not have peace", Mary declares. "I am calling you little children to love and be my extended hands to all those who we meet. In humility, pray for peace and work on reconciling many people so that it may be good for every person on earth"

This is the perfect time for Mary's words because this is the season her son Jesus captures and wins over our hearts. Our hearts are captured, reconciled and forgiven by Jesus's life, death and resurrection!

The Prince of Peace becomes our Savior! Jesus willingly surrendered His life to capture our lives; our hearts and present them to the Father of love.

With the salvation of Jesus, the prince of peace, we are now able to follow Mary and be instruments of peace and have Jesus the Lord working through us. Mary encourages us to follow her son Jesus and bring peace and the good news to every person on earth!!

Pray, pray, pray. Love, Fr. Al



**Meditation on the
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Mary gives her dear children a message of new life; a life of joy and prayer! This can be accomplished by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul also mentions that those who live empowered by the Holy Spirit may become like a source of pure and living water. Jesus also says to the Samaritan women at the well, "the water I will give you will become a source of life and pure living water..." Mary proclaims to us her little children that our lives are changed by God and we will be missionaries of charity and peace. Mary reminds us that our life here on earth is short and she is here for us to receive guidance toward heaven. Let us enkindle the spirit Mary desires and prays for us to use daily to make our steps of peace and charity effective in our mission and produce saint witnesses!

With Mary let us sing, "Oh when the saints, go marching in, I want to be in that Number!! I agree!
Love Fr. Al

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St Joseph Altars

I know St Joseph's day has come and gone but I can't help but highlight a church that I visited for St Joseph's Day that is tucked away off the Westbank Expressway that has so much history. I'm talking about St Joseph Church and Shrine on Sixth St in Gretna, LA. Did you know that this was the very first church on the westbank? It is now known as the Mother Church of fourteen parishes. Fourteen parishes were carved out of the huge parochial territory of St Joseph of Gretna. The church has since been replaced three times since its inception in 1857. If you get a chance, go visit this hidden gem. And by the way, their St Joseph altar was the largest and most beautiful altar I've seen.



**LET US
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HIS
HOLY
NAME**

**MAY CROWNING
OF OUR
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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God said: I will stand by you (2Timothy 4:17)
God said: I will help you through (Isaiah 41:13)
God said: When you've done all you can do and you can't cope, (Isaiah 41:13)
God said: I will dry your eyes (Revelation 21:4)
God said: I will fight your fight (Exodus 14:14)
God said: I will hold you tight and I won't let go (Deuteronomy 31:6)

MAY MONTH OF OUR LADY

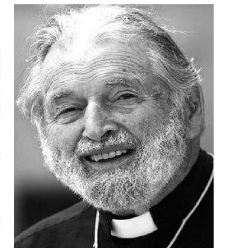
In addition to the myriad feast days honoring Our Lady under her many titles and virtues, the entire month of May is especially given to her praise. In the words of Pope Paul VI, May is "a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God ... For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."

**Our Lady of
MEDJUGORJE
March 18, 2026
Annual Message to
to Mirjana Dragicovic**



"Dear children, never forget how great is the love of God. Through that love I am with you. Do not forget how great is His mercy. Through that mercy I am showing you the way to true happiness and perfect peace. That is the way to my Son. Therefore, my children, with complete trust, abandon yourselves to my Son and do not be afraid. Do not be afraid of the future because it belongs entirely to the will of my Son. Therefore, my children, renounce everything that distances you from my Son: false happiness, false hope, false splendor. Trust my Son. Tell Him about your pains, sufferings, desires and hopes. You will feel His love and His blessing. Thank you!"
(With ecclesiastical approval)

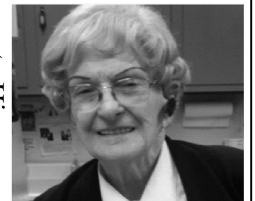
PRAY FOR US and help us to bring God's people closer to Him.



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



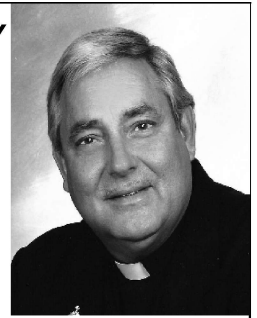
Dawn Thomas Boteler
1946-2026

Dawn Boteler went to see our Lord on April 7, 2026. He was the loving husband of Linda for 54 years. Dawn was a devout catholic who loved his wife, his family and his GOD. Dawn and Linda

gave to the community in many ways, one way was opening the Best Western Westbank Hotel and running it for 35 years. They were very happy to host Mary's Helper's weekend retreats there and have always been part of this ministry. Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to Linda and her family. May God bring you peace and comfort you in this difficult time. We pray that Dawn will rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.

From the desk of FATHER PAUL BERGERON

THE TIMES, THEY ARE A CHANGING



Right before celebrating The Resurrection of Jesus and during Holy Week, I noticed from the Internet, a great surge from all the different parts of the world to a conversation towards Catholicism in great numbers. Why is this so? I believe that in these times, there is a great search for truth. In truth, is the original identity of a faith given to us by Jesus Christ himself. Did He not say "I am the way, the truth and the light? In Catholicism we have the true church of Jesus Christ. Having our faith being born on this foundation, we are led to what God Himself wants from a Holy people. We are called to be a family of prayer. A people not afraid to live the truth. Jesus said to His Disciples, "by your fruits they shall know you". So, if we put this faith to work then for the good of mankind, we live what St. James said, "Faith without good works is a dead faith". We have to wait and see, particularly amongst our young people, what this great conversion brings. Yes because of The Resurrection, the times truly are a changing. Amen!

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DAYS TO REMEMBER

- May 1-St Joseph the Worker
- May 7-National Day of Prayer
- May 10-Mother's Day
- May 13-Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day
- May 16-Magnificat Breakfast (See Pg 8)
- May 16-America Needs Fatima Rosary Congress
- May 17-The Ascension of the Lord
- May 23-Rosary at Mary's Helpers parking lot in Marrero
- May 24-Pentecost Sunday
- May 25-Memorial Day
- May 31-Most Holy Trinity
- June 7-The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
- June 12-Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Jun 13-Immaculate Heart Mary
- Jun 13-St Anthony of Padua Feast Day
- Jun 17-Houma Mass OL of Comp Protection
- Jun 21-Father's Day
- Jun 24-Birth of St John the Baptist
- Jun 29-Saint Peter and Paul, Apostles

PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS



"Lord, we lift up all mothers today, recognizing that their journey can be filled with both joy and challenges. When they feel overwhelmed, give them your peace. When they feel tired, give them your strength. When they feel alone, give them your comfort. May they know that they are

loved and supported, both by you and by their families. We pray for their well-being and for their continued strength and resilience. In your name, we pray. Amen."

PRAYER FOR ALL FATHERS



God our Father, In your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse to death... or divorce who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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How far does Mercy extend?

Written by "Children of Medjugorje" on www.sremmanuel.org

Screams, bloodcurdling howls, insults, blasphemies, the most abject obscenities, and relentless threats... **It's a very young voice that cuts to the core.** It almost sounds like a child.

Mother Teresa's sisters—the Missionaries of Charity—found Pearl in the street and took her in half-dead, as they do for most of the residents of this impoverished shelter. For years, Pearl has borne the deadly marks of AIDS on her body. Since her arrival, she has violently unleashed her despair on anyone who comes near her.

Surprisingly, this house is not located in a poor neighborhood of Calcutta but in one of America's most prestigious cities: Washington, D.C. Has **Mother Teresa, the champion of the poorest of the poor**, changed her mission and begun working within one of the world's wealthiest cities? What is she doing here, in her small cotton veil and worn sandals?

Accompanied by a few sisters, her goal was to find people like Pearl, condemned to a slow death because they were born into poverty and unable to escape it.

Mother Teresa's sisters feared nothing! They had seen everything, heard everything, and learned to overcome horror with a smile. **For them, it was about sowing love where violence reigned**, about eradicating evil of any kind, by acting in the same way as Jesus, their divine Master: with gentleness, love, patience, mercy, and joy.

Every day, every moment, the sisters take turns tending to Pearl, condemned to an untimely death. They provide food and care, change her clothes and sheets, trim her toenails, and show her immense kindness. Pearl, for her part, hurls insults and abuse at the sisters in despair, as if seeking revenge for all the atrocities during her miserable existence. **Yet the sisters, unperturbed, continue to serve her, their smiles undiminished.**

One day, a glimmer of hope pierces the antechamber of death. Pearl begins to open her heart, seeing the sisters' continued kindness toward her. She asks one of them, **"Why are you so nice to me when I constantly insult you?"**

This is the moment the sister has been waiting for, the moment to break the ice. She must seize the opportunity.

She replies, **"Our God told us that you are the body of Christ. That is why we treat your body with respect and love."**

Pearl is stunned. She thinks she's dreaming. No one has ever spoken to her like this! The sister isn't joking! After a moment of silence, Pearl's tone completely changes. She asks, "Now wait... You mean your God told you that?"

"Yes," the sister replies.

"Well then, I would really like to know your God! If this God tells you to treat me this way, I want to know that God!"

The sisters then quickly called the priest, the Chaplain of the home. He came to see Pearl several times. He shared the Word of God with her frankly, explaining the most significant moments in the life of Jesus. Pearl didn't miss a word of it. **Fascinated, she listened intently, her eyes wide with wonder.** She was thirsty for more. When the priest spoke to her about the Eucharist, explaining the meaning of the Last Supper and the Mass, she exclaimed, "if that's what Mass is, then I want to receive Communion!"

There wasn't a second to lose. The priest baptized her, administered the sacrament of Confirmation, and gave her her First Holy Communion. After welcoming Jesus into her heart, she said, **"This is the first time a man has entered into me, not to take advantage of me, but to give me everything!"**

She then confided the tragedy of her life: "My mother was a drug addict. When I was ten, she forced me into prostitution on the street. She needed the money I earned to buy her drugs. How many men, and sometimes women, have abused me these past ten years... I can't even count them anymore! I contracted AIDS and now **I'm going to die; I'm only twenty... But now I'm so happy to have Jesus!**"

For the first time in her life, Pearl felt a profound inner peace. The next day, Pearl exchanged a few words with the nuns and noticed they were wearing wedding rings. She asked them, "Are you married?"

"We are not married to a man," they replied. **"But we are the spouse of Jesus."**

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**PRAY for
PEACE in
our World
Now!**

Did you know that in Medjugorje after every mass, the Peace Chaplet is prayed? And we surely need PEACE right now in our world. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, help us!

The Peace Chaplet is a prayer said on a series of 21 beads. It is a traditional Croatian prayer that has been prayed as a family, by families, for generations. It is said that the grace of peace is bestowed onto all families that pray this Chaplet.

In 1981, Our Blessed Mother began to appear to children in what was then the Croatian village of Medjugorje. The visionaries continue to share the message that Our Blessed Mother asks us to pray the Peace Chaplet for *peace* for the whole world. This prayer is short, this prayer is powerful, and this prayer is for PEACE. Let's start today, let's join together in prayer for world peace. I know this concept seems impossible for our

PRAY FOR PEACE

Prayer links our sincere desires to heaven and allows our desires to be ignited by the power of God. The more people pray in unison with the same intention, the more the quantum effect of transformation becomes possible. Imagine world peace. Imagine the Kingdom of God taking hold. Imagine humanity living on Earth as it is in heaven. Imagine the change

**21 Beads. 21 prayers. Pray 3 sets of 7.
That is it! Let's begin today.**

On the Cross, pray the Apostles Creed — isn't that prayer amazing?!

Together, we proclaim our belief in God and our acceptance to be HIS disciples, bringing LOVE into the world NOW! We say this prayer at every mass and every time our heart reaches up to heaven and proclaims a big YES, I BELIEVE! Amen.

On the three beads, pray three of the greatest prayers of our faith:

One Our Father, three Hail Marys, and one Glory Be. Repeat this sequence of three prayers seven times.

I must share a story about those three prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be. During my visits to Medjugorje, we prayed the entire Rosary daily. I wanted to bring this tradition of a daily Rosary back home and encourage my children to pray with me. Since they were still young at the time (9, 13, and 15), I asked our priest, Father Daniel, how I could encourage them to join me in the daily Rosary. He said, "Start small." He suggested that we begin with one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be and to pray this every night at bedtime. Father Daniel asked that we pray for him and pray for all priests. I returned home and told my 9-year-old son that Father Daniel would like us to pray for him and asked us to pray these three prayers. This became our tradition, and hearing my son's young voice praying out loud each night was pure perfection.

They say that this Peace Chaplet Prayer is *the perfect prayer*. I believe it to be so... it was in our home

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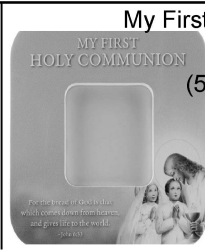


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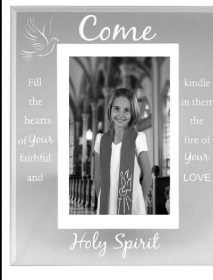
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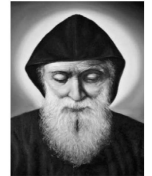
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Our Lady of Fatima



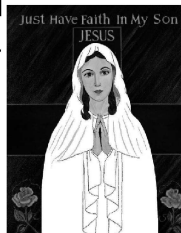
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Raymond Nader Experience with St. Sharbel

Raymond Nader is a Lebanese Maronite citizen born in Ghineh, Mount Lebanon on the 10th of November 1961 and is married with three children. He graduated from the Jesuit University in Lebanon with a degree in Electro-mechanical engineering. He then left Lebanon to work in the United Kingdom where he specialised in Nuclear physics.

One day Raymond began to search through science and technology for answers concerning creation, the universe and God's mystery. The mystery of the Eucharistic Sacrament has always perplexed Raymond since his childhood. His grandfather being a priest has encouraged him to search for the truth and to find answers revolving around the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

The questions Raymond kept asking himself were "Does God truly exist? Where is He? Is Christ really the Son of God? Was He truly crucified? Did he die and rise from the dead? Why does God become incarnate? How does the bread that we bake become the Holy Body of Christ when the priest prays on it? And why people after receiving it, are supposed to love each other and God?"

In 1985, Raymond started searching for answers for his questions, persevered in his prayers and attended regular spiritual retreats in hermitages in particular the St Peter and St Paul hermitage of Annaya, Mount Lebanon. This hermitage in Annaya was the place where St Charbel used to pray, meditate, fast, work and sleep.

On the eve of November 9th, 1994, Raymond arrived at St Peter and St Paul hermitage in Annaya, Mount Lebanon carrying the Holy Bible and five candles in a bag. He lit the candles and began his prayers and meditations. Suddenly, he started to feel changes in his surroundings. The wind grew stronger, the temperature began to rise and the flames of the 5 candles stopped flickering but continued to burn with no motion.

Raymond said "I tried to reason scientifically, but I thought I might be dreaming or hallucinating. Suddenly I lost my five senses. There was no more warmth, wind or flames. I was in a different world, a world bathed in light. Not the usual light we know, not white, but transparent like crystal water. The light didn't come from a specific direction, but from everywhere. It was a billion times brighter than the light of the Sun... In that light I felt a Presence, I couldn't see it, but I was aware of it".

Then a voice replied, "No, you are not dreaming, you are more awake than ever". Raymond continued, "The Voice came from nowhere and yet from everywhere. I heard it in every part of me, not with my physical ears. It expressed itself to me with no words, no sounds. The Presence presented itself to me as a "feeling" of deep peace, and joy and love. At a certain moment I felt that this experience had come to an end. I wanted this joy and peace to last for ever, and if the Presence couldn't stay, I wished at least it would take me with it; but He made me understand that He is always here."

Gradually Raymond returned to normal consciousness and said, "I looked at the candles with astonishment, they were totally consumed. My watch indicated that four hours had passed in a blink of an eye. I left the hermitage and on the way to my car I felt heat in my arm. I thought it might be a scratch or an animal's sting. But the heat grew stronger. I took off my pullover and in the light of my car saw five fingerprints on my arm, showing every detail of human fingers including the wrinkles and the nails. It was very hot but there was no pain at all only itching. For five days it oozed blood and water." Dr Nabil Hokayem, a plastic surgeon and one of the most famous surgeons in Lebanon, confirmed that it was a second degree burn.

On the occasion of the Feast Day of St Charbel on 15 July in 1995, Raymond had a second extraordinary experience while visiting the Monastery of St Maroun in Annaya, Mount Lebanon. This monastery is only a few hundred metres away from the hermitage of St Peter and St Paul in Annaya, Mount Lebanon where Raymond had his first extraordinary experience with St Charbel which he burnt his finger prints on Raymond's arm. Raymond said, "On my way to St Charbel's hermitage, I saw a procession ahead of me. I recognised the monks of the monastery but at the end of the procession was a very old priest. I approached him to ask a few questions. As I came closer to him, everything around me changed. All sounds disappeared, but the old priest's voice resounded inside my head". It was then that Raymond heard one of six messages which he attributes to St Charbel and with each message the fingerprints on his

We are so EXCITED that we have to share this!!

Look closely at our next May/June newsletter—this page 4 will include all the details about what's happening right here in our community.

We are currently finalizing plans for the installation ceremony of the First-Class Relic of St. Sharbel at St. Anthony of Padua's Catholic Church in Luling. The tentative date is July 13, so be sure to check back soon for more details.

We also have a special blessing to share: Raymond Nader is expected to visit us and talk on July 12. He will share his experiences with us and deepen our faith. This is a beautiful opportunity you won't want to miss—mark your calendars!

arm were renewed.

The following are quotations from these messages which Raymond heard from the voice:

"The Lord has created each human being to shine, to enlighten the world; you are the light of the world. Each man is a lantern meant to shine; the Lord has provided a clear and transparent glass to the lantern, to enable that light to shine and illuminate the world; but they are taking care of the glass and forgetting about the light; they are caring about the glass shape, coloring and decorating it, until it becomes thick, opaque, preventing light from shining forth, and thus is the world drowned in darkness. The Lord insists on illuminating the world. Your glass must become transparent again. You should realize the purpose for which you are born in this world".

"Christ knows what is in your hearts, and it is your hearts that he wants. Don't seek for the truth outside the Christ; when you know the Christ, you will know the Truth and you will be free. The Christ wants you to be free. Fear not, and be sure that the Christ has defeated the world".

Let's Laugh a Little ~ It's good for the soul

As soon as I wake up, WILL POWER helps me get out of bed. Then I go see JOHN; Then CHARLIE HORSE comes along, and he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, ARTHUR RITIS shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from JOINT to JOINT. After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with BEN GAY.

The priest discovered that two of his teenage parishioners had been gambling and drinking. When he called them into his office, they confessed. The priest thought for a moment about how to punish them for their sins, then went to the parish kitchen and returned with two cups of dried peas. He gave each teen one cup, with these instructions: "Divide these peas into your shoes and walk on them for a week to remind yourselves how hard life can be when you turn away from God."

A few days later, the two students met each other in the street. One was limping, looking miserable, while the other seemed none the worse for the punishment. "How is it that your feet don't hurt? Didn't you do as Father instructed and put the peas in your shoes?" inquired the first teen.

"I did," said the other. "But I boiled them first."



Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the United States

At their November General Assembly, the U.S. bishops approved the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart in June 2026, as part of the Church's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States.

The initiative will include prayer resources, a novena leading up to the solemnity, and opportunities for dioceses and parishes to engage the faithful through adoration and works of mercy.



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U.S. Bishops Approve Consecration of USA to Sacred Heart in June 2026

Through this act of consecration, the bishops seek to renew devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to recognize the kingship of Christ, perfecting the temporal order with the spirit of the Gospel.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On the Occasion of the U.S. Bishops Consecrating the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you. From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love. O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!*

How far does Mercy extend?

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"What? One can become the spouse of Jesus? Is that true? Is that possible? Then I want to become His bride too! But... why would he want to marry a failure like me, who was a prostitute for ten years and is going to die of AIDS?" The sisters had tears in their eyes. They looked at each other in silence, overcome with emotion, unable to hide it.

As night fell, they wondered, "What can we do? How can we give her what she wants? We must call Mother Teresa immediately! She will tell us what to do. This girl is going to die soon..."

Mother Teresa's answer seemed obvious to them. She understood everything at once. There was no room for discussion. Not a single moment should be wasted.

Now what happened the next day remains a secret of their community. Nevertheless, a few days later, Pearl went back to the heavenly Father, wearing the habit of the Missionaries of Charity.



250 Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
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"When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven...he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10)

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA FEAST DAY JUNE 13

St. Anthony of Padua was Born in 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal as Fernando Martins de Bulhões. He became first an Augustinian, then joined the Franciscans after being inspired by friars that were martyred for sharing the gospel with Muslims. He took the name "Anthony" when he entered the Franciscan order. He is renowned as a humble preacher with deep knowledge of Scripture who was devoted to the poor. He taught theology to fellow Franciscans. He spoke boldly against injustice, greed and corruption. He was declared a Doctor of the Church because of his significant contribution to theology and doctrine.

St. Anthony's reputation for miracles began during his lifetime and continued after his death. One of his most famous is that of the fishes. While preaching to the coastal town of Rimini, St. Anthony faced much rejection from the townsfolk, who refused to listen to him. In response, he turned to the sea, addressing the fish as he spoke of God's care for all creatures. A large school of fish, drawing

close to the shoreline, appeared to listen intently to St. Anthony. The amazed onlookers spread news of the miracle, and the villagers repented that day of their heretical ways!

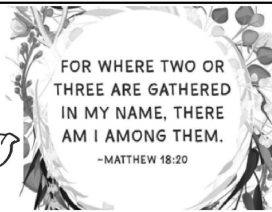
In another case, the son of one rival family in Lisbon killed the son of another, then buried the body in the garden of Anthony's father, making it appear that he had murdered the young man. Consequently, Anthony's dad was wrongly convicted. God informed Anthony of the injustice and the saint miraculously traveled the twelve hundred miles from Padua to Lisbon in a couple of hours. Anthony had the boy's body exhumed and firmly asked the corpse who had murdered him. The young man sat up, named his real murderer, and affirmed the innocence of Anthony's father. He subsequently asked the saint to hear his confession and then, after receiving absolution from his sins, laid back down and died!

St. Anthony is invoked as the patron of lost items because of a miracle linked to a document he lost. A novice friar who was leaving the community stole a commentary St. Anthony had written. The saint fervently prayed for its return. Meanwhile, the novice friar encountered a severe storm which he understood as God's wrath for his theft. So he turned back and returned the manuscript to Anthony. Ever since, St. Anthony has been associated with a special ability to recover lost items, and countless Catholics can you tell you he has the track record to prove it

Prayer to St. Anthony, Finder of Lost Items

St. Anthony, perfect imitator of Jesus, who received from God the special power of restoring lost things, grant that I may find [name the item] which has been lost. At least restore to me peace and tranquility of mind, the loss of which has afflicted me even more than my material loss. To this favor, I ask another of you: that I may always remain in possession of the true good that is God. Let me rather lose all things than lose God, my supreme good. Let me never suffer the loss of my greatest treasure, eternal life with God. Amen

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"¡Queridos hijos! El veneno del egoísmo y del odio reina en los corazones humanos y por eso no tienen paz. Los invito, hijitos: sean amor y mis manos extendidas hacia todos aquellos con quienes se encuentren. En humildad oren por la paz y trabajen por la reconciliación entre los hombres, para que cada ser humano esté bien en la tierra. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado." (Con aprobación eclesiástica)



Pentecost
Sunday
May 24



Dear Holy Spirit, come and fill every part of me. Sweep away all spiritual dryness and replace it with rivers of living water. Just like the early church, let me be renewed, transformed, and empowered. I open my heart to Your presence and surrender my will to Yours. Lead me in truth, comfort me in trials, and counsel me in confusion. I want more of you in my life every single day. Amen

Ultimo Mensaje, 18 de marzo de 2026 - Aparición anual a Mirjana Soldo

"Queridos hijos, nunca olviden cuán grande es el amor de Dios. Por ese amor también yo estoy con ustedes. No olviden cuán grande es Su misericordia. Por esa misericordia yo les muestro el camino hacia la verdadera felicidad y la paz perfecta. Ese es el camino hacia mi Hijo. Por eso, hijos míos, con plena confianza entréguense a mi Hijo y no tengan miedo. No le teman al futuro, porque pertenece completamente a la voluntad de mi Hijo. Por eso, hijos míos, renuncien a todo aquello que los aleja de mi Hijo: la falsa felicidad, la falsa esperanza, el falso esplendor. Confíen en mi Hijo. Háblenle de sus dolores, sufrimientos, deseos y esperanzas, y sentirán Su amor y Su bendición. Les doy las gracias." (Con aprobación eclesiástica)

Ultimo Mensaje, 25 de abril de 2026

"¡Queridos hijos! Oro por ustedes y los exhorto a una vida nueva: una vida en la alegría y en la oración. Hijitos, que el Espíritu Santo los colme de alegría, para que sean como una fuente de agua pura y potable, a fin de que, hijitos, estén en Dios y con Dios como misioneros del amor y de la paz. Su vida aquí en la tierra es breve, y por eso estoy con ustedes para guiarlos hacia el Cielo. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado."



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