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MEDJUGORJE
July 25, 2025
to Marija Pavlovic'

*"Dear children!
In this time of
grace, when the
Most High permits
me to love you and
lead you on the
way of holiness,
Satan wants to
entangle you
with the cord of
peacelessness
and hatred.
Do not permit him
to prevail, but,
little children,
fight for the
holiness of every
life.*

*Thank you for
having responded
to my call."*

MEDJUGORJE
August 25, 2025
to Marija Pavlovic'

*"Dear children,
my little children,
my beloved ones;
you are chosen because
you have responded,
you have put
into practice my
instructions and love
God above all else.*

*Therefore, little
children, pray with
all your heart that my
words may be realized.*

*Fast, sacrifice
yourselves, love out
of love for God Who
created you, and be,
little children, my
extended hands to
this world that has not
come to know the God
of love."*

*Thank you for having
responded
to my call."*

Meditation on the July 25, 2025 Message by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM



Our Lady's message on July 25, 2025 is given to us by way of her servant Marija who also recognizes that this is a time of grace, because God permits Mary to come to us for two reasons:

The first is God's love comes in Mary's actions and love to inspire us! To share in Mary's love means we are bound in a commitment to love the Lord in our service to Mary by prayer: We pray the Rosary for world peace and in the Church for Pope Leo XIV, for Bishops, Priest and our individual communities. Our commitment with the help of Mary leads to Holiness, and carrying out our prayers will break the bonds of Satan's cord; that is peace lessness and hatred.

Our constancy and community life of caring and forgiveness breaks the second part of the cord of Satan, which is "hatred". We share in the victory of Love and Peace as we share Mary's life. Jesus and Mary want us to be instruments of reconciliation with our brothers and sisters.

Everyone is important, every life must receive holiness in Jesus's name and Mary we pray. Love Fr. Al

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This month as always, Mary calls us to action and to respond! Mary has called us to pray, pray, pray. Our daily acts of prayer and devotion are at the same time how we respond to God's love and to Mary.

We become chosen through our commitment to prayer and devotion. Our relationship with God and Mary is considered to be disciple like or chosen when we and others can see our devotion and love responses. Above all else, we are to pray that Mary's words may be realized.

Mary calls us to "fast, sacrifice yourselves. Love out of love for God who created you, and be little children, my extended hands to this world that has not come to know the God of love."

Now you know your calling as chosen; recall Jesus' words. Try to enter the narrow gate for salvation, for wide is the gate to hell and many are taking it! Brothers and Sisters consider how we can reach out to save someone?

Love Fr. Al

St. Dymphna

Those suffering from mental illnesses, Healthcare workers, Epilepsy, Rape Victims, Incest Victims, Runaways
Saint Dymphna was born in the seventh century when Ireland was almost universally Catholic. Yet, her father, a chieftain, was a pagan.

He was a man of great wealth and power. Her mother was of noble decent and a devout Christian. Dymphna was a sweet and attractive girl. When she was fourteen her mother died and her father was afflicted with a mental illness brought on by his grief.

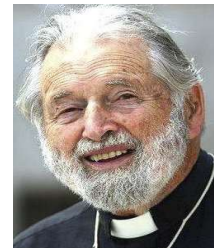
Her father sent messengers out to find a replacement for his wife to fill the void in his life.

Their search was fruitless. They then suggested, he marry Dymphna because of her resemblance to her mother. Under the stress of mental illness her father was suffering from, he was willing to follow this scandalous proposal. Dymphna was filled with disgust over the idea and dedicated herself to a life of virginity.

Dymphna, her priest and two friends decided to flee the country from her father. They went by boat and landed in Belgium where some hospitable villagers received them in their home. Her father was very angry at her disappearance and eventually tracked them down. He tried to persuade her to come back but her priest rebuked him for his wicked proposals. Her father then had the priest beheaded and again asked his daughter to return. She again refused him, thus infuriating him to the point that he then beheaded her.

She was only fifteen years old when she died and was buried in a pure white tomb in a cave.

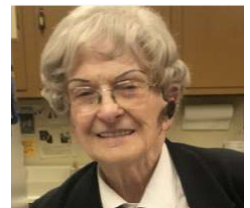
REMEMBERING THAT THIS IS WHERE MARY'S HELPERS ALL BEGAN.



Fr. Peter Mary Rookey, OSM
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Gertrude Gayle Ponseti
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Carlos Acutis
First Millennial Saint
Canonized Sept 7, 2025

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One of eight blessed will be canonized on September 7, 2025 will be Carlos Acutis. He was beatified in Assisi on October 10, 2020 and originally had been scheduled for canonization on April 27 this year but was postponed due to the death of Pope Francis on April 21. He was born May 3, 1991. Known as a computer whiz who liked to play soccer and video games and the saxophone. Yet Carlos was a little different in that he loved to teach catechism and served in soup kitchens. He loved to attend daily Mass and frequent Eucharistic adoration. The Word of God and the Eucharist were the center of his life. He was inspired to tell the story of Eucharistic miracles thru a website he created just for fun which caught the attention of people across the globe. He died from a sudden and violent illness in 2006 at the age of fifteen. In less than a decade, his story spread across Italy and around the world. Carlos is said to be the first millennial saint.

FATHER ROOKEY
Called Home **Sept 10, 2014**

From the first healing in Benburb, County Tyrone (where he helped found the Servite order in Ireland in 1948) to the present day, Father Rookey's ministry has taken him from his native USA to countries all over the world. Wherever he goes, thousands flock to this man of miracles. The stories of many of the remarkable healings and exorcisms that have occurred, are told here. And from it all emerges a portrait of a great and humble man, known to the world as 'the healing priest' who, when asked about his 'gift', says simply: 'It is God's work, not mine- He does all the healing, I just pray...' (Heather Parsons - Author 'Man of Miracles')



His Holiness
POPE LEO XIV
"Peace be with you."

**Please join us in praying The Miracle Prayer
FOR FATHER ROOKEY'S PATH TO BE CANONIZED.**

We pray that Father Rookey will be canonized. His nephew Timothy sent a package detailing their steps already taken for Father Peter's cause to Pope Leo's two brothers, John (Chicago) and Louis (Florida) in hopes that they will help in this effort. We ask for prayers that this will lead to a meeting with Pope Leo soon to discuss. **PLEASE PRAY!!!**

The Miracle Prayer:

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 Saviour. 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.

Say this prayer faithfully, no matter what you feel, when you come to the point where you sincerely mean each word, with all your heart, something good spiritually will happen to you. You will experience Jesus, and HE will change your whole life in a very special way. You will see.

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**St Padre
Pio**
Feast Day
Sept 23

Eternal Father,
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intercession of your Beloved Servant, Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, I humbly ask you to grant me the grace to be free from every spirit of darkness that disturbs my soul and my peace; from every spirit of sickness that afflicts my body, especially [state your intentions]

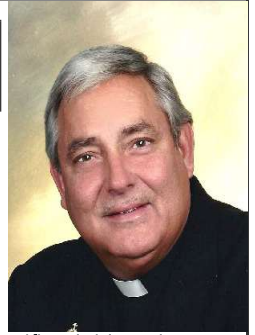
Oh, Father of Mercy, I ask this through the merits of the holy stigmata of the passion of your Son, which your servant Padre Pío de Pietrelcina has borne holy in life. May everything be for your Glory. Amen

Then pray the Creed, and Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be...



From the desk of **FATHER PAUL BERGERON**

FEAST OF ST JAMES



On the Feast of St. James, we see that in the Gospel of St. Matthew, this dominating Mother of her two sons demanding that Jesus assigned them to sit one on His left and one on His right when they enter The Kingdom of God. It wasn't enough that she asked but that she demanded Him to do so. I believe today that they call these mothers - Helicopter Moms. What nerve! I can just see Shirley Temple's mother dragging her daughter from audition to audition, shoving her on stage only that she become famous and she did, but look at the damage she did. This little girl never knew how it was to be normal to grow up like a regular child. Her mother sacrificed this only so that she could satisfy her own ego. This is the kind of woman we are dealing with here. Christ put her in her place when He told her that only The Father could assign this position. Then beyond that He emphasized that in order to be first in The Kingdom, they would have to be willing to be last here on earth. Here is the great lesson to be learned If we put ourselves last and become a slave as Jesus did, we are following in The Lord's Footsteps in that He did not come to be served but to serve. Amen-God Bless Fr. Paul.

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OCT 17 FRI - 3PM CONFESSION & ROSARY ~ 4PM MASS

ROSARY PROCESSION (OCT MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY)



*O BLESSED LADY,
SPREAD THE EFFECT OF GRACE OF THY
FLAME OF LOVE OVER ALL OF HUMANITY*



DAYS TO REMEMBER

Sep 1-Labor Day

Sept 7-15-Annual Solemn Novena OL Sorrows

Sep 8-Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sep 14-Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sep 15-Our Lady of Sorrows Feast Day

Sep 17-Houma Mass - Wednesday

Sep 23-Feast Day of Saint Padre Pio

Sep 29-Holy Archangels (Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Feast Day)

Oct 1-St Therese of Lisieux Feast Day

Oct 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

Oct 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

Oct 11-America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally

Oct 17-Houma Mass-Friday ROSARY

Oct 25-Rosary at MARY'S HELPERS 10:30am

**Agonizing Heart of Jesus, have mercy
on the sick and dying.**

Sacred Heart of Jesus, save them.



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Please join us to pray this beautiful and powerful prayer to our Mother.

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DO YOU BELIEVE IN ANGELS?

By: Lesli White/beliefnet

Are angels real? Are they truly around us? We often don't hear about angels and when we do, the stories are often secularized or commercialized. The truth is, angels still walk among us and each story of a true encounter with one is quite unique and amazing. Angels are spiritual beings with a much different frequency compared to humans. Increasing your present awareness of angels is one of the best ways to start noticing their presence. On mountain slopes, on desolate rural highways and airplane cockpits are just a few of the places where ordinary people have felt the real presence of God's angels at work in their lives. Angel signs are all around us and can come in a variety of ways depending on your current challenges, next steps or the questions you've asked

ANGELS AT CRASH SITE

Lillie Leonardi's story may seem unbelievable to some, but the former FBI officer, who retired after suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder linked to her role in the aftermath of the September 11 terror attacks is adamant about what she witnessed. Leonardi said she saw legions of angels guarding the Pennsylvania site where United Airlines Flight 93 crashed. When she arrived at the site just three hours after the crash, she was struck by numerous elements. She was so startled, she kept it to herself out of fear that her co-workers would think she lost her mind.

"I started seeing shimmery lights...and it was kind of misty and that's when I first saw angels there," Leonardi said. "And I didn't say anything to the guys because you can imagine if I would have said, 'I just saw angels on the crash site,' they'd have called the office and they'd have said, 'She lost her mind and tell her to go home.'"

They were dressed as if they were in warrior garb like a Roman centurion, she said. There were so many of them, you couldn't see their faces. She continued to see flickers of light, each angel guarding the crash site. Her hope in sharing her story is that people would know that God was present on 9/11.

Angelic Encounter During Car Accident

Pastor John Boston was driving down the road when another car crossed the center line and came barreling

toward him. The pastor swerved to miss the vehicle and struck a utility pole, sending a live transformer crashing onto his car. Immediately the metal and glass began to buckle on the intense heat from thousands of volts of electricity. His 4-year-old daughter, who was with him, was trapped inside the burning car. The seat belt was stuck and the door wouldn't open. That's when a scruffy looking stranger came out of nowhere and easily opened the smashed door. The man removed him from the car and walked him 20 feet away from the vehicle to safety before the car exploded in flames.

"He said my name is Johnny, the police are almost here and I can't be here when they get here but you're gonna be okay," said Pastor Boston. "And then the man was gone."

He said that people who tried to rationalize the situation thought the



circuit breaker simply tripped and Johnny fled because of a sketchy past. However, firefighters say there are some aspects of what happened that defy logic, reason and science. Pastor Boston is convinced

he encountered an angel that day.



Seven Sorrows Prayer

Beloved Mother Mary, whose Heart suffered beyond bearing because of us, teach us to suffer with you and with love, and to accept all the suffering God deems it necessary to send our way. Let us suffer, and may our suffering be known to God only, like yours and that of Jesus. Do not let us show our suffering to the world, so it will matter more and be used to atone for the sins of the world. You, Mother, who suffered with the Savior of the world, we offer you our suffering, and the suffering of the world, because we are your children. Join those sorrows to your own and to those of the Lord Jesus Christ, then offer them to God the Father. You are a Mother greater than all. *Amen*

IF YOU DON'T PRAY, YOU DON'T STAY...

This is so true in that if you don't pray, you won't stay close to God. I used to be that person who just went to church on Sunday. It was like check a box; I'm a good catholic. But there is so much more in store for you if you just pray more. Doors will open up and you will see blessings you never saw before. You will feel joy in your heart like never before. It's hard when life is going one hundred miles an hour every day. But we have to put God first. We have to make Him a priority if WE expect to be a priority in our next life to Him. It so true that everyone wants to go to heaven, but no one wants to die. But we will die one day. And what is beyond this world is another world. I want us to both make it to heaven one day. So I ask you. Can you find ten minutes in a day to pray and get closer to God? Can you give 30 minutes or an hour for adoration? If we can't make God important in our lives, how do we expect God to pay us any attention much less answer our prayers when we are in pain? Our God is a forgiving God. He wants you to talk to him and ask him for what you need and don't forget to give him thanks for all we have. He will answer you. If you slow down and just listen. Good luck on your divine soul path or "destiny" that you came on Earth to fulfill.

To Jesus

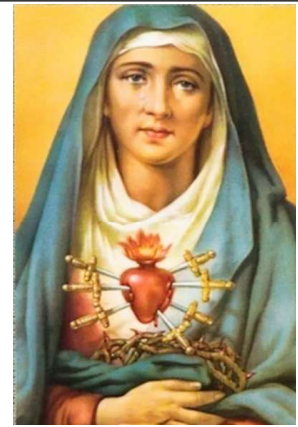
The phrase "To Jesus Through Mary" rose to prominence through St. Louis de Montfort's book True Devotion to Mary. He used these words to explain that devotion to Mary is the best way to grow closer to Jesus, because Mary herself will lead us to her Son if we ask her to do so.

In True Devotion to Mary, St. Louis de Montfort outlines the steps of total consecration to Jesus through Mary. This beautiful devotion allows us to present our entire lives, ourselves, and the merits of our prayers to Mary, for her to give to Jesus. Mary and Jesus are united so closely that giving ourselves to Mary ultimately brings us to Jesus.

That's why we're using these words to focus our devotion to the Blessed Mother. We ask the Blessed Mother to present our cares to Jesus, who will never forsake us.

What mother can deny their child's pains and sorrows when they come running to their mother for help. Mary, Our Mother, is there always to help us for whatever we need. What Son can deny his mother's request if she asks something of Him? Remember the Wedding at Cana. Pray to Mary and she will bring you closer to her son Jesus.

Through Mary



THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

As we pray and meditate on these 7 sorrows we grow in our feelings of empathy for our blessed mother's sufferings. We also open ourselves to becoming more empathetic towards the suffering of others all while learning to better understand our own sufferings and offer them up to the Kingdom of God

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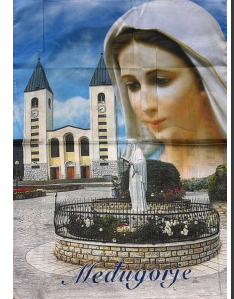
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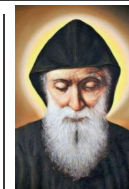


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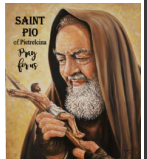


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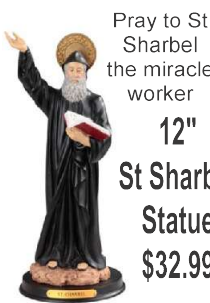


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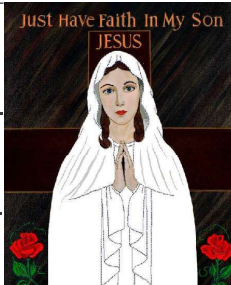
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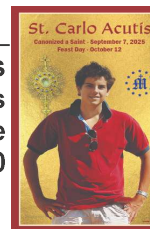


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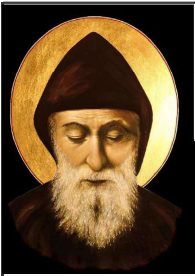
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St. Sharbel Makhlouf

Feast Day July 24

Miracle of the oil of St. Charbel in Naples church

St. Ferdinand Church, located in the historic heart of Naples, Italy, was the scene of an event that many are already calling miraculous, attributed to the intercession of **St. Charbel**, a Lebanese hermit, devotion to whom has transcended borders.

On July 24, in the context of his liturgical memorial, Monsignor Pasquale Silvestri, parish priest at the Neapolitan church, celebrated a Mass in honor of the saint attended by more than 500 people, many of them ill.

At the end of the Eucharist, the priest proceeded to anoint the faithful who approached the altar with blessed oil — sent especially for the occasion by the Maronite Curia in Rome. It was then that something unexpected happened.

'I couldn't believe what I was seeing'

"I didn't imagine there would be so many people, so there came a time when the jar was almost empty, and I was afraid I wouldn't be able to satisfy everyone," the priest explained in a letter published July 27 and addressed to Father Elias Hamhoury, former postulator of the cause for canonization of St. Charbel.

However, he managed to anoint each sick person until the jar was empty. "When I finished," he added, "I closed the jar and put it back in its case. But when I put it back in the safe, I realized it was full again. I couldn't believe what I was seeing."

When contacted by ACI Prensa, CNA's Spanish-language news partner, Silvestri confirmed the events: "I was very surprised, because the jar was empty. In fact, I was afraid because there wouldn't be enough to anoint everyone, and I turned the jar upside down several times" to get the last few drops.

Upon realizing that the vessel was indeed full again and that it "weighed more than before," the priest approached the altar to tell the faithful what had happened: "Everyone applauded when they saw it."

"I'm not a miracle worker, absolutely not, but in this case there was a production of matter; this is a very serious thing," he emphasized. Given what happened, he assured he acted in accordance with canon law: "When one learns of a miracle, it must be communicated to the saint's postulator."

The aroma of the cedars of Lebanon

The next day, July 25, a group of Lebanese pilgrims arrived at the church. "They asked me if they could smell the oil, and when they did, they assured me it gave off the aroma of the cedars of Lebanon," one of the symbols of St. Charbel's homeland. "The oil is fragrant, something that

seems impossible," the Neapolitan priest pointed out.

St. Charbel, whose original name was Youssef Antoun, was born May 8, 1828, in Beqaa-Kafra, a village near the famous "Cedars of God," one of the last natural reserves of these 1,000-year-old trees that in ancient times covered much of the Lebanese mountains.

"The bottle is safely stored away and at the disposal of the authorities, in case anyone wants to come and inquire and study the contents," Silvestri added.

The beginning of a deep devotion

The priest told ACI Prensa that his devotion to the saint began almost by chance. "I didn't know him; I heard about him recently, and I really liked his story. So I put up a picture in my church out of devotion," he explained.

Although he assured that he has never "believed in dreams," he shared — still amazed — a personal anecdote: "When I put up this picture, one night I dreamed that St. Charbel was looking at me and was laughing. This really struck me because the photo of St. Charbel is always that of a very serious man, but he was smiling at me."

Since that providential episode, he decided to dedicate the Masses on the last Friday of June and July to the Lebanese saint.

Healing from serious illnesses

It was on July 24, a few hours before the "miracle" of the oil, when a young woman from the parish, about 20 years old, approached him. "She told me that that morning she had been cured of a breast tumor thanks to St. Charbel. It was completely clear, and the doctors thought it would be impossible."

"That happened on the morning of the 24th, and in the afternoon an impressive number of people came to Mass. We weren't prepared; in fact, we ran out of sacred hosts. And then what happened," he recalled.

Since then, he said, many faithful have shared testimonies of physical or spiritual healing after participating in the Mass. "I've received about five or six similar accounts, and I've asked them to write them all down."

The priest emphasized that "miracles are recounted in the Gospel and in the word of God." For Silvestri, what happened in his church "is a confirmation of what we already know."

A bridge between East and West

St. Charbel is known for obtaining miracles from God not only for Catholics but also for Muslims and followers of other religions. The Catholic Church has recorded and investigated thousands of miracles attributed to his intercession.

In fact, even during his lifetime, he enjoyed a notable reputation for miraculous healings among those who came to him for help.

The Lebanese saint, a priest and hermit monk of the Maronite rite, has become a spiritual bridge between East and West. He died on Dec. 24, 1898. He was beatified by Pope Paul VI on Dec. 5, 1965, and canonized by the same pontiff on Oct. 9, 1977.

ACI Prensa contacted the Italian Bishops' Conference to learn its position on the matter but did not receive a response by the time of publication.

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TREE OF SOLES

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This most
interesting place
is right here in Southeast Louisiana. Lots
of shoe soles hang on 3 trees here. This
prayer that is on the tree will tell the story,

**This tree has been chosen
to offer you a place to
hang your burdens.**

**For it was a tree that the
only Son of God was hung
to take away the burdens
and sins of our world.**

**At the last supper Jesus
washed the feet of the disciples
to show that he was in service
to our humanity
that he was our Savior.**

**So upon this tree you may hang
your shoes and offer a prayer so
that the burdens of your soul may
be lighter.**

✠ **GOD BLESS** ✠
Pray for Peace

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



A doctor was called in to see a very busy patient. "Well, sir, what's the matter?" he asked cheerfully.

"That's for you to find out," the patient snapped. "I see," said the doctor, "Well, if you'll excuse me a minute, I'll phone a friend of mine... a veterinarian. He's the only man I know who can make a diagnosis without asking a single question."

FOND MEMORIES

Tragically, three friends died in a car crash and found themselves at the gates of heaven. Before entering, they were each asked the same question by St. Peter. "When you are in your casket and friends and family are mourning for you, what would you like to hear them say about you?"

The first guy said, "I would like to hear them say that I was a great doctor of my time and a great family man."

The second guy said, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher who made a huge difference in our children of tomorrow."

The last guy replied, "I would like to hear them say, **'Look, he's moving!'**"



Who Are these Archangels?

By Fr. Steve Ryan, SDB

The Catholic Church has designated September 29 as the feast day of the Archangels: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. The Old Testament and the New Testament give plenty of revelation about the existence of angels. Jesus talks about angels many times in the Gospel. The existence of angels is a truth of the faith. They are incorporeal beings who are spiritual and perfect. They were created by God at the dawn of time for the purpose of being his servants and messengers. They have always and forever contemplated the face of God. Yet they are ready to rush to his every command, as attentive listeners and executors of his Word.

Three of these angels—Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, known as the Archangels—are the only ones named in Sacred Scripture. They are big shot angels because they have important roles in the history of salvation.

The Archangel Michael is the “Prince of the Heavenly Host”. He is the leader of all the angels. His name in Hebrew means “Who is like God?” Michael is the one who led the battle for the good angels against Lucifer, the rebellious angel. When the devil (Lucifer) and his followers rebelled against God, Saint Michael the Archangel defended the Holy Trinity.

Michael, whose forces cast down Lucifer and the evil spirits into Hell, is invoked for protection against Satan and all evil. Pope Leo XIII, in 1899, having had a prophetic vision of the evil that would be inflicted upon the Church and the world in the 20th century, instituted a prayer to be said at the end of every Mass asking for Saint Michael's protection.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits that prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Christian tradition recognizes four offices of Saint Michael: (1) to fight against Satan, (2) to rescue the souls of the faithful from the power of the enemy, especially at the hour of death, (3) to be the champion of God's people, and (4) to call away from earth and bring men's souls to judgment.

The second Archangel is Gabriel. When the Holy Mother of God, Blessed Mary, was visited by Gabriel at the annunciation, he said, “I am Gabriel, who stand before God.” (Luke 1:19)

Saint Gabriel, whose name means “God's strength”, is mentioned four times in the Bible. Archangel Gabriel announces the profound moments of salvation and brings messages of God's wonderful designs for salvation. Most significant are Gabriel's two mentions in the New Testament: to announce the birth of John the Baptist to his father Zacharias, and at the incarnation of Jesus in the womb of the Blessed Mother. Christian tradition suggests that it is he who appeared to St. Joseph and to the shepherds, and also that it was he who “strengthened” Jesus during his agony in the garden of Gethsemane.

Finally we have the **Archangel Raphael**. “I am the angel Raphael, one of the seven, who stand and serve before the Glory of the Lord.” (Tobit 12:15)

Saint Raphael's name means “God has healed”. He healed Tobias' blindness in the book of Tobit. Tobit is the only book in which he is mentioned. His office is generally accepted by tradition to be that of healing and acts of mercy. Raphael is also identified with the angel in John 5:1-4 who descended upon the pond and bestowed healing powers upon it so that the first to enter it after it moved would be healed of whatever infirmity he was suffering.

In summary, the task of the three Archangels, in addition to contemplation of God, is to communicate His Will to man. They do it in various ways: Michael defends. Gabriel announces. Raphael heals. They all are an inspiration for human beings and the catalysts of divine grace for them.

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After he was extubated, he went through six months of speech therapy before he could speak. It was a year and a half before he could eat, and two and a half years before he could return to work. Because his endurance was so depleted, he could only manage to work half days at first. Besides the physical pain, one component of having such a severe injury is the mental anguish you go through when all of a sudden you can't do anything for yourself, says Dr. D. “It was such a humbling experience and it taught me just how much we depend on others.”

Dr. D says his faith helped him immensely during the extremely difficult time in his life. When he woke up for the first time in ICU there was a priest there administering his last rights and even though he was in such a dire situation, he says he felt so comfortable just knowing that a priest was there if he needed him, and that had such a profound and lasting effect on him and still does to this day. And even though he didn't know just how many people were praying for him while he was recovering, Dr. D says all of those prayers lifted his spirits.

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Dr. D says his experience has made him a lot more compassionate toward others and it's changed his focus a little bit from the business of medicine, which is still important, to taking care of people and giving them the kind of care that he knows God would approve of. “I'm so quick to do services gratis for someone who can't afford it now and I do something like that every day. I know what I'm able to do can change people's lives and I take that very seriously. I have a wonderful opportunity to be able to give someone the gift of vision. I don't think I appreciated that as much as I do now.”



DR D

A WALKING MIRACLE

Story by Janet Marcel
Photo by Lawrence Chatagnier
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Arthur J. dela Houssaye, M.D., FACS, medical director of SEECA in Houma LA, claims that he is living proof of the power of prayer and faith in God, and anyone who hears his story would find it just about impossible to refute his claim.

“Dr. D,” as he is affectionately referred to by everyone who knows him, was an avid cyclist in excellent physical shape when thirteen years ago, in September 2012 his life changed forever. While training for the upcoming state cycling

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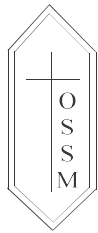
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Healing Prayer (recited by Dr D Daily)
Heavenly Father, I call on You in a special way.
It is through You that I was created.
Every breath I take, every morning I wake.
Every moment, every hour, I live under Your power.
Father, I ask You to touch me with that same power.
For if You created me from nothing,
You can certainly recreate me.
Fill me with the healing power of Your spirit.
Cast out anything that should not be in me.
Mend what is broken, root out any unproductive cells.
Open all blood vessels and rebuild any damaged areas.
Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection.
Let the warmth of Your healing love pass through my body.
Father, please restore me to full health in mind and body
So that I may serve You the rest of my life.
I ask this through Christ our Lord
and I thank You Lord for listening. AMEN



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“¡Queridos hijos, hijitos míos, amados míos! Ustedes son elegidos porque han respondido, han puesto en práctica mis indicaciones y aman a Dios sobre todas las cosas. Por eso, hijitos, oren con todo el corazón para que se realicen mis palabras. Ayunen, hagan sacrificios, amen por amor a Dios que los ha creado y sean, hijitos, mis manos extendidas a este mundo que no ha conocido al Dios del amor. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado. ”

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Why does everyone want to go to heaven, but I don't know anybody who wants to die?

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