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MEDJUGORJE
May 25, 2026
to Marija Pavlovic'

"Dear children,
May this time be
for you a time of
prayer and fasting.
Return, little
children, in love to
God Who is your
peace. I am with
you, little children,
and I love you
with my motherly
tenderness.
Thank you for
having responded
to my call."

(With ecclesiastical
approval)

MEDJUGORJE
June 25, 2026
to Marija Pavlovic'

"Dear children Rejoice
with me because the
Most High permits me to
be with you, to lead you to
Him Who is the Way, the
Truth and the Life.
Rejoice, little children, and
be joyful also in difficulties
and you will have the
strength, because you
will be aware that you are
transient and you will know
to offer everything to God.
That is why, do not forget: I
am your Mother
and I love you.
Thank you for having
responded to my call

(With ecclesiastical
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**Meditation on the
May 25, 2026 Message
by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM**



Mother Mary reminds us that our spiritual lives must have these two elements in it at all times! Prayer and fasting are the power and nourishment of the Christian life. Our relationship with Mary and Jesus cannot work otherwise. We will not be able to return to God who is love and our peace without sustained prayer and fasting in our lives.

Let us look at practical ways to put these two elements of prayer and fasting in our daily lives. Daily Morning prayer and the Mysteries of the Rosary. If we fast on 3 days a week and attend Mass on Sundays, we will find joy and peace and community in life! Love Fr. Al

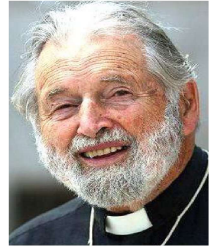
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Our Mother Mary invites us to rejoice with her for the great gift the Most High God has given us by allowing her to be with us. As always, Mary leads us to her Son once again. She reminds us of His own words "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life". Through His teachings and His life, Jesus reveals God's saving love and His divine plan for all humanity

Mary also encourages us to rejoice, even in the midst of life's trials and difficulties. She assures us that through these challenges we grow stronger in faith and closer to God. As we offer everything to God through Jesus—the Way, the Truth, and the Life—we are transformed spiritually and receive the strength we need to persevere.

That is why Mary is with us: to lead us ever closer to her Son through prayer, faith, and a deeper commitment to God. May we never forget that Mary, our loving Mother, always cares for us and intercedes for us. Pray, pray, Pray!
Love Fr. Al

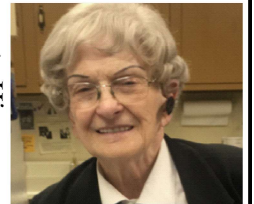
PRAY FOR US and help us to bring God's people closer to Him.



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



Margaret M. Trosclair
June 19, 1933 - March 14, 2019



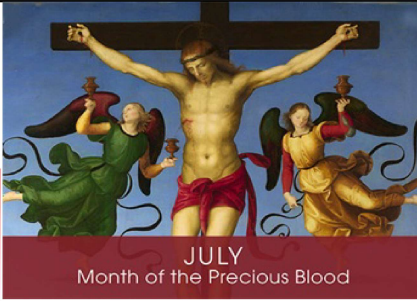
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JULY 16
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL FEAST DAY

Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me that you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to aid me in this need. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us. Amen.

JULY THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

The month of July traditionally honors the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. It is the blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, which cleanses us from sin—therefore the Church developed a devotion to Jesus' physical blood and its mystical power, just as it did for His Sacred Heart from which His blood poured out on the Cross. The Precious Blood of Jesus courses through the Church spiritually, giving eternal life to the Body of Christ through the sacraments. Many saints had a devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus, especially St. Catherine of Siena. Devotion to the Precious Blood spread widely through the preaching of Saint Gaspar del Bufalo, who was a 19th-century priest and the founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. This devotion was later approved and

We would like to share that we had a beautiful May Crowning and Rosary with our Mother Mary at Mary's Helpers in Marrero. The day of the crowning was raining but we didn't let that stop us. We moved the crowning inside Immaculate Conception Church across the street. Thanks be to God and to Father Stephen at ICC for a beautiful day. Mary was breathtaking as always. Our graces truly do overflow!!

recommended by the Holy See. The feast day of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus is July 1st

MAY CROWNING AT MARY'S HELPERS



Rest In God



I am the **Resurrection** and the **Life**; whoever believes in **Me**, even if he dies, will **live**, and everyone who lives and believes in **Me** will never die. John 11:25-26



Reverend Vidal M. Martinez, O.S.M.
1948-2026

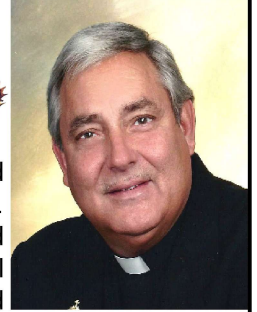
Fr. Vidal passed away on February 23, 2026, in Chicago, Illinois. He was a solemnly professed friar and priest in the Order of Friar Servants of Mary (Servites). Fr. Vidal was a friend of Mary's Helpers during the years when Margaret and Gayle were here. He will always be remembered by his many friends in the Servite community here in Louisiana. May his soul rest in eternal peace with our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Raymond George Lamy, Sr

We are sorry to tell you that Raymond Lamy passed away on April 30, 2026 at the age of 93. Raymond was a member of Mary's Helpers for many years. He would help with mailing our newsletters and anything else that was asked of him. Raymond will be missed but we all know he is now working for Our Lord. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

From the desk of FATHER PAUL BERGERON



So now that we are in the month of June, we have The Devotion to The Sacred Heart of Jesus. I will always remember the words of St. Augustine who said "O Lord, my heart is restless until it rest in Thee". As Catholics we are asked by The Church to examine The Heart of Jesus and see where our own hearts connect. Do we have a heart of mercy like His? Are our hearts forgiving; compassionate; understanding and giving like His? Although we will fall short of these characteristics like The Heart of Jesus, we must still try our very best daily to strive toward that goal. If we need patience; we must practice it daily. The old saying -Practice makes perfect is a true resolve to obtain what God wants to see in us. We must aim, with The Help of Our Lord, through His Sacred Heart to make our hearts unto Thine's. AMEN God Bless~Father Paul

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DAYS TO REMEMBER

July 2 - Visitation of Our Lady to St Elizabeth

July 4 - Independence Day/First Saturday

July 11 - St Benedict Feast Day

July 12 - Installation of St Sharbel Relic

July 15 - Begin St Sharbel Novena

July 16 - Our Lady of Mt Carmel Feast Day

July 17 - Houma Mass - Friday 4pm Mass

July 22 - St Mary Magdalene Feast Day

July 24 - St Sharbel Feast Day

July 26 - St Joachim & St Anne

Aug 1 - First Saturday

Aug 6 - Transfiguration of Our Lord

Aug 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug 17 - Houma Mass - Monday 4pm Mass

Aug 22 - Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug 29 - Father Paul's Birthday (wish him well)



**The Assumption of Mary
August 15th, 2026**



In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels for her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength, she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

Annual Apparition Ivanka 6/25/26

The visionary Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez had her regular annual apparition on June 25th 2026. 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. The apparition, lasted 4 minutes After the apparition, Ivanka said: *Our Lady gave the following message: "Dear children, carry the peace and the love of my Son into every heart. Pray for peace, peace, peace."*

**HOLY SPIRIT,
give us hope.**



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“An Urgent Prayer For World Peace” is a prayer for peace amid the war engulfing the Middle East, involving the United States, Iran, and Israel, as well as the many other wars and conflicts affecting nations around the world. This urgent prayer for peace implores God the Father, **through the Most Precious Blood of His Son**, to move the hearts of world leaders away from war and toward reason, mercy, and reconciliation. We call upon Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Saint Michael the Archangel, and all the saints to intercede for the innocent, the suffering, and the fearful in Iran, Israel, the United States, and every nation caught in the reach of this conflict.

Prayer...

Lord God, Father of all nations and Author of peace, we come before You with heavy and sorrowful hearts.

Almighty Father, You who calmed the raging sea with a single word from Your Son — speak now into this storm of conflict and unrest.

We pray for the people of Iran, for Israel, for the United States, and for every nation — that hatred may give way to humanity, and that vengeance may yield to wisdom.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, you who stood at the foot of the Cross and witnessed the cost of violence upon your own Son — intercede for us now. Cover the nations with your mantle. Protect the innocent. Protect those who are defending the lives of others. Comfort the grieving. And obtain from your Son the peace that this world cannot give itself.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend all people in the hour of battle. Guard the innocent from harm.

Lord Jesus, You said: **“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.”** Raise up peacemakers in every nation. Lord, grant us peace. Not as the world gives — but as only You can give. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace — pray for us.

St. Francis of Assisi — pray for us.

St. Michael the Archangel — pray for us

Pray the Medjugorje Peace Chaplet as seen on Page 5



45th Anniversary Novena to Our Lady the Queen of Peace

Novena for Peace in the World

This year, thousands of pilgrims from around the world celebrated the 45th anniversary of Our Lady’s apparitions on June 25, 2026 in Medjugorje. It was moving to see where the Blessed Virgin Mary first appeared to six young visionaries in 1981. Since then, millions of pilgrims have come seeking peace, healing, and a deeper relationship with God. Knowing that Our Lady has entrusted the visionaries with secrets that will one day be revealed added to the sense that we were standing on holy ground.

The celebration began with a beautiful nine-day preparation. Each day the Rosary was prayed on Apparition Hill and then evening prayer and liturgical program. During these days, Marija Pavlović-Lunetti continued to receive her daily apparition of Our Lady. On most days, Our Lady gave us a special prayer intention and a simple task to live out the following day. These daily invitations made our pilgrimage feel more than just a visit—they became a journey of prayer, conversion, and hope. Here are the prayer intentions and the tasks Our Lady gave us.



Charlene Richard

“The Little Cajun Saint”

Who is she?

Charlene Richard was the second-oldest of ten children. She grew up in a devout Cajun Catholic family and was known as a bright, ordinary, and kind girl. In 1959, after reading about St. Thérèse of Lisieux, she asked her grandmother whether she too could become a saint by praying like the Little Flower. Soon after, she reported seeing a dark figure in her backyard and became unusually unsettled, prompting her family to seek medical advice. Just two weeks before her death, at just twelve years old, she was diagnosed with acute lymphatic leukemia and hospitalized at Our Lady of Lourdes in Lafayette, Louisiana.

At her family’s request, Fr. Joseph Brennan, a newly ordained priest, gently told Charlene she was going to die. He later recalled being surprised that she already understood the meaning of redemptive suffering. Despite the pain of her illness, she remained peaceful, cheerful, and prayerful, offering her suffering to God. During her final days, Charlene prayed fervently for the healing and conversion of others. Both Father Brennan and Sister Theresita Crowley later testified that the people Charlene prayed for either recovered from their illnesses or entered the Catholic Church.

Charlene Richard passed away on August 11, 1959 and was laid to rest in Richard, Louisiana.

On January 11, 2020 the Diocese of Lafayette opened her cause for canonization. This marked

Day 1- We prayed for the Visionaries
Day 2-We prayed for all priests who minister at the sanctuary. Our Lady asked us to thank God for the gifts of life and be grateful to God for our life and everything God has given us.

Day 3- We pray for parishioners. Our Lady asked to pray for all our deceased, for our entire lineage and all our descendants; that Our Lord may free us from every evil and all evil that our relatives have done.

Day 4 - We pray for all leaders in church. Our Lady asked us to remember all the years she has been calling us to holiness. Our life on Earth is passing. She wants us to leave a trace and prepare ourselves for eternal life.

Day 5 - We pray for all pilgrims who already came to Medjugorje.

Our Lady Said: “Love God, and glorify God with your hearts!”

Day 6- We pray for all pilgrims who will come to Medjugorje. May we spend the next 3 days praying, fasting and giving thanks so that these 3 days become days of prayer, and giving thanks to God, for everything that God is giving us through Our Lady.

Day 7 -We pray for all the Medjugorje prayer groups and centres in the whole world

Day 8 -We pray for the realization of all fruits and messages of Medjugorje.

Day 9 - We pray for the intentions of the Queen of Peace. Our Lady said: *Dear children, I thank you for every single sacrifice and prayer that you offered for my intentions. You will not regret it. Neither you, nor your children, nor your children’s children.”*

Marija asked Our Lady to intercede for us before her Son Jesus for peace in our hearts, in our families and in our world.

When we have too much stress in life, God hits the pause button to help us to refresh and then we begin again.

67th Annual Death Anniversary Mass for Charlene Richard

Tuesday August 11, 2026
 Rosary 5:30pm; Mass 6:15pm
 St Edward Catholic Church
 1463 Charlene Hwy, Church Point, LA

the first formal step in the Church’s process of recognizing a saint. The Diocese gathered testimony, historical records, and evidence of Charlene’s reputation for holiness and intercessory power. This local investigation has now concluded.

OFFICIAL UPDATE

The Diocese of Lafayette has received official notice from the Vatican accepting and approving the investigation into the life and virtue of Charlene Richard!

What’s next is our Roman Postulator and the Dicastery will work together to prove Charlene’s heroic virtue in hopes that she may soon be declared VENERABLE.

Thanks be to God for this exciting development!

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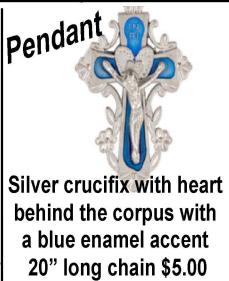
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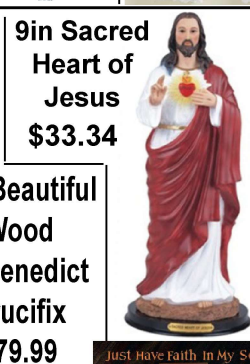
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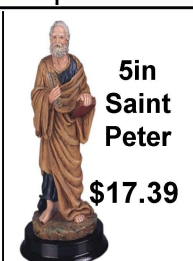
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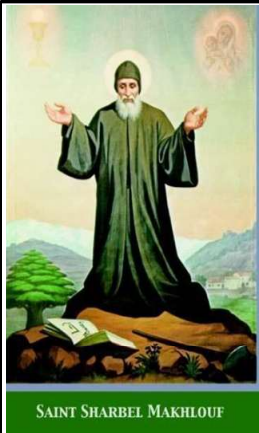
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St. Sharbel Makhoul
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This powerful *Prayer to St. Sharbel* for urgent needs invites us to seek the intercession of one of the Catholic Church's most beloved saints — a humble monk and hermit whose life of poverty, silence, and deep union with God made him a radiant witness to the power of faith.

Whether you are facing illness, suffering, uncertainty, or any urgent need, St. Sharbel stands ready to bring your intentions before the throne of God. Celebrating his feast day on **July 24**, this great saint of Lebanon continues to pour out miracles and graces upon all who call upon him with trust and humility.

Prayer to St Sharbel...

St. Sharbel, friend of God and friend of sinners, you spent your life in poverty, hiddenness, and continuous prayer, seeking only the glory of God and the salvation of souls. You walked the path of the cross with wholehearted love and humility. I turn to you now, confident in your powerful intercession before the throne of God. You who worked so many miracles on earth and never cease to intercede for those who call upon you, look with mercy upon my needs:

[Mention your petitions now]

You who drew your strength from the Lord in the silence of the hermitage, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus in the Holy Eucharist as you did, to accept God's will with peace, and to live a life rooted in faith, hope, and charity. Amen

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for St. Sharbel, whose intercession continues to draw souls closer to You. May his example kindle in my heart a deeper love for You, a greater trust in Your providence, and a firm resolve to seek You above all things. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



We pray that God will heal us through the intercession of St Sharbel. Pray for us St Sharbel.

ST. SHARBEL RELIC INSTALLATION

The Family of St. Sharbel will be bringing the First Class Relic of St. Sharbel to St. Anthony of Padua for installation into our parish. Raymond Nader, the founder of the Family of St. Sharbel, will be present to give an inspirational talk. Everyone will have the opportunity to venerate the relic and be blessed by St. Sharbel's holy oil.



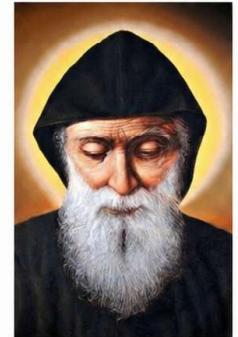
Sunday, July 12, 2026



St. Anthony of Padua Church
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11:00am Mass
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2:00pm Talk by Raymond Nader (Founder of the Family of St Sharbel)



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St. Sharbel was a 19th century Maronite Hermit renowned for his intimacy with God before his death. After his death, his popularity spread as many witnessed or experienced miracles through his intercession. St Sharbel's relic will remain permanently at St. Anthony for all to venerate and pray for his intercession to our Lord Jesus. Let us fervently pray that this ignites a spiritual revolution within the life of our church.

MIRACLES do happen!

Dr. Patrick Semaan Anton, born in Kfarhouna, Lebanon, in 1968, is married to Mrs. Emily and has two daughters. an expatriate in the United States, and resides in Florida. Here is his account of his health condition, which his medical reports support: "On December 28, 2023, I had an accident that caused the anterior tendon in my right knee to tear. I was admitted to Colorado Hospital, where orthopedic doctor Dr. Farid Hakim cared for me. After an MRI scan, his decision was that I needed surgery to repair the tendon. I then moved to a hospital in Florida, where Dr. Raoul Doshmaq examined my knee. After another MRI, his decision was also that there would be no healing without surgery. Four doctors examined my knee, and they all agreed that surgery was the only way to recovery. After three months, swelling appeared on my knee, so I began applying Saint Sharbel's oil to it daily. My knee improved, and I felt that it had been healed through Saint Sharbel's intercession. Dr. Raoul Doshmaq then ordered another scan of my knee and was astonished to find that it had healed. It was healed completely. Therefore, I came with my family to thank Saint Sharbel for his intercession for me, and I registered the miracle on July 16, 2025.

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

A man was working outside and got bit by some ants. He screamed, "Ow! Why did God even create ants?!" His little boy was out in the yard with him too and said, "Dad, that's a really mean thing to say. Of course God had to create ants!" When dad asked why the boy calmly replied, "Because without ants, the uncles would have no wives."

God is talking to one of his angels and says, "Do you know what I have just done? I have just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?" The angel says, "Yes, but what will you do now?" God says, "I think I'll call it a day."

An Irish Priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest, fingers crossed. The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

Bless Us St Sharbel
There are endless accounts of miracles that have happened due to the intercession of St Sharbel. Youssef Antoun Makhoul, a Lebanese Maronite Priest, was known for 67 years of bodily incorruptibility, healing fluid and 33,000+ verified miracles. He is the patron saint of: Lebanon, physical healing; paralysis; cancer; the sick of every faith. He had two new prominent miracles authenticated at Annaya in early 2026 and hundreds still under investigation. We are blessed to be able to get his first class relic here in Luling where we have so many in need of healing. O Saint Sharbel, we beg of you, to intercede for us before the throne of God, for those who call upon you!

FIRST ENCYCLICAL LETTER of POPE LEO ~ *MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS*

Taken from Vatican.va

AI must serve humanity ~ not concentrate power

Marking the 135th anniversary of *Rerum novarum*, Pope Leo XIV releases his first encyclical, entitled 'Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.' He appeals for the safeguarding of humanity, promotion of truth, dignity of work, social justice, and peace



CONCLUSION

229. "Let each builder choose with care how to build" (1 Cor 3:10). With these words, Saint Paul encouraged the Christians of Corinth to preserve unity. Dear brothers and sisters, we have reflected on the world we are building, and we asked ourselves what it means to safeguard the human person in the era of artificial intelligence. At the end of this reflection, I would like to propose a sober yet demanding program of Christian life with which we can navigate this epochal change in the light of the Gospel. This avenue emerges through contemplating God's plan, living ecclesial unity by partaking of the Eucharist, building a world centered on the common good and praying in union with the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Word became flesh

230. Our world is filled with attempts to seize control of markets and spheres of influence, often shrouded in reassuring rhetoric and seductive ideologies. Yet our hearts yearn for an approach that is wise and benevolent, akin to that which Mary praises in her Magnificat, when she proclaims that God's mercy extends in every generation to those who fear him. [205] This plan of mercy continues to unfold throughout history today, even amid the rapid and unsettling changes brought by algorithms and global networks, and it becomes a compass in the digital era for living our lives according to the Gospel.

231. At the heart of everything is the mystery of the Incarnation, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. The flesh of the Son, poor and vulnerable, evokes the flesh of so many brothers and sisters stripped of their dignity and reduced to silence. [206] Through the Lord's closeness, the gift of peace enters into the world in a paradoxical way. It does so through the power to become children of God, and is awakened when we allow ourselves to be moved by the tears of the little ones, the fragility of the elderly, the silence of victims and the struggle of those who fight against the evil they do not wish to commit. [207] In this wounded yet beloved flesh, the Father shows us the true humanity of a life fulfilled through openness and communion, which leads us to desire that his will be done on earth as it is in heaven. [208]

232. In the promises of transhumanism and some posthumanist currents of thought, which seek an enhanced and almost disembodied humanity, we recognize a yearning that is of concern to us, namely the need for a fuller life, less exposed to limitations and suffering. Yet the Incarnation opens a different pathway. On the one hand, old and new ideologies alike urge humanity to overcome limitations through technology, and to rise above others by asserting dominance. Contrary to this, the mystery of the Son of God entering into our human condition promises something quite different. The living God descends into our history in order to free us from all forms of slavery. [209] He takes upon himself our weakness and transforms it into a setting for salvation. There is no moment or human situation that is not worthy of God. "According to the teaching of our faith, we have and adore, in our mysteries, a God who is born in a manger, a God who lives and travels in Judea, a God who dies on the cross, a dead God who lies in the tomb." [210] The future of humanity, therefore, finds its standard in the ability to welcome this divine way of drawing near, of sharing the burden of the world, of transforming relationships from within. "O wonder... man is God and this God-Man passes through all those stages, endures all those states and ennobs them, sanctifies them, deifies them in himself!" [211] What saves humanity is the divine love that descends into the most fragile point of our history and renews it from within.

233. For this reason, as a believer among believers, I invite everyone to contemplate, in the face of the Son of God, the grandeur of humanity that shines a light also on the era of AI. In Christ, we are called to cooperate in the work of creation, rather than be disinterested observers of technological processes that limit our freedom and responsibility. [212] The dignity inscribed in each of us by the Holy Spirit can also be seen in our capacity to reflect critically, choose and love freely, and form authentic relationships. No computational system, however sophisticated, can create a heart that gives itself, or a conscience that discerns good from evil. Even when machines excel in efficiency, a human face that asks to be gazed upon remains the center of our history. This human face is the fullness toward which history is moving. It is the mystery of "recapitulation": the certainty that the Father has decreed to bring all things, those in heaven and those on earth, back to Christ, the one Head (cf. Eph 1:10). In this plan, nothing will be lost that is authentically human. Indeed, everything will be purified and reunited in the One, who gathers every fragment of life, every tear and every authentically human achievement, rescuing them from nothingness and delivering them, redeemed, to the Father.

One body in Christ

234. The spirituality that we need is a Eucharistic spirituality, that is, a spirituality of ecclesial unity

in love. The Incarnation and the Paschal Mystery reveal God entering into our human condition and transforming it through the gift of himself. This gift remains present and active in the Eucharist, in which the Lord gives himself and gathers the Church together, so that his offering becomes the principle of unity and source of new life. It is from this communion that Christian solidarity also arises, since "union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself." [213] As Saint Augustine explained to the new Christians of his local Church, the bread and wine on the altar are the sacrament of the unity of the faithful in Christ: "What is seen is a mere physical likeness; what is grasped bears spiritual fruit. So now, if you want to understand the body of Christ, listen to the Apostle Paul speaking to the faithful: together you are the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27). If you are the body and members of Christ, then it is your sacrament that is placed on the table of the Lord; it is your sacrament that you receive. You respond 'Amen,' and by responding in this way you assent to it. For you hear the words, 'the Body of Christ' and respond 'Amen.' Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your Amen may be true!" [214]

235. The "Amen" that we say in the liturgy, the Body we eat and the Blood we drink shape our entire lives. The Eucharist "is an extremely personal encounter with the Lord and yet never simply an act of individual piety." [215] In the Eucharist we find a visible manifestation of the reality that we "are the Church of Christ, his members, his body. We are brothers and sisters in him. And in Christ, though many and diverse, we are one: In illo uno unum." [216] The Eucharist opens us to justice and sharing, with a preferential concern for those who are burdened by poverty or marginalization. And while new economic and technological networks can generate exclusion, isolation and dependencies, the Church — nourished by the Eucharist — is called to make visible a different paradigm, one that preserves human connections, gives a voice to the invisible and ensures that processes are aimed at respecting people's dignity.

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"¡Queridos hijos! Alégrese conmigo porque el Altísimo me permite estar con ustedes, para guiarlos hacia Él, que es el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida. Alégrese, hijitos, y permanezcan gozosos aun en las dificultades, y tendrán fuerza, porque serán conscientes de que son pasajeros, y sabrán ofrecerlo todo a Dios. Por eso no olviden: yo soy su Madre y los amo. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado. " (Con aprobación eclesiástica)

Ultimo Mensaje, 25 de junio de 2026 - Aparición anual a Ivanka

La visionaria Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez tuvo su aparición anual habitual el 25 de junio de 2026. En su última aparición diaria, el 7 de mayo de 1985, Nuestra Señora le confió a Ivanka el décimo secreto y le dijo que tendría una aparición una vez al año, en el aniversario de las apariciones. La aparición duró 4 minutos. Después de la aparición, Ivanka dijo:

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