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MEDJUGORJE
May 25, 2025
to Marija Pavlovic'

"Dear children, In this time of grace, I am calling you to be people of hope, peace and joy, so that every person may be a peacemaker and a lover of life.

Pray, little children, to the Holy Spirit to fill you with the strength of His own Holy Spirit of courage and surrender. And this time for you will be a gift and a walk in holiness towards eternal life.

I am with you and I love you.

Thank you for having responded to my call."

MEDJUGORJE
June 25, 2025
to Marija Pavlovic'

"Dear children, Also today I thank the Almighty that I am with you and that I can lead you towards the God of love and peace.

The ideologies which destroy you and your spiritual life are transitory.

I am calling you, little children: return to God, because with God you have a future and eternal life.

Thank you for having responded to my call."

Meditation on the May 25, 2025 Message

by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM



Mary's greeting is exciting, "Dear family of Mary! We are recognized by Mary and others that her children love, act and share Mary's life with her and the Lord. We continue to live in this time of grace by responding with hope, peace and joy.

We hope daily in our community prayer and how we treat each other. We feel joy by living and sharing these daily. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to come and fill us with His strength, so that within his courage and surrender we can walk freely to the gift of eternal life in holiness. Mary will be with us!! Love Fr. Al

MAY CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY



We would like to share that we had a beautiful Crowning of our Mother Mary in May at the shrine in Houma and at Mary's Helpers in Marrero. Mary was breathtaking as always. She was also seen blessing us as we prayed to her. Our graces truly do overflow!!



I like him already.

"Brothers, sisters... I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left. To those who are fed up with scandals, with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a palace than a home.

I, too, was angry with God.

I, too, saw good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine. And yes... there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo. But then I discovered God doesn't shout. God whispers. And sometimes He whispers from

the mud, from pain, from a grandmother who feeds you without having anything. I don't come to offer you perfect faith. I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles, and unexpected hugs.

I'm not asking you to believe in everything. I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgment.

I'm just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman who lost her son... and yet she cooked for others. That changed me.

So if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you're tired of the lies... come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack. No one here will ask you for a VIP card.

Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary. God doesn't need soldiers. He needs brothers. And you, yes, you... are one of them." *Quote from Pope Leo XIV.*

Meditation on the June 25, 2025 Message

by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM

Mary is thankful to the Almighty God for allowing her to lead you toward the God of Love and peace. The ideologies that can destroy you and your spiritual life are thoughts, ideas and values that are transitory.

Mary is calling her little children to return to God and remain faithful, because with God you have a future and you have eternal life.

Every day the news confirms how fragile peace and life are. There are citizens engaging in protest and criminal actions and confusing the issues!! U.S., and

Israelis are bombing Iran's nuclear sites. We have lots of reasons to pray!

Listen and pray, Pray often! Love Fr. Al

way also this year.

The apparition, which lasted 6 minutes, took place at Ivanka's family home. Only Ivanka's family was present at the apparition. After the apparition, Ivanka said: *Our Lady gave the following message:*

"Renew family prayer. Pray, pray, pray".



Our Lady gave us her motherly blessing.



His Holiness
POPE LEO XIV
Elected Supreme Pontiff
May 8, 2025

"Peace be with you."

June 25, 2025 is the 44th anniversary of messages from Medjugorje

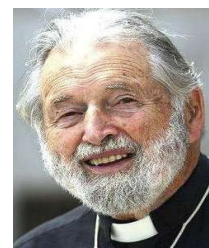
The main theme of Our Lady's messages is the call to peace and reconciliation, but She underlines very often that we can obtain them only through prayer.

This is why She calls us unceasingly to pray, to renew prayer until it becomes a joy for us, to pray with the heart....

Annual Apparition Ivanka 6/25/25

The visionary Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez had her regular annual apparition on June 25th 2025. 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. It was that

THESE ANGELS ARE ALWAYS AMONGST US... HELPING US...



Fr. Peter Mary Rookey, OSM
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July is the Month of the Most Precious Blood

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

Timothy S. Knight

Nov 1963 - Jun 2025

It is with heavy hearts the we tell you that Tim Knight (son-in-law of Jimmy and Gayle Ponsetti) age 61, has passed away. Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to Tim's family during this difficult time, especially Damian his wife. May Tim rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him. May God walk with the family during this time and bring you comfort and peace.



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

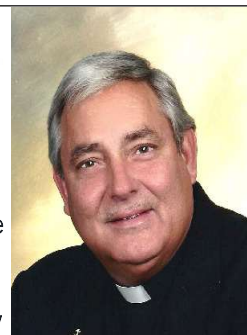


Madeline Olivier Guidry Apr 1940-June 7, 2025

Please help me in praying for our sister in Christ, Madeline Guidry who went to meet her Savior on June 7, 2025. Madeline was a long-time supporter and chapter member of Mary's Helpers. She served the Lord well and I'm sure He is happy she is home. She will be missed by so many, especially her family and friends. May she rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon her.

From the desk of **FATHER PAUL BERGERON**

ON THE ROAD TO SALVATION



As we continue our Spiritual journey in this Easter Octave, we see that Jesus sets up the plan of salvation by reminding His disciples that He will be put to death, die on The Cross and make a home for us in Heaven when He ascends to The Father after rising from the dead on the third day. But He doesn't leave them alone because after appearing to them in The Upper Room, He gives them The Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This is when the Birthday of The Church is born, so that they have now The Church to turn to. The Holy Sacraments, which He instituted, will further guide them and keep them on the road to salvation, especially to receive Him in The Sacrament of The Holy Eucharist-body, blood, soul and divinity and keep them in a State of Grace through The Power of Confession. It was at Pentecost, that, after receiving The Holy Spirit, gave them the spiritual guts to do what He asked of them-to go out and preach to the people of God. And so, we also become them-the first Disciples of the modern day to spread Good News, which is The Holy Gospel. But even more than that, to lead by being that example of living our faith, for we walk by faith and not by sight. So, it is Jesus that continues to walk with us side by side on this Road To Salvation. God Bless you. Fr. Paul.

For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you
John 13:15

WWJD

Have you ever really thought about these words? **What would Jesus do?**
Stop and really think about it..

God has given humans the ability to choose. We can choose to engage in our relationship with God, through Christ, or we can

choose to neglect the things that it takes to keep our relationship with Him vital and energized. It is by an act of our will that we choose which direction we will go with Jesus. Will we choose not to do the things that keep us close to God, allow our relationship to drift away from Him, and possibly shipwreck our faith completely?

My prayer is that every person will do the things it takes to grow closer to Him, and be transformed into one who exhibits the very traits of our loving Creator. The choice must be made by each of us. When faced with a difficult situation or person, ask yourself, **WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?** How would He handle this? Maybe this will help you make the right decision the next time you are faced with a very overwhelming problem.

PLEASE!! Remember Mary's Helpers when you are paying your bills. We need your help in paying our bills. **Consider a monthly donation...**

DAYS TO REMEMBER

July 4 - Independence Day/First Friday

July 5 - First Saturday

July 15 - Begin St Sharbel Novena

July 16 - Our Lady of Mt Carmel Feast Day

July 17 - Houma Mass - Thu 4pm Mass

July 22 - St Mary Magdalene Feast Day

July 24 - St Sharbel Feast Day

July 26 - Sts Joachim & Anne

Aug 2 - First Saturday

Aug 6 - TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Aug 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug 17 - Sunday NO Houma Mass

Aug 22 - Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Sept 1 - Labor Day

Sept 6 - First Saturday

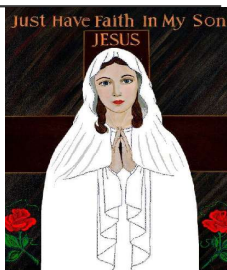
THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF COMPASSIONATE PROTECTION

JUL 17 THU - 3PM CONFESSION & ROSARY ~ 4PM MASS

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DEVOTIONS TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions, Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

Below are five traditional and popular devotions to our Blessed and Immaculate Mother Mary. These devotions are endorsed by Saints, Doctors, and Popes of the Church. In most cases, these devotions are endorsed by Mary and Christ through approved private revelations.



1. **Holy Rosary** is the Marian devotion of the Catholic Church. Pope Leo XIII wrote eleven encyclicals exhorting the faithful to pray the Rosary daily. Our Lady of Fatima asked the faithful to pray the Rosary *daily*. The Popes have also granted a *plenary* indulgence to reciting the Rosary as a family or in a Church. So, do you think Christ, Mary, and the Church want you pray the Rosary? You bet.

2. **Brown Scapular**. The Brown Scapular goes back to the Old Testament in essence with Elias the Carmelite Prophet. It is worn under the clothes and is the sign that you are consecrated to Mary under her title Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Today, many Catholics still wear the brown scapular as a sign of their devotion to Mary and an appeal to her intercession and spiritual protection, especially at the moment of death. Just as St. Simon Stock and the Carmelites entrusted their lives to Mary, we are also called to do so as her spiritual sons and daughters. Consider that every time we pray the Hail Mary we ask her to "pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death." The brown scapular allows one to wear this prayer as a kind of "badge" at all times.

3. **First Saturdays** At Fatima, Our Lady asked that the faithful attend Holy Mass, pray the Rosary and meditate for 15 minutes on a mystery of Rosary for five consecutive first Saturdays of the month. God chose five first Saturdays of the month for the five chief blasphemies committed against Mary

1. Denial of her as Mother of God
2. Denial of her Immaculate Conception
3. Denial of her Perpetual Virginity
4. Desecration of images of Mary
5. Those who teach children not to love Mary

4. Wearing the **Miraculous Medal**. The Miraculous Medal is based on a directive from the Blessed Mother to St. Catherine Laboure in November 1830 in Paris. Catherine saw Our Lady standing on a globe, with dazzling rays of light streaming from her outstretched hands. Framing the figure was an inscription: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." Then Mary spoke to Catherine: "Have a medal struck upon this model. Those who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the neck."

5. **Three Hail Mary's**. (See Page 7) Mary has promised the gift of sexual chastity and purity to those who pray three Hail Mary's morning and evening. It's an easy and simple devotion to add to the end of your Rosary. There are many, many wholesome devotions to our Immaculate Lady. Remember, countless saints have taught that a person cannot be saved without devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you love and worship the Incarnate Christ, how could you not have reverence for the Mother who made it possible?

Where did Scapulars originate?

The scapular originates in the habits worn by the monastic orders, beginning with the Benedictines, and later adapted by many other religious communities. Basically, the scapular is a piece of cloth, about chest-wide from shoulder to shoulder, and drapes down the front and the back of the person, with an opening for the head. At first, the scapular served more as an apron worn during work, especially farm work; consequently, in the Rule of St. Benedict identified it as the "scapulare propter opera" ("the scapular because of works"). After the ninth century, a monk received the scapular after the profession of vows, and it became known as "the yoke of Christ" (iugum Christi) and "the shield of Christ" (scutum Christi). While certain modifications were made by the various communities, the scapular was a distinctive part of the religious habit.

Over time, pious lay people who worked closely with the monastic communities adopted a smaller version of the scapular. This smaller scapular consisted of two small pieces of cloth joined by two strings, and was worn around the neck and underneath a person's clothing. Eventually these smaller scapulars were marks of membership in confraternities,

groups of laity who joined together, attaching themselves to the apostolate of a religious community and accepting certain rules and regulations.

Eventually, these smaller versions of the scapular became even more popular among the laity. To date, the Church has approved 18 different scapulars, distinguished by color, symbolism and devotion. Most scapulars still signify a person's affiliation with a particular confraternity, at least loosely. The following is a brief description of a few popular and less popular scapulars:

The Green Scapular

In 1840, our Blessed Mother gave the green scapular of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to Sister Justine Bisqueyburu, a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. This green scapular has the image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on one side, and the image of the Immaculate Heart itself, pierced by a sword, surrounded by the inscription, "Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death." This scapular has been known for miracles related to spiritual conversion as well as healings from physical and mental illness.

The Black Scapular of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

After Pope Alexander IV's formal establishment of the Servite Order in 1255, lay men and

women formed a confraternity in honor of the seven sorrows of Mary. They wore a black scapular, usually with an image of our Mother of Sorrows on the front.

The Purple Scapular of Benediction and Protection

In 1878 Our Lady gave the Purple Scapular of Benediction and Protection to the world in a vision as a heavenly gift which promises divine protection for your family. Mary told Marie-Julie Jahenny: Those who possess the purple scapular "will see their family and home protected.. from fire, chastisements, storms, and darkness. They will have light as if it were plain day." It is "like a lightning rod beneath which the blows of divine wrath will not strike.

PRAYER for the PURPLE SCAPULAR

I hail thee, Jesus crucified, for granting me life. I hail thee with all the joy of the angels and saints during your descent from the Cross. I hail thee with the sadness of your mother while you rested on her Immaculate heart and lap. (Repeat 5x) **O Crux Ave, spes unica, et Verbum caro factum est. O Jesus, conqueror of death, save us!**

The Scapular of Saint Michael

The scapular of St. Michael the Archangel is an outward sign of entrustment to St. Michael. It is worn in order to propagate the

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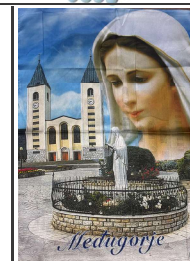


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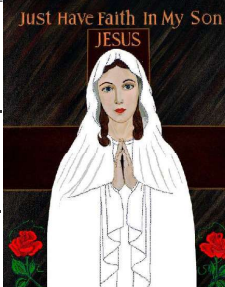
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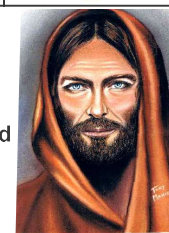
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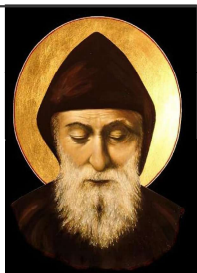
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About Saint Sharbel

Saint Sharbel Makhlof was a Maronite Catholic priest, monk, and hermit who lived from 1828 to 1898. During his life, he was revered as a humble and saintly priest, whose prayers brought forth blessings and miracles from God.

Following his death, people reported seeing lights around his tomb. When the tomb was opened, Saint Sharbel's body was found incorrupt and exuding sweat and blood. Soon after, pilgrims started flocking to his tomb to pray for his intercessions. God granted many physical healings and spiritual blessings. Saint Sharbel's vestments were changed several times after his burial due to the continued exuding of sweat and blood.

Pope Pius XII approved the decree recognizing the heroic virtues of the future saint in 1954. Pope Paul VI presided over the Beatification ceremony of Saint Sharbel at the end of the Second Vatican Council in 1965, and he was canonized a Saint by Pope Paul VI in 1977.

A GRAIN OF INCENSE IN THE HAND OF A NEWBORN BABY

Father Antoine Sadaqa testified: Maria de Nazareth, a resident of Brazil, was barren, and medicine could not help her conceive. This failure increased her sadness and despair.

One day she met a Lebanese lady who had recently been to Brazil. She was carrying some blessed incense from St Sharbel, and started talking about the abundant miracles he had performed. Among the miracles was that God grant barren women the grace of bearing children. Maria was deeply touched and wished that the Lord would grant her a child. Then the Lebanese woman gave her some incense and asked her to pray over the incense. Instead, she swallowed one grain of incense, after which she conceived a child.

She began waiting impatiently for her baby. When the hour of the birth came, she went to the hospital to deliver. The doctor was astonished upon seeing the newborn boy closing one hand and opening the other; he had never seen such a thing before. So, he opened the boy's hand, fearing that something bad had happened to it and was amazed to find a grain of incense in his hand. This was the grain that his mother swallowed in order to conceive.

By Fr Hanna Skandar
St Sharbel-From his Era to Ours

SCAPULARS from Page 4

vation of St. Michael the Archangel. People who have accepted the scapular are called to serve Christ and His Church in the spirit of the Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel, as seen in its mottoes of, "Who is like to God?" and "Temperance and Work". The section worn on a person's back signifies an attitude of acceptance of Gods Will in bearing the crosses and difficulties of life. The front section of the scapular, worn on the chest, reminds us that our hearts should love God and our neighbor and that we should attempt to free ourselves from earthly attachments, and, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, strive to attain eternal goods.

There are so many scapulars. Too many to describe like the Scapular in Blue; Trinity Scapular; Badge of the Sacred Heart; Five Way Scapular; Scapular of Our Lady of Mercy; Passion Scapular; Red Scapular of Christs Passion. Still the most well known of all times is the Brown Scapular and the most often worn.

The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

This scapular is the most popular of the different scapulars. Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock on Sunday, July 16, 1251. She presented him with the scapular and said, 'Take, beloved son, this scapular of thy order as a badge of my confraternity and for thee and all Carmelites a special sign of grace; whoever dies in this garment, will not suffer everlasting fire. It is the sign of salvation, a safeguard in dangers, a pledge of peace and of the covenant.' In this apparition, our Blessed Mother promised a special protection for all members of the Carmelite Order, and a special grace at the hour of death to all who wear the scapular so that they would not perish in Hell but would be taken up to Heaven by her on the first Saturday after their death.

To be eligible for the scapular promise, one must be enrolled in the Brown Scapular Confraternity. This is a simple ceremony which can be performed by any priest.

These scapulars plus many others are available in our gift shop See Page 5

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 this my
necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and
show me herein 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 succor me in this my necessity.
There are none that can withstand your power.
O show me herein that you are my Mother.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us that
have recourse to thee. (Repeat three times)

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands.
(Repeat three times)

The Crab, The Cross and St. Francis Xavier



December 3 is the feast of St. Francis Xavier, the patron of Xavier School. Francis Xavier was born on April 7, 1506 in the castle of Javier, Navarre, Spain. He was the youngest son of an impoverished nobleman, who had died while Francis was still a child. Francis grew up with the clear determination to repair the damage to his family's fortunes. His plans envisioned dreams of earthly ambition. In the end, instead of becoming a wealthy patron to tenants and soldiers, he became the patron of missionaries. Thus, God restored for all ages the family's honor by making him a legend and a saint.

One of the miracle stories attributed to Saint Francis Xavier is how he got his cross back after losing it at sea. It was said that Francis Xavier was caught up in a storm as he was travelling to Malacca in the year 1546. With much faith, he threw his cross into the sea, asking God to make it an instrument to pacify the turbulent sea. God indeed came to his aid. The storm halted and the sea calmed down. But he lost his cross. According to the story, Francis Xavier, upon reaching the shores of Malacca, found a crab crawling towards him holding the missing cross in its claws. This story was so important that it was depicted on the altar at the canonization ceremony and was one of four miracles represented on the banner that decorated St. Peter Church on that occasion.

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

A priest was asked by a politician, "Name one thing the government can do to help the church."

The priest replied,



"Quit making \$1 bills."

LITTLE SUSIE was watching her father the deacon write a homily. "How do you know what to say?" she asked her dad. "Why, God tells me."

Little Susie looked confused and asked, "Then why do you keep crossing things out?"



A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you a little while ago".

Feeling their respective faces again, the little girl observed "God's getting better at it, isn't He?"

THE HAIL MARY DEVOTION

One of the greatest means of salvation is, unquestionably, devotion to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. All the holy Doctors of the Church are unanimous in saying with St. Alphonsus Maria Liguori: "A devout servant of Mary shall never perish." The chief thing is to persevere faithfully till death in this devotion.

Would you like to see the Blessed Mother before you die? Here is a simple devotion which the Blessed Virgin Mary herself taught to St. Mechtilde about the year 1270. It is known as the "**Three Hail Mary Devotion**," and consists of saying three times each day the Hail Mary with the invocation "O my Mother, preserve me this day (or night) from mortal sin." The prayer is said three times to honor the Most Blessed Trinity, Who is the source of all of Our Lady's greatness. It is intended to honor the Power of God the Father, the Wisdom of God the Son, and the Goodness of God the Holy Ghost, as communicated with such generosity to Our Blessed Lady. Can there be an easier or a more adaptable practice for all, than the recitation each day of three Hail Marys, in honor of the privileges conferred by the Adorable Trinity on the Blessed Virgin Mary?

This devotion was revealed by our Blessed Mother Herself to the Benedictine mystic, St. Mechtilde. In the Book of Revelations of St. Mechtilde we read:

"While Mechtilde was beseeching the glorious Virgin to assist her in her hour of death, Our Lady appeared to her and said: 'I will certainly. But I also want you to say three special Hail Mary's to me every day.

The secretary who wrote down the revelations of St. Mechtilde at her dictation was St. Gertrude the Great. She was present when St. Mechtilde died and saw Our Lord appearing to her. Later, many revelations regarding the Three Hail Mary Devotion were revealed to her also.

On the Feast of the Annunciation, 1299, when the Ave Maria was being sung in chapel during Matins, St. Gertrude saw a vision of three bright flames emanating from each of the Three Divine Persons, which penetrated the Heart of the Holy Virgin, like three rays. She was given to understand that the three brilliant streams were symbols that: "After the Power of the Father, the Wisdom of the Son, and the merciful Tenderness of the Holy Ghost, nothing approaches the Power, the Wisdom, and the merciful Tenderness of Mary."

She then saw other streams return to their first source, and was inspired to know that these were graces which Our Lady sent to those who prayed her Ave Maria with devotion.

On another day, during prayer she saw our Blessed Mother in the form of a white lily with three branches before the Most Blessed Trinity. This revelation confirmed the title of "**the Immaculate Lily of the Most Holy Trinity**", which saints had given to Her. The saint learned on that occasion that the blinding whiteness of the lily signified the immaculate purity of the Holy Mother of God which was never stained with even

the slightest venial sin. The three branches signified Our Lady's participation in the omnipotence of the Father, the wisdom of the Son, and the charity of the Holy Ghost. Then Our Blessed Mother spoke to St. Gertrude and said:

"To any soul who faithfully prays the Three Hail Mary's, I will appear at the hour of death in a splendor so extraordinary that it will fill the soul with heavenly consolation."

One of the first to say the three Hail Marys and to recommend them to others was the illustrious St. Anthony of Padua. His special aim in this practice was to honor the spotless Virginity of Mary and to preserve a perfect purity of mind, heart, and body in the midst of the dangers of the world.

St. Leonard of Port Maurice, the celebrated missionary (1675-1751), advised all his hearers to practice this devotion. It was given as a penance in confession, to obtain the grace of avoiding all mortal sins during the day or night, especially for those who were struggling with sins of impurity; moreover, he promised in a special manner, eternal salvation to all those who proved constantly faithful to this practice. He would always impose the Three Hail Marys to be said morning and evening. After the example of those two great Franciscan Saints, St. Alphonsus Maria Liguori adopted this pious practice and gave it his most ardent and powerful support.

The Three Hail Marys Devotion

Recite morning and evening, three Hail Marys
in honor of the three great privileges bestowed upon

Our Blessed Mother by the most Blessed Trinity
(*Holy Virgin's Promise: For all that remain faithful to
this daily practice would die a good death*)

"The first Hail Mary will be in honor of God the Father, whose omnipotence raised my soul so high above every other creature that after God I have the greatest power in heaven and on earth. In the hour of your death, I will use that power of God the Father to keep any hostile power far from you.

Hail Mary...*

***By thy pure and Immaculate Conception, O Mary,
make my body pure and my soul holy***

"The second Hail Mary will be in honor of the Son of God who communicated His inscrutable wisdom to me. In the hour of your death I will fill your soul with the light of that wisdom so that all the darkness of ignorance and error will be dispelled.

Hail Mary...*

***By thy pure and Immaculate Conception, O Mary,
make my body pure and my soul holy***

"The third Hail Mary will be in honor of God the Holy Ghost who filled my soul with the sweetness of His love and tenderness and mercy. In your last hour I will then change the bitterness of death into divine sweetness and delight."

Hail Mary...*

***By thy pure and Immaculate Conception, O Mary,
make my body pure and my soul holy***

***O my Mother preserve me from mortal sin during this (day/
night)***

****Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou
among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy
Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of
our death. Amen.***

Prayer in Honor of Saint Dymphna

Lord Jesus Christ, You have willed that St. Dymphna should be invoked by thousands of clients as the patroness of **nervous and mental disease**, and have brought it about that her interest in these patients should be an inspiration to and an ideal of charity throughout the world. Grant that through the prayers of this youthful martyr of purity, those who suffer from nervous and mental illness everywhere on earth may be helped and consoled.

I recommend to You in particular
(Here mention those you wish to pray for).

Be pleased to hear the prayers of St. Dymphna and of your Blessed Mother Give those whom I recommend the patience to bear with their affliction and resignation to do Your divine will.

Give them the consolation they need and especially the cure they so much desire, if it be Your will. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**The Assumption of Mary
August 15th, 2025**

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 to 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.



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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"¡Queridos hijos! En este tiempo de gracia, los invito a ser hombres de esperanza, paz y alegría, para que cada persona sea instrumento de paz y amante de la vida. Hijitos, oren al Espíritu Santo para que con el poder de su Santo Espíritu los llene de valentía y entrega. Y este tiempo será para ustedes un don y un camino en la santidad hacia la vida eterna. Estoy con ustedes y los amo. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado."

Ultimo Mensaje, 25 de junio de 2025

"¡Queridos hijos! También hoy doy gracias al Todopoderoso por estar con ustedes y poder guiarlos hacia el Dios del amor y de la paz. Las ideologías que los destruyen a ustedes y su vida espiritual son pasajeras. Yo los llamo: hijitos, regresen a Dios, porque con Dios tienen futuro y vida eterna. Gracias

La vidente Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez tuvo su **aparición anual** el 25 de junio de 2025. En su última aparición diaria, el 7 de mayo de 1985, Nuestra Señora le confió el décimo secreto y le dijo que tendría una aparición una vez al año en el aniversario de las apariciones. Así también sucedió este año. La aparición, que duró 6 minutos, tuvo lugar en la casa familiar de Ivanka. Solo su familia estuvo presente. Después de la aparición, Ivanka dijo: «Nuestra Señora dio el siguiente mensaje: «Renueven la oración familiar. Recen, recen, recen». Nuestra Señora nos dio su bendición maternal.

Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
(Given by Our Lady to Jelena Vasilj, 11/28/1983)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, overflowing with goodness, Show us your love for us.
May the flame of your heart, Oh Mary,
Descend upon all peoples.
We love you immensely.

Impress in our hearts a true love.
May our hearts yearn for you.
Oh Mary, sweet and humble of heart,
Remember us when we sin.
You know that all mankind are sinners.
Through your most sacred and maternal heart,
Cure us from every spiritual illness.
Make us capable of looking at
the beauty of your maternal heart,
And that, thus, we may be converted
to the flame of your heart. Amen

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