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MEDJUGORJE
September 25, 2026
to Marija Pavlovic'

"Dear children! May this time be a time of prayer for peace.
I am calling you to renew in your families the prayer of the Rosary for my intentions, so that I may be able to multiply your prayers and intercede for you before the Most High, [for Him] to heed your prayers and to give you peace.
I am with you and like never before I pray for you and with you, my little children.
Thank you for having responded to my call."

(With ecclesiastical approval)

MEDJUGORJE
October 25, 2026
to Marija Pavlovic'

"Dear children! A fire of hatred and wars is spreading in the hearts of people who do not want peace but their own weak interests. That is why, little children, you be prayer and my extended hands of love and peace for all those who are far from my motherly heart. Pray more strongly and more for the peace that God desires to give you but you do not want it. I am with you and I am praying that peace may prevail and reign in every heart.
Thank you for having responded to my call."

(With ecclesiastical approval)

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

Our Mother Mary prays for us with a special intention. Mary wants us to be fervent in praying with our family and community the prayer of the Rosary for Her intentions. Mary says, in this way "I may be able to multiply your prayers and intercede for you before the Most High, [for Him] to heed your prayers and to give you peace".

Mary gives us a special reason for her prayers for us, "I am with you and like never before I pray for you and with you. My little children"

On our part we must dedicate a prayer life with family and the Marian community for peace and Mary's intensions.

Love Fr AL

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Brothers and Sisters, our Mother's concern for us is to see the present condition of our people in the world now, today! We are to face them with prayer and peace. We are to reach out in the name of Jesus and Mary with love and peace to those that are far from Mary's message of inclusion and of her plan of winning the battle over Satan with Her Immaculate Heart! We are to pray strongly for God to give us peace so that we will be convinced and committed to praying for peace.

"Mary's last words "that peace may prevail and reign in every Heart" are also the words that we pray at every Mass and the Church prays around the world constantly!!

Let us respond in prayer

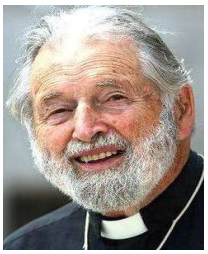
Love Fr. Al

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord & let perpetual light shine upon them and may they rest in peace. Amen!

I AM THE Way, THE Truth, AND THE Life. NO ONE COMES TO THE Father EXCEPT THROUGH ME. JOHN 14:6

Society does not believe in the news, or social media or even our government. If our kids are going to learn the truth, we need to show them that God IS the truth, the way and the life.

HAPPY HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY TO FR ROOKEY AND MS GAYLE



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

PRAYER EVERY TUESDAY-Noon

JOIN US IN OUR LIL CHAPEL IN MARRERO
JUST ONE HOUR OF YOUR TIME FOR GOD
at Mary's Helpers
at 4512 7th Street, Marrero, LA
Across from Immaculate Conception Church
Noon til 1pm
Mary is asking us to Pray! For Families! Our Country





HOUMA OCTOBER 17th MASS

IYKYK.. Last Saturday, during Mass in Houma, one of our worshippers captured some beautiful photographs that I wanted to share with you. It was a truly special day, and many felt the loving presence of our Blessed Mother.

The sun was absolutely amazing! I have never seen rays of sunlight quite like those before. Louis shared that the Miracle of the Sun happens there quite often. There are also times when the fragrance of roses fills the air, reminding us of our Heavenly Mother's loving presence

This is truly a special and holy place. For those who may not know its history, this is the very house where Mother Mary appeared to Louis Saia on the porch. Many healings have taken place here, including the healing of Father Paul Bergeron, who continues to celebrate the monthly Mass at this sacred location.

What a blessing it is to gather in prayer, celebrate the Holy Mass, and feel so close to our Blessed Mother. We are grateful to share these moments with you and hope these photographs convey a little of the beauty and grace experienced there.



Do you have **one day** a week to share your time and talents? We are looking for volunteers to help in our gift shop or assist with simple tasks.

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Could God be calling you to serve Him? If you feel Him whispering to you right now, we invite you to open your heart and mind to His call. Your time, kindness, and willingness to help can be a beautiful way to serve Him and others.

Please reach out to us if you would like to learn more. We would love to welcome you to our team! Call Brenda at the shop 504-348-7729 or cell 504-416-4111.

LORD, give me strength for the journey, Strength enough to bear all my burdens.
And when I see my neighbor stumble,
As you did under Your cross,
May I see and bear his burdens as my own.

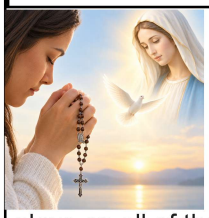


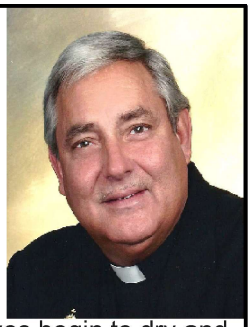
Jacquelyn (Jackie) Doskey

Died Oct 20, 2026

Jackie Doskey passed away peacefully on Oct 20, 2026 in her home at the age of 86 years. She was very active in her church life and also was a volunteer at Mary's Helpers at one time. She will be missed by her family and friends and we send our condolences to them. May she rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon her.

From the desk of FATHER PAUL BERGERON





We see all of the rioting in different parts of the world and for what? People don't like to follow the rules and when that happens there is chaos. Now Satan likes to feed on these situations because he knows they're not of God. Anything from the darkness he loves but you know what he hates the most? He hates The Holy Rosary and why? Because it is a prayer that brings us peace, courage and the lack of fear. How many times I tell you that whenever I go to anoint people in the hospital, Satan plays on all of the relatives gathered there with their stress and sadness. The very first thing I do is to say to them that we are first going to pray a decade of The Holy Rosary. When I tell them that, their eyes begin to dry and sobbing stops believe me when I say, there comes about a Spiritual sence of peace and when we are finished everyone is in a different frame of mind. Man what a transformation that you can actually feel. So to conclude, make sure you have your Rosary with you at all times. So as they say on that credit card commercial-Don't leave home without it-Amen

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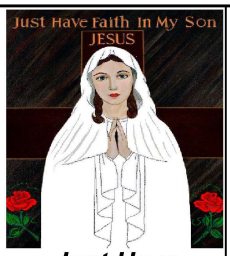
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NOV17 TUESDAY DEC 17 THURSDAY

3PM CONFESSION & ROSARY followed by 4PM MASS

CELEBRANT: FATHER PAUL BERGERON

WILL LOUIS SAIA BE AT THE NOVEMBER MASS?
Rumors are circulating!

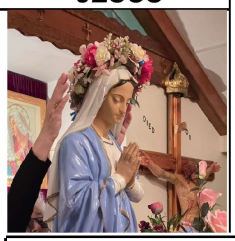


Just Have Faith in My Son JESUS

DAYS TO REMEMBER

Nov 1-All Saints Day/First Saturday
Nov 2-All Souls Day
Nov 11-Veterans Day/Remembrance Day
Nov 17-Houma Mass Tuesday 4pm
Nov 21-Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Nov 26-Thanksgiving Day / Give Thanks
Nov 29 -First Sunday in Advent
Dec 1-Tues iGiveCatholic.org / giving day
Dec 5 -First Saturday
Dec 8-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Dec 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day
Dec 17-Houma Mass Thursday 4pm
Dec 24-Christmas Eve
Dec 25-Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Dec 27-Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mary's Helpers Annual Public Rosary



On Saturday, October 24, Mary's Helpers gathered for a beautiful Public Rosary at Immaculate Conception Church in Marrero, right across the street from us. It was a special opportunity to come together in prayer and honor our Blessed Mother.

After the Rosary, we processed back to the Mary's Helpers Chapel to crown and honor our own beautiful statue of Our Lady. We then enjoyed refreshments and fellowship, sharing smiles and the joy of being together.

We hope everyone who attended left with beautiful memories and hearts filled with peace. We are certain our Blessed Mother was pleased to see so many gathered in prayer and love for her Son.

Thank you to everyone who made this day so special. We look forward to our next Public Rosary in May. May Our Blessed Mother continue to watch over us and guide us closer to Jesus!

TUESDAY, DEC 1, 2026

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SAINT OF THE MONTH

Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

Feast Day: September 23

Known as the Capuchin Priest, Confessor, and Stigmatist

Archbishop Shaw High School was blessed to host the relics of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, also known as Padre Pio, on his feast day Wed, Sept 23.

The head of Shaw is Father Steve Ryan who presided over the mid-day mass in Don Bosco Hall, at their school chapel. It was well attended by students, faculty, alumni, neighboring parish priests and friends. Classes participated throughout the day, giving students a hands-on connection to church history as they reflected on this saint's legacy. The visit offered a rare, unifying opportunity across generations, allowing visitors to offer prayers and experience a moment of spiritual connection here on campus.

The relics of Padre Pio on display included pieces of cloth that were used to clean and dress Padre Pio's wounds. Also there were relics of St Benedict, Pope John Paul II, Pope John XXIII and bones from Blessed Seelos We convey our deep thanks to Ms. Reyna Murillo for bringing the relics to our campus for our community to venerate and inviting Mary's Helpers to be a part of this special day. We look forward to next year. Now a little bit about Saint Padre Pio.

Padre Pio: A Life of Suffering, Prayer, and Miracles

When people think of Padre Pio, they often think of the wounds in his hands, the miracles attributed to his intercession, or the thousands who came to him for confession. But behind these extraordinary events was a humble Capuchin friar who spent much of his life suffering, praying, and trying to remain faithful to God.

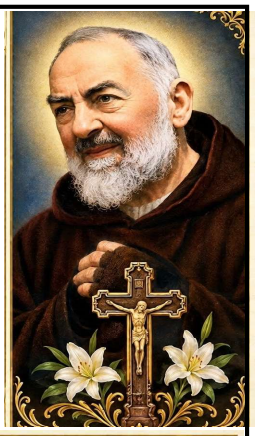
Born Francesco Forgione in Pietrelcina, Italy, in 1887, Padre Pio felt drawn to God from an early age. He entered the Capuchin Franciscans and was ordained a priest in 1910. His health was often poor, and throughout his life he experienced intense physical and spiritual suffering.

In 1918, Padre Pio received the **stigmata—the wounds corresponding to those of Christ's Passion.** The wounds caused him great pain and attracted worldwide attention. Crowds came to see him, seek his prayers, and go to confession. But his growing reputation also brought investigations and periods when Church authorities restricted his public ministry. For a priest whose greatest desire was to serve God, these restrictions were deeply painful. Yet Padre Pio remained obedient.

One of his greatest missions was the **Sacrament of Reconciliation.** He spent countless hours hearing confessions and encouraging people to return to God. He also had a special concern for the sick and suffering. Despite the attention surrounding him, Padre Pio remained humble, saying, **"I only want to be a poor friar who prays."**

His life was a constant offering of prayer and suffering. He believed that suffering, when united with Christ, could become an offering for others. Pope John Paul II later described Padre Pio as a man deeply united to Christ and to the mystery of the Cross.

Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968. He was beatified in 1999 and canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2002.



The Healing of Matteo

One of the most remarkable miracles attributed to Padre Pio occurred after his death.

In January 2000, **seven-year-old Matteo Pio Colella** became critically ill with severe bacterial meningitis. His condition deteriorated rapidly, and he was placed in intensive care. His family and others prayed for Padre Pio's intercession.

Then, against what doctors had expected from the severity of his condition, Matteo began to recover. His recovery was eventually complete.

The case was carefully investigated by the Catholic Church, including medical and theological examination. The Vatican officially recognized Matteo's healing as the miracle attributed to Padre Pio's intercession for his canonization.

Padre Pio's life was filled with suffering, but he never allowed suffering to separate him from God. His story continues to inspire millions who turn to him in prayer, especially those who are sick, struggling, or carrying a heavy cross.

His message remains simple:

Pray. Trust God. And never lose hope.

SAINT PADRE PIO
of Pietrelcina

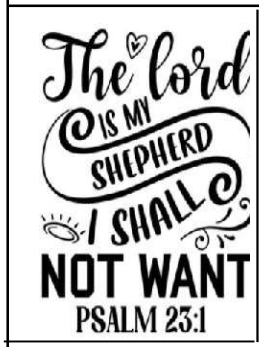
Dear Saint Padre Pio,
we ask for your
powerful intercession.
Help us to grow in faith,
to trust in God's plan,
and to find peace in His love.
Guide us in our struggles,
strengthen us in our weakness,
and help us to follow
the example of your holy life.
Pray for us, Saint Padre Pio,
that we may be more like Jesus
each day and always.
Amen.

Feast Day:
September 23

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ROSARIES

Mary's Helpers had fun making corded rosaries for the Our Lady of Sorrows Novena that took place at Archbishop Shaw from Sept 7-15. We were determined to make 100 in the short period of time we had but actually donated 162 beautiful rosaries. We were so proud of ourselves! Our friends in Baton Rouge and one of our volunteer's son contributed to that number and we are grateful for them also. We plan on making more for next year's novena and if you would like to help, just call us and give us your name and number to be notified when we will get together again so you can be a part of the fun.

November ~ A Month of the Holy Souls

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen

The deepest fruit of the Rosary is not serenity alone... it is awareness of eternity.



The Rosary brings us to silence, and in that silence, we may glimpse something staggering: that each of us is eternally desired, created in love, and destined to pass not into oblivion, but into union with God.

"We go to the next world, as from one room into another."

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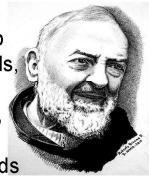


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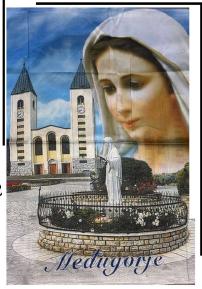
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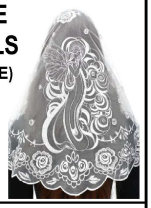
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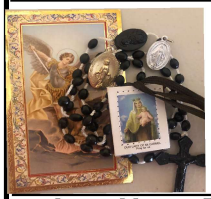


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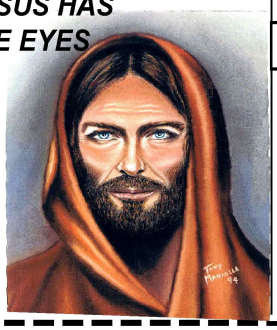


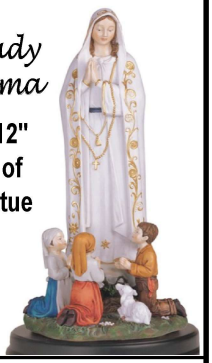
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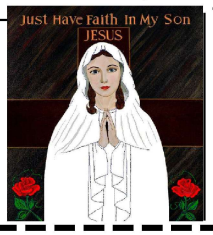
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Healing through the intercession of St Sharbel.

In July of this year, a first-class relic of Saint Sharbel was installed at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Luling, Louisiana, where it will remain as its permanent home in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Healing Chapel. To mark this special occasion, Raymond Nader traveled from Lebanon to share his remarkable testimony of being touched by the Holy Spirit, an experience that left burn marks on his arm that continue to reappear each year.

Many people who attended knew little about Saint Sharbel. Some may have come simply to hear Raymond's testimony, but the day became much more than an opportunity to listen to his story. Through faith in God and prayers seeking Saint Sharbel's intercession, some attendees later shared remarkable accounts of answered prayers and miraculous healings.

Read about the miracles of St Sharbel...

TESTIMONY OF DESIREE TERREBONNE

Blessings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Hello, my name is Desiree Terrebonne and I was asked to give my testimony of my healing from St. Charbel, received during the installation of his relic at St. Anthony of Padua Church, in Luling, LA on July 12, 2026. To be fair, I had never heard of St. Charbel before June, until I learned of the installation and subsequently in Medjugorje during a recent pilgrimage. I decided to purchase some medals and had them blessed by our Blessed Mother during the Apparition of the 45th Anniversary on June 24th. I had just returned back from my 10-day pilgrimage in Medjugorje when I started feeling sever pain in my lateral right hip that radiated to the knee.

The pain was so intense that it felt like a deep burning- wrenching pain, that could not be relieved, even with pain meds, ice packs, heat packs, ointments, exercise and massage. I saw my doctor twice in the span of a week, due to the severe pain. My mobility was limited due to the inability to bend at the waist or hip, sit, stoop or sleep on that side. I don't think we realize how much we use those parts of our body until we can't use them. I offered my pain up every minute of the day for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and asked the Lord to find a solution to the pain if it was His Will. Ironically, the only relief I had was standing, kneeling and lying down. I spent a lot of time on my knees. Funny how kneeling was the source of my relief. Somehow, I think God was showing me the way to not only my physical relief but my spiritual relief as well.

My doctor finally ordered an MRI since the pain exceeded 2 weeks and was still intense. Unfortunately, the MRI had to be scheduled 2 weeks later due to availability. So, on July 12th, I decided to attend the St. Charbel installation to find out more about him. I listened to the most beautiful testimony of Raymond Nader and his encounter with this mystical Saint. After the talk and veneration of the relic was completed, we were invited to the Healing Chapel to be blessed with the Holy Oil of St. Charbel. Of course I went, but not really expecting a miracle of healing, but more to complete the blessing of my medals (which I brought with me). When the Deacon prayed over me and blessed my forehead with the holy oil of St. Charbel, I became very weak and shaky, almost faint. I believe the Deacon did as well, because when he touched the medals I was holding, with the oil, we were both shaking. I walked out feeling very disoriented and very emotional. However, much to my disappointment, the pain in my hip persisted for the remainder of the day.

That evening when I was preparing for bed, I said a short prayer to St. Charbel, and told him I knew he would heal me through the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, if and only if it was our Lord's Will. That night, I had a very vivid dream of a dark, cloaked figure fighting evil for me and after evil was gone, approached me, opened my mouth and breathed light in me. I can still see the light that was going in me, as I deeply breathed it all in. I awoke, a little startled, and caught my breath, but feeling very much at peace and something was different but I couldn't put my finger on it. I feel back asleep and two hours or so later I woke to go to the bathroom. That is when I realized what was different. I felt no pain! Not just with standing, but when I bent to sit (yes on the toilet, sorry). I thought I was dreaming. I said well, I will go back to sleep and check this out fully in the morning. When I awoke I had nearly zero pain. I decided to hold my pain medication for the day, and yes, I still had no pain. Previously, just days before, I was taking pain meds twice a day, the max dose, and was at a 7-8 on the pain scale of 1-10. This day I was a 0-1 with no pain meds. By the next day the pain level was a zero. And to this day, it has not returned. I am so grateful to St. Charbel for his intercession, because I know in my heart it was he who brought my struggle to our Lord and fought for it, destroying the evil that allowed it to linger. I feel so blessed that our Lord allowed me to see this miracle unfold, so it would not be chalked up to just a coincidence. I don't believe in coincidence, especially when it has to do with our Lord and our Faith. Thank you for allowing me to share my story of healing. St. Charbel, pray for us!

-Desiree Terrebonne

Healing through St Sharbel Testimony of Carol Scott

Last month, my daughter-in-law Carol Scott had to have a procedure to blow up a 7 mm kidney stone that her doctor said she would never be able to pass. For two weeks before surgery her husband rubbed her back with Saint Sharbel's oil.

The day of the procedure the doctor could not find the 7 mm stone. To make sure he wasn't missing anything, her doctor called in another doctor to see if he could find the stone, but he also could not find it. The doctor said there was no way she could have passed a stone that size because it was too big, but he did not know what happened to the stone. She could not have the procedure because they could not find the stone. But we know what happened, thank you, Saint Sharbel and thank God.

If you or someone you know, needs the Blessed Oils from the monastery of Saint Sharbel from Lebanon, please let us know. as we have them in the gift shop.

MASS INTENTIONS REQUEST FORM

I would like to offer a mass intention at the Holy Mass celebrated on the 17th of next month at Our Lady of Compassionate Protection Shrine in Houma, LA celebrated by Fr Paul Bergeron.

Intentions by: _____ Your Name

Prayers for: _____ Living or Deceased

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

The construction site of our time

240. Let us love justice and peace! The same technologies that facilitate communication and access to resources can also support models that exploit the most vulnerable, create new forms of slavery and derive profit from conflict. Every technical or economic decision should include spiritual discernment and be an opportunity for assessing whether the advances in AI are promoting justice and participation or concentrating wealth and power in the hands of a select few. I would encourage a careful examination of the supply chains of digital production, the working conditions hidden behind our devices and the mechanisms that profit from manipulation and war. At the same time, practical ways of fostering fairness, participation and care for creation must be found. We proclaim a hope rooted in the One who came down from heaven to "create a new story here below." For this reason, those who believe are committed to ensuring that a greater justice will take the place of inequality, and that the industry of war will be replaced by the craft of peace.

241. As we look to the future, I would like to recall the image of Nehemiah whom we chose as our companion and guide at the outset. Nehemiah heard the cry of a devastated city, brought that pain to prayer, discerned before God, asked for help, received permission to return, organized the work, confronted internal and external resistance and rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem with the assistance of the people, brick by brick. In this era of digital transformation, I see in him a striking parable of our own vocation, which is not to be passive spectators of social and cultural fractures, nor mere commentators on what is crumbling, but men and women prepared to enter the construction sites of history — research laboratories, technology companies, schools, the media, institutions and local communities — in order to rebuild what has collapsed and protect what is threatened. Like Nehemiah, we too are called to unite listening and courage, prayer and responsibility, so that, even when a technocratic mentality or partisan interests seem to prevail, the human city may become a more fitting place to live.

242. The image of rebuilding Jerusalem evokes the New Testament promise of the holy city, which is given to us first and foremost as a gift. In the Book of Revelation, the new Jerusalem descends as a gift for all God's people, "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Rev 21:2). The walls of Jerusalem are no longer defensive fortifications, but the precious adornments of the Bride of the Lamb. Its gates, which Nehemiah guarded so diligently, remain permanently open to all nations. God's presence offers light and life to all. The city is a new Eden, with its living water offered to the thirsty, and its tree of life whose leaves "are for the healing of the nations" (Rev 22:2). As we await its fulfillment, this vision is set before us as an encouragement — a call to overcome our divisions and to work together — for this is the way of Jesus Christ, yesterday, today and forever.

The song of hope: the Magnificat

243. After having considered faith, which contemplates the Father's loving plan; love, which unites us in one ecclesial body; and hope, which sustains our actions in the world, the fourth pillar of this program for Christian life is prayer. Mary's song accompanies our commitment. Before Elizabeth who announces to her that she has become the mother of the Lord, Mary bursts into a hymn of praise and joy. Her soul magnifies the Lord, and her spirit rejoices in God her Savior, for he chose a young, poor and humble girl for his plan of salvation. Mary suddenly sees all of history through the lens of this revelation. Nothing has changed around her; the socio-political situation of her time remains the same. The Romans continue to control her land, and her people are still subjugated and humiliated. Yet, everything has changed within her, and this allows her to see what is invisible. God has already shown the strength of his arm; he has already scattered the proud, cast down the mighty, lifted up the lowly, filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty-handed. He has already helped Israel, his servant. God "takes the part of the lowly. His plan is one that is often hidden beneath the opaque context of human events that see 'the proud, the mighty and the rich' triumph. Yet his secret strength is destined in the end to be revealed."

244. The Blessed Virgin Mary not only teaches us to recognize God's invisible work, but also directs our gaze to "the points at which humanity is broken and the world becomes distorted: the contrast between the humble and the powerful, the poor and the rich, the satiated and the hungry," teaching us "to look at the world from a lower position: through the eyes of those who suffer rather than the mighty; to view history through the eyes of the little ones, rather than through the perspective of the powerful; to interpret the events of history from the viewpoint of the widow, the orphan, the stranger, the wounded child, the exile and the fugitive." The Blessed Virgin thus becomes "poet and prophetess of Redemption," because on her lips is proclaimed "the strongest and most innovative hymn ever articulated, the Magnificat; it is she who reveals the transformative vision of the Christian economy, the historical and social result that still draws its origin and strength from Christianity."

245. With the same faith as Mary, let us become "weavers of hope" in our world, sharing who we are and what we have, so that the presence of Jesus may grow among us and his Kingdom take shape. In the humble fidelity of daily life, even the era of AI can become a time in which the Holy Spirit brings about the civilization of love in our lives. Indeed, the Lord continues to make all things new and offers every era the possibility of becoming part of salvation history in the light of the Incarnation. I entrust our desire to the Mother of Christ, to the Woman of the Magnificat, that she may guide our steps through this time of change and preserve in each of us true faith in the Gospel, so that we may bear witness to the grandeur of humanity, in which God has made his dwelling.

Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on 15 May, in the year 2026, the second of my Pontificate

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

A priest was giving a lesson on the 23rd Psalm to a group of children. He noticed that Little Johnny seemed upset by the verse, "Surely, goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life."
"What's wrong, Johnny?" the priest asked.
"Well," replied Little Johnny, "I'm not worried about goodness and mercy, but I'm not sure I'd like Shirley following me around all the time."

SCHOOL- A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk!"

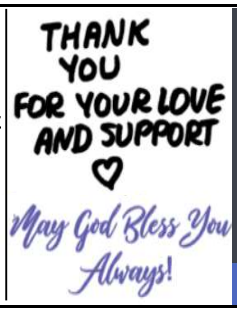
My Wife and I invited several people to dinner. At the table, she turned to our eight-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"
"I wouldn't know what to say," she replied.
"Just say what you hear Mommy say," my wife encouraged. Our daughter bowed her head and said, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, "Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit." "And why not, darling?" You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.."

Daily Reminders

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"¡Queridos hijos! Que este tiempo sea un tiempo de oración por la paz. Los invito a renovar en sus familias el rezo del Rosario por mis intenciones, para que yo pueda multiplicar sus oraciones e interceder por ustedes ante el Altísimo, a fin de que escuche sus oraciones y les conceda la paz. Estoy con ustedes y, como nunca antes, oro por ustedes y con ustedes, hijos míos. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado. "

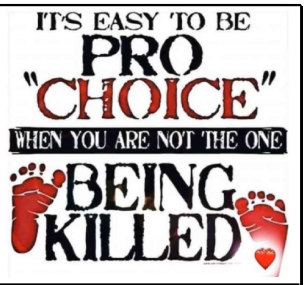
Ultimo Mensaje, 25 de octubre de 2026

"¡Queridos hijos! El fuego del odio y de las guerras se está propagando en los corazones de las personas que no desean la paz, sino sus propios y mezquinos intereses. Por eso, hijitos, sean oración y mis manos extendidas de amor y de paz para todos aquellos que están lejos de mi Corazón materno. Oren más y con más fuerza por la paz que Dios les desea dar, pero ustedes no la quieren. Estoy con ustedes y oro para que la paz prevalezca y reine en cada corazón. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado. "

DECEMBER ~ MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Chosen before time to be the Mother of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, God created Mary perfect and full of grace, preserving her from the stain of Original Sin. Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son, thereby making her the perfect model of holiness for all Christians

O MARY, conceived without sin, Pray for us who have recourse to thee.







And ONE Tiny Baby Changed the Whole World

PRAYER OF BEING FORGIVEN

Loving Lord, mindful of your mercy
and the love that took you to the cross,
I place myself before you
and ask forgiveness for all the times
when I have failed to follow you.
Lord Jesus forgive me and help me
become more like you each day. Amen

I want to be like a caterpillar.
Eat a lot. Sleep for a while.
Wake up beautiful!





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