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Dear children! May this time for you be a time of prayer for peace. Thank you for having responded to my call."

This short message leads us to reflect about our calling and its meaning!

Mary calls us "little children" because we are spiritually cared and fed by Mary. How and who we share our prayers with will lead us to happiness and eternal life. Mary calls and urges us constantly to pray, pray, pray! This means we grow in our knowledge and practice of the different Rosaries. We need to follow the plan and the guidance Mary provides!!

Love Fr Al

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Mary was chosen by God to guide us towards peace. She mentions that many have responded and are actively praying, yet there are still many who have not. We need to continue reaching out to those without peace who have yet to respond. We need to pray and share with them the need for repentance and reconciliation. We need to create prayer groups to reach out to do good and be instruments of peace. A saint wrote a poem which has become a popular Song, "Lord make me a channel of your peace!" Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Love Fr Al

Bishop Simon Peter Engurait was installed Sept. 5, 2025, as the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux in Louisiana during a ceremony at Nicholls State University.

Engurait was appointed in June by Pope Leo XIV after working as administrator of the diocese since January 2024. He had also previously served as the vicar general and as the pastor of St. Bridget Parish since 2017.



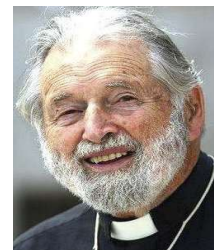
"I am humbled beyond words that the Holy Father has chosen me, not from outside, but from among the ranks of the priests of this beloved diocese."

Engurait said after being appointed.

The diocese reported that more than 2,000 laypeople, clergy, and religious from around the world attended Engurait's episcopal ordination.

Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans ordained him along with co-consecrators Archbishop Shelton Fabre, former bishop of Houma-Thibodaux and current archbishop of Louisville, Kentucky, and Houma-Thibodaux Bishop Emeritus Sam Jacobs

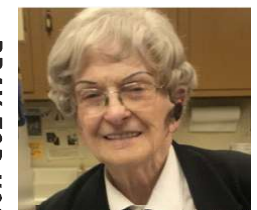
Blessed Souls, I WE HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU WHO ARE SO LOVED BY GOD, PRAY FOR US!



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



SAINT PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI, The Saint Who Points Us 'To the Heights'
Canonized Sept 7, 2025

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati was born into a privileged family in Turin, Italy in 1901, but he died at the age of 24, likely contracting **polio from his hidden, charitable work** among the sick and poor.

His parents were largely unaware of the extent of his sanctity until his funeral. The city's elite were absent; the church was instead packed with the poor he had quietly served. They spoke the words that revealed the measure of the man:

"He was **outraged by injustice**. He never bowed to fascism. He always kept his gaze '**Verso l'Alto**'—toward the heights."

Pier Giorgio's life was simple, yet profound, rooted in two commitments:

1. **The Engine of Holiness:** His entire life radiated from his daily commitment to the **Holy Eucharist** and frequent time spent in **Adoration**. He famously said: "Jesus comes to me every morning in Communion, and I return the visit by going to serve the poor." His deep prayer life was the source of his heroic charity.
2. **The Call to Action:** His message is clear for lay Catholics today: be a Christian at the heart of university life, politics, and the workplace—with no compromises. He was not a saint for a niche, but an example of a joyful, integrated life that challenges us to engage the world, pursue social justice, and climb toward Christ in every aspect of our lives.

He is proof that holiness is possible in the joyful, complex reality of our "ordinary" lives



He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.
Revelation 21:4



Merrill Joseph Martinez

Sept 7, 1940 - Oct 3, 2025

Merrill was born in Marrero, LA and is survived by his wife of over 65 years, Lenora Hebert Martinez. He was retired from Gulf/Chevron after 30 years and was a proud Army veteran. Merrill also was a member of Mary's Helpers. He helped build our little chapel. We wish to send our condolences to his family, as I'm sure he will be dearly missed. We pray that Merrill will rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.

Thanksgiving Prayer

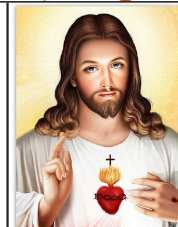
Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

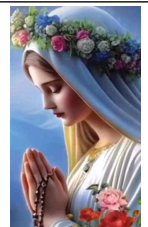
Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother.

Amen.



PRAY FOR US!



O Blessed Mother, we pray for our departed loved ones, friends, and those forgotten. Please intercede for them at the throne of the Almighty. Behold in them, O Mother most faithful, the image of your Divine Son who offered Himself in their behalf.

Please help us continue on. We can only do it with you!!



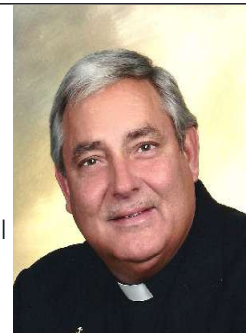
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From the desk of FATHER PAUL BERGERON

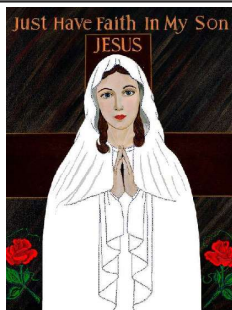


Time is going by so fast. Soon and before we know it Advent and then Christmas will be here. As we strive towards these times on our Spiritual journey, we find ourselves the need for deepening our Spiritual Faith. There are so many Spiritual Readings we can choose from and different Authors on this subject. If you don't feel like reading a book, why not increase more time for daily prayer or more importantly, begin or continue with incorporating Adoration? We can all benefit Spiritually with a good Confession as well. There are so many avenues to increase our faith. Prayers, Novenas, The Rosary. The lives of the Saints are all ways we can utilize how blessed we are as Catholics to have so much. Most of all devotion to Our Blessed Mother is always a way to lead our way to Her Son Jesus. So let us all join together to prepare for these up-and-coming Spiritual Journeys so that we can make the best of all that is good. God Bless Fr. Paul

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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 Monday 4pm
Nov 21-Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Nov 27-Thanksgiving Day / Give Thanks
Nov 30 -First Sunday in Advent
Dec 2-Tues iGiveCatholic.org / giving day
Dec 6 -First Saturday
Dec 8-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Dec 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day
Dec 17-Houma Mass Wednesday 4pm
Dec 24-Christmas Eve
Dec 25-Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Dec 28-Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

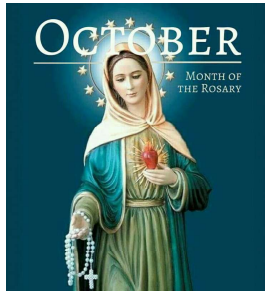


100 Years Young

Congratulations to Ms Alice Perez on her 100th Birthday. What a gift your 100 years has been to all of us. Such a sweet person.

No doubt that the Rosary is the easiest, most effective and most powerful prayer we have in our treasury of prayers. From the sanctification of souls to the end of wars, Our Lady's emphasis on the power of the rosary has been proven time and time again throughout human history. In October, the Month of the Rosary, many of us prayed Our Lady's rosary for peace, conversion of sinners, protection from evil, God's guidance for our national leaders and victory over our enemies. Our group, although small, but our voices were loud in declaring our Love for God and His Mother Mary.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual October Rosary at Mary's Helpers and those who were there with us in spirit. May God Bless you!



A Big THANK YOU to our volunteers, donors and prayer warriors for many years of support and dedication to spreading the messages of Medjugorje and supporting this ministry.

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DIVINE MERCY MIRACLE

Ugo Festa was born in Vicenza, Italy, in 1951. He was struck down at an early age with multiple sclerosis, his health gradually — relentlessly — deteriorating.

This led to many other problems in his young life.

By the age of 39, he was suffering not only from multiple sclerosis but muscular dystrophy and epilepsy.

Early in 1990, Festa's spine contorted and he was having seizures daily — continually attending doctors who could do nothing for him. Ugo decided there was nothing left to try but prayer.

On the 28th of April 1990, he went with a pilgrimage to Rome. In his unfortunate situation, he was introduced to Mother Teresa, who was in Rome at the time with a group he got to know. Ugo was invited along with this group to a retreat at the shrine of Divine Mercy in Trent, but he refused. On leaving, one of the group, a nun, gave him five copies of the Divine Image Picture and a Divine Mercy medal. The following day the 29th April 1990, Ugo wore the medal and carried in his arms the Images to be blessed to the papal audience at the Vatican. At the bottom of the steps to St. Peter's the Holy Father passed by. Ugo asked him to bless his Divine Mercy pictures. After blessing the pictures, the Pope asked him how he was.

Ugo told the Holy Father — John Paul II — he felt very despondent and was at a crisis in his life. The Holy Father said "How could you have a crisis with Jesus the Divine Mercy in your arms? Entrust yourself to him and pray for my Sister Faustina to intercede." With this advice Ugo changed his mind and decided he would go to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Trent after all.

At the side altar in the Villa O'Santissima Villazzano in Trent, there is a shrine to the Divine Mercy with a life-sized icon of the Divine Image. On the fourth day of praying in front of this icon, *Ugo suddenly noticed the arms of the Image stretched out to him and tremendous warmth flowed through his body.* He found himself standing on his feet with his arms outstretched to the Lord and he heard himself loudly praising Jesus the Divine Mercy. *He saw Jesus coming down to him, his white garment blowing as if in a breeze, and he thought, "My God, this is the man from Galilee coming to me."*

Then he heard Jesus say in a clear voice, "Rise up and walk." And Ugo Festa began to walk!

True story. All his ailments were at that instant cured and he was more physically

perfect than he had ever been in his life.

On August 19th, 1990, Ugo returned to the Vatican and during a Papal Audience at Paul VI Hall, was taken to meet Pope John Paul II again. He told him about the great grace he had received and thanked him for the words of inspiration which led him to Trent and resulted in this great miracle of Divine Mercy. He gave Pope John Paul II a copy of the Divine Image, with the signatures on the back of the many people who witnessed the miracle on that day.

Ugo Festa thereafter devoted his life to Jesus, voluntarily working with disabled people and spreading the Message of Divine Mercy throughout Italy. The image is now in a chapel at Šurmanci in the parish of Medjugorje.

From Medjugorje Council of Ireland:

Ugo dedicated the rest of his life to spreading Divine Mercy, serving the poor and infirm in hospitals and on the streets in Italy and Africa. He would hand out Divine Mercy prayer cards and encourage people to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and venerate the Divine Mercy Image, as Christ Himself encouraged through St. Faustina in her visions in the 1930s. Christ promises many graces to those who venerate the image.

Ugo was diagnosed with cancer in 2005. He told his friends he wasn't fearful. He put his trust in Jesus.

On the 22nd May 2005, Ugo was found dead from gunshots to his head, in Italy. Two individuals were arrested. The motive is not known. A priest-friend, Father Seraphim Michalenko of the Divine Mercy shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, consoled all, saying, "But he predicted this; he said that his work in the streets was putting his life in danger, but he was willing to die for it."

from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin

3. Does this mean Mary never sinned?

Yes. Because of the way redemption was applied to Mary at the moment of her conception, she not only was protected from contracting original sin but also personal sin. The Catechism explains:

The Fathers of the Eastern tradition call the Mother of God "the All-Holy" (*Panagia*), and celebrate her as "free from any stain of sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature". **By the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long.** "Let it be done to me according to your word. . ."

4. Does this mean Mary didn't need Jesus to die on the Cross for her?

No. What we've already quoted states that Mary was immaculately conceived as part of her being "full of **grace**" and thus "**redeemed** from the moment of her conception" by "a singular **grace** and privilege of almighty God and **by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ**, Saviour of the human race."

The Catechism goes on to state:

The "splendour of an entirely unique holiness" by which Mary is "enriched from the first instant of her conception" **comes wholly from Christ: she is "redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son"**. The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love".



What is the immaculate conception?

Here are a few things you need to know about the teaching and the way we celebrate it.

1. Who does the Immaculate Conception refer to?

There's a popular idea that the Immaculate Conception refers to Jesus' conception by the Virgin Mary.

It doesn't. Instead, it refers to the special way in which the Virgin Mary herself was conceived.

This conception was not virginal. (That is, she had a human father as well as a human mother.) But it was special and unique in another way.

2. What is the Immaculate Conception?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it this way:

To become the mother of the Saviour, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace". In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed

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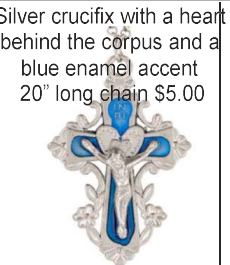
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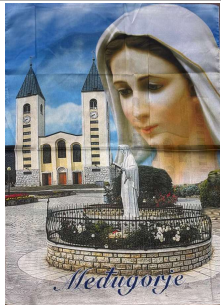
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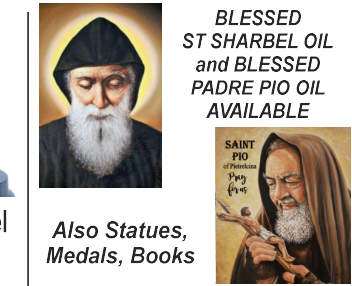
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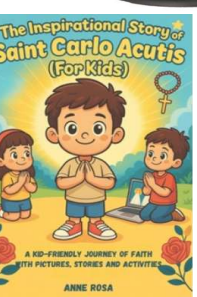
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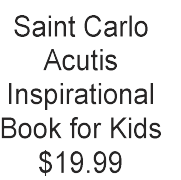
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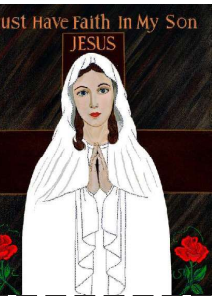


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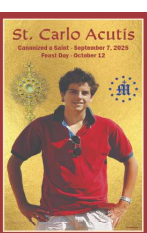
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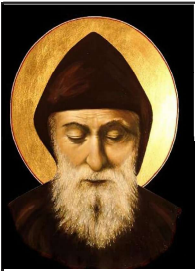
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Thousands of Miracles

A common thread running through all the miracles attributed to St Sharbel is a belief in the power of Jesus Christ working through the intercession of his faithful servant.

Hundreds of documented (complete medical reports) miracles are being registered every year (up to the present day) at the monastery of Annaya (where St Sharbel's tomb is located). On specific occasions (like the saint's feast days & other), the monks at the monastery have reported distributing holy communion to 300,000 faithful. Over the last 22 years, the "phenomenon" of Saint Sharbel has been covered by various types of conventional and social media. Reports and books about him exist in dozens of languages (Arabic, Russian, Polish, Spanish, German, Italian, Portuguese, French...). And so we present one of many miracles documented:

Testimony of Flossie Morton

I am ashamed of myself for taking so long to write a testimonial of when Saint Sharbel healed my son Bob Morton's eye cancer years ago. I did try to write a 3-page account, but I stopped because I realized it was Father Matthew Hinks that called me when he heard from his mother (Therese Harrington) who was one of my best friends and died a few months ago at the age of 96!!!!

At Therese's funeral, I was able to talk to Father Matthew, and I told him I never finished the testimonial I had been asked to write because I only heard from him how powerful Saint Sharbel was on a phone call after he had heard about my son's illness through his wonderful mother (Therese), who he spoke to every Monday on the phone. (Father Hinks is stationed in Ohio; Therese and I were in Vermont.)

When I [originally] spoke with Fr. Hinks, I asked him how he found out what a powerful Saint, Saint Sharbel was. He told me that a woman who attended one of his retreats came up to him after it was over and told him that she had inoperable brain cancer. Fr. Hinks and this woman prayed to Saint Sharbel for God to heal her!

Fr. Hinks told me that it was not long at all, maybe a month or two after he and the sick woman spoke, that this woman came back

to where he was and told him that she had proof from her doctors that her brain cancer was healed! He also told me that this woman bought a plane ticket to the country of Lebanon where Saint Sharbel was buried. She walked into the large office near the gravesite of Saint Sharbel and told the people there where she had come from and that she wanted them to know that Saint Sharbel had healed her brain cancer, and of course she showed them all the proof. They told her that they were so happy for her but that her miracle was the 646th in that month!!!!

When I heard this news from Fr. Hinks, I could not wait to look Saint Sharbel up on the internet. Once I did, I contacted the closest office containing Saint Sharbel religious articles, which happened to be in Virginia. I found the address on the internet. My letter was answered with a phone call from a wonderful member of the Family of Saint Sharbel who was in charge of sending religious articles like novena books, beautiful metals, relics, and books about Saint Sharbel's life. I immediately asked him to send me many of the wonderful religious articles.

My prayer life from that moment on was Saint Sharbel only! I gave many of Saint Sharbel's novena books to everyone I knew who would take one. I am positive because of my faith in Saint Sharbel's intercession and all the religious articles I handed out that many other people were healed, also.

The story of my son's healing was wonderful! He woke up one morning and his vision was very blurry. He went to the University of Michigan hospital and saw an eye doctor. The doctor gave him terrible news that he had a rare cancer in his eye that only attacks under 10 people per million! It was called Choroidal Melanoma. I was so worried. I prayed and prayed to Saint Sharbel, and I made sure my son's wife and children had the Sharbel novena books.

My son had two operations on his eye that caused him a lot of pain. At one point, he was given radiation in his eye, and no one was allowed in his room when he came home for fear they would be hurt by the strong radiation! He

even had to put his own medication in his eye. At some point, the doctor said that he would have to send a biopsy of his cancer to a big lab far away to see what level of cancer he had in his eye. The doctor said it would probably take about 6 weeks for him to get the lab report back. It was the longest 6 weeks of my and the rest of his family's lives.

The doctor said that this particular cancer had 3 possible outcomes:

1. That the cancer would spread throughout his body and would not even be helped by chemotherapy! He would have likely died in time.
2. That this cancer would spread a little and Bob would need to take part in many medical trials that could take years to find a medicine that would heal this cancer.
3. That Bob's cancer would never spread, and he would live!

Again, all of us prayed and prayed for Saint Sharbel's intercession. 6 weeks went by and no word. We were all a nervous wreck! Then one afternoon when I was at the grocery store, someone called me on my cell phone and said my son's cancer was #3 the cancer that would never spread... I screamed out loud in the store: "My son will live. Thank you, Saint Sharbel!"

A Visit from GOD

There is a podcast of Will Dufrene's near death experience on you tube and I wish I could tell the whole story here but there is not enough room so I'll tell you the high points that Will says God told him.

LOVE is the most important thing in this world.. Do everything with love in your heart. Make every decision out of love. Imagine the world if we just loved each other. He loves you so much, no matter what you have done.

Forgive others. Not for them, but for You!

The Evil One wants your soul. Don't let him take it! Keep your faith in God always! We need to give all our worries to him. Trust in him with your mind and body and he will take care of everything. Worry is what makes us sick. Don't worry!!

Send me your phone number or email and I will send you the link to this story of faith and hope.

The pharmacist arrives at work to find a frightened looking man leaning against a wall.

"What's wrong with him?" the pharmacist asks his clerk.
"He wanted cough medicine, but I couldn't find any, so I gave him a laxative."
"Laxatives won't cure a cough," yells the owner.
"Sure they will. Look at him. He's afraid to cough."

HONK IF YOU LOVE JESUS....

Text while driving if you want to meet Him!

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

Mike had never missed a chance to serve the Lord his entire adult life. He didn't drink, gamble or cheat. Lately, though, he found himself going through hard times.
"Lord, please, I am in deep trouble. I never thought I would ask for something like this, but please, Lord, let me win the lottery, just this once." Mike continued to pray, but lotto drawings came and went and he did not win.
"Lord, why have you forsaken me? I desperately need this, or I'll lose my home, my car, my wife. Please Lord, I will never gamble again." He continued to pray desperately, but it seemed as though the Lord had turned his back.

Finally the Lord answered Mike audibly, "Truly, my son, you have been a good and faithful servant, so I have chosen to bless this unusual petition.

However, Mike, please BUY A TICKET!"

Good news for faith in young families.

If MEN step up to be the spiritual leaders in their families, past research has shown that this leads to their children having a stronger faith life.

OUR LADY OF CHAMPIONS

PRAY FOR US!

Only US Approved Marian Apparition

The Seer

Adele Brice was born in Belgium to Lambert and Catherine Brice on January 30, 1831. She suffered an accident at a young age that left her blind in her right eye, but those who knew her described her cheerfulness, fervent piety, and simple religious ways.

Upon receiving her first Holy Communion, Adele and a few close friends promised the Blessed Virgin Mary that they would devote their lives to becoming religious teaching sisters in Belgium. However, her parents decided to move to America alongside other Belgium settlers. After seeking advice from her confessor, she was told to be obedient to her parents. He assured her that if the Lord willed her to become a teacher and a sister, she would serve in that vocation in America.

After the six-week voyage to America, the Brice family joined the largest Belgian settlement – near present-day Champion, Wisconsin. Adele served her family's needs by often taking grain to the grist mill.

The Apparition

While walking along a trail in the woods, Adele saw a lady dressed in white, standing between two trees believed to be a maple and hemlock. Although the mysterious woman stayed silent, it left Adele wondering what sort of encounter it may have been. When Adele told her family, they believed her but thought perhaps it was a soul in purgatory visiting this earthly life asking for prayers.

A few days later, on Sunday, October 9, 1859, Adele walked to Mass with her sister and a friend. The church was 10 miles away from home, but Adele made the journey every Sunday, no matter the weather. Along the same path, Adele saw the mysterious lady standing in the same spot between the two trees. However, Adele being the only one to see her, she and her companions continued their journey to Mass.

After Mass, Adele spoke to her parish priest, and he instructed her that if the lady appeared to her again to ask the question, "In God's name, who are you and what do you want of me?"

On her journey home, Adele saw the lady for the third time. As she and her companions approached the hallowed spot, Adele could see the beautiful lady, clothed in dazzling white, with a yellow sash around her waist. Her dress fell to her feet in graceful folds. She had a crown of stars around her head, and her long golden wavy hair fell loosely



over her shoulders. The lady had such a heavenly light around her that Adele could hardly look at her face. Overcome by the light, Adele fell to her knees and said, "In God's name, who are you, and what do you want of me?"

The lady replied, **"I am the Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners, and I wish you to do the same. You received Holy Communion this morning and that is well. But you must do more. Make a general confession and offer Communion for the conversion of sinners. If they do not convert and do penance, my Son will be obliged to punish them."**

Adele's companions, unable to see Our Lady asked, "Adele, who is it? Why can't we see her as you do?"

"Kneel," said Adele, "the Lady says she is the Queen of Heaven."

The Blessed Lady gazed kindly upon them, saying, **"Blessed are they that believe without seeing."** Then, looking toward Adele, the Queen of Heaven asked, **"What are you doing here in idleness while your companions are working in the vineyard of my Son?"**

"What more can I do, dear Lady?" asked Adele, weeping.

"Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation."

"But how shall I teach them who know so little myself?" Adele said.

"Teach them," replied her radiant visitor, **"their catechism, how to sign themselves with the sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing, I will help you."**

Then, wrapped as it were in a luminous atmosphere, Our Lady lifted her hands as though she were beseeching a blessing for those at her feet. Slowly, she vanished from sight, leaving Adele overwhelmed and

The Mission

After the apparitions and following Mary's instruction, Adele would venture as far as fifty miles to teach the children. She was undeterred by weather, fatigue, or ridicule and would go from home-to-home offering to do household chores in exchange for the privilege of teaching the children their catechism. Adele's father built a small family chapel soon after the apparitions.

After several years of teaching alone, Adele gathered around her other women who would assist her teaching mission. They were blessed with much support, not only

financially, but by the men and women who stepped forward to build a convent, school, and a larger wooden chapel on the grounds to accommodate the faithful in 1861. The words "Notre Dame De Bon Secours, Priez Pour Nous" was inscribed over the chapel's entrance, translated as "Our Lady of Good Help, Pray for Us."

However, Adele's mission was found to be very difficult at times. Adele and her sisters often did not know from where their next meal would come. Adele would gather them in the chapel and ask for Mary's help. Before morning, a bag of flour or a supply of meat would arrive at the door.

More of this Story to follow next month

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What is the immaculate conception

From among the descendants of Eve, God chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of his Son. "Full of grace", Mary is **"the most excellent fruit of redemption"** from the first instant of her conception, she was totally preserved from the stain of original sin and she remained pure from all personal sin throughout her life.

5. How does this make Mary a parallel of Eve? Adam and Eve were both created immaculate, without original sin or its stain. They fell from grace, and through them mankind was bound to sin. Christ and Mary were also conceived immaculate. They remained faithful, and through them mankind was redeemed from sin. Christ is thus the New Adam, and Mary the New Eve.

The Catechism notes: As St. Irenaeus says, "Being obedient she became the cause of salvation for herself and for the whole human race." Hence not a few of the early Fathers gladly assert. . . "The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by Mary's obedience: what the virgin Eve bound through her disbelief; Mary loosened by her faith." Comparing her with Eve, they call Mary "the Mother of the living" and frequently claim: "Death through Eve, life through Mary."

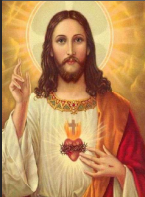
6. How does this make Mary an icon of our own destiny? Those who die in God's friendship and thus go to heaven will be freed from all sin and stain of sin. We will thus all be rendered "immaculate" (Latin, *immaculatus* = "stainless") if we remain faithful to God.

Even in this life, God purifies us and trains us in holiness and, if we die in his friendship but imperfectly purified, he will purify us in purgatory and render us immaculate.

By giving Mary this grace from the first moment of her conception, God showed us an image of our own destiny. He shows us that this is possible for humans by his grace.

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Ultimo Mensaje, 25 de octubre de 2025 “¡Queridos hijos! El Altísimo, en su bondad, me ha confiado a ustedes para guiarlos por el camino de la paz. Muchos han respondido y oran, pero hay muchas criaturas que no tienen paz y no han conocido al Dios del amor. Por eso, hijitos, oren y amen; formen grupos de oración para animarse mutuamente al bien. Yo estoy con ustedes y oro por su conversión. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado. ”	 #IGIVECATHOLIC ON GIVING TUESDAY TUESDAY, DEC 2, 2025 PLEASE REMEMBER TO DONATE TO: MARYS HELPERS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2 AND SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY. TO DONATE, JUST GO ONLINE TO IGIVECATHOLIC.ORG AND SEARCH FOR MARYS HELPERS (MARRERO, LA). THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU! REMEMBER THERE IS NO DONATION TOO SMALL OR TOO BIG!	
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