



# MARY'S HELPERS, INC.

# News

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**MEDJUGORJE**  
**July 25, 2023**  
**to Marija Pavlovic**

"Dear children! In this time of grace, in which the Most High sends me to you to love you and guide you on the way of conversion, offer your prayers and sacrifices for all those who are far away and have not come to know God's love. You, little children, be witnesses of love and peace for all peaceless hearts. Thank you for having responded to my call."

**MEDJUGORJE**  
**August 25, 2023**  
**to Marija Pavlovic**

"Dear children! In this time of grace, I am calling you to prayer with the heart. May your hearts, little children, be raised in prayer towards Heaven, so that your heart may feel the God of love who heals you and loves you with immeasurable love. That is why I am with you, to lead you on the way of conversion of heart. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Peace  
Love  
Joy

Meditation on the  
July 25, 2023  
Message  
by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM

Our Mother Mary's message comes to us during the Church's epoch time in which the work of the Holy Spirit is reaching out to us gentiles and Jews alike for Salvation, conversion and Peace. We experience every day the lack of peace and too much violence. It is all around us, in our schools and our communities. We experience the pain of violence through our news media, in our entertainment and every day in outbursts of sins, injustice and crime. Oh! How much we need our Mother to love and guide us towards conversion. Yes!

We should pray daily and make sacrifices for not only those who are far away and do not know God's Love, but we need prayers that we may persevere in holiness and witness a life of peace and non-violence.

Mary asks us to witness love and peace for all peaceless hearts. To truly live this message, we have to nourish our spiritual lives by praying with Mary! Let us find peace in our attending Mass and receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist often and confession monthly. Then we will be able to give from the abundance of spiritual food we have been given. Mary's message is a gentle perfume of the Father's love through the Holy Spirit! Let us welcome and act on her Words! Love Fr. Al

God  
IS  
LOVE

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Our Spiritual Mother, Mary speaks to us, her children in this gifted time given by God to aid us in choosing and directing our lives to experience the fullness of God's love! We start by praying and raising our hearts to God in heaven. He is very much with us, to empower us to the measure that we open our hearts to feel His love.

In this distracted world we live in, prayer is the special time to focus on God's love who, "heals and loves you with immeasurable love." We can lose our focus in the daily way unless we make a special time and place to pray, Petition and talk to God in the intimacy of your heart. That communication of love expressed by Mary in her words: "Be raised in prayer towards Heaven, so that your heart may feel the God of love who heals and loves you!"

Mary's mission is to bring about our surrendering to the way of conversion of heart! When we act on her words, we receive grace and peace to renew our lives in that faith filled action of prayer! Then our hearts will experience God's Heart of Immeasurable Love!

Let us listen and make that special time of Daily prayer!  
Love Fr. Al

PRAY FOR US! WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS ALWAYS...



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

### PRAYERS REQUESTED

We are ALL in need of prayer at one time or another. Most of the time we endure our struggles silently. We forget that we have a whole world ready to pray for us and with us.

At this time I would like to ask for special prayer for **KAY MULE**. Kay has been writing The Medjugorje Star for 37 years, which like Mary's Helpers, spreads the Messages of Medjugorje. Kay has become ill and is no longer able to continue the newsletter. Our prayers go out to Kay, her family and Mule Religious Store which has been in business 50 years now. A pillar of our community!! Please pray for Kay and her family as they go through a difficult time. May Jesus and Mary hold Kay close to their hearts. Mule's religious store will remain open. Anyone who would like to receive Mary's messages from Mary's Helpers, need only fill in our subscription form on Page 3. ALL ARE WELCOME...

#### MASS INTENTIONS REQUEST FORM

If you would like to offer mass intentions for you or your loved ones, living or deceased, please send us this form. We will be glad to offer these intentions up on our 17th of the month mass in Houma Intentions offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name

Prayers for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Living or Deceased

Prayers for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Living or Deceased

### Father Mark Beard Rest in Peace

Father Mark Beard, passed away suddenly on August 2, 2023. He was from Baton Rouge and worked in his family's business until one day he visited Medjugorje. This trip made Fr Beard consider priesthood as a possible vocation. After 4 years of discernment, Fr Beard entered Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, LA on May 30, 2009. He was associate pastor at Most Sacred Heart in Gramercy, St Joseph in Paulina, St Michael the Archangel in Convent and Our Lady of Prompt Succor Chapel in Lutcher. He has been a pastor of St Helena Catholic Church in Amite, La for the last 12 years. He has built a beautiful campus where tours and retreats are offered. For the last 2 1/2 years, he was also the admin at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center in Osyka, MS.

Thank you Father Beard for reawakening us. Our hearts are so heavy with sadness. You will forever live in our hearts. May Father Beard's soul, and the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. **OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES.**

*In Loving Memory*



### In Loving Memory

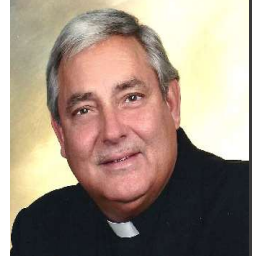


**Robert Chauvin**  
Nov 10, 1932 - June 18, 2023

We are sad to tell everyone that Robert Chauvin passed away on Sun, June 18, 2023 at the age of 90. Robert and his wife Barbara served the Lord and his mother Mary faithfully for many years through their service with Mary's Helpers. Among various things, Bob would print our newsletter and other items as Margaret and Gayle would request. We will miss him dearly and pray that he is in heaven dancing with Jesus. *Rest in peace Bob*

# A word from FATHER PAUL BERGERON

**IF YOU DIED TONIGHT**  
would you be in  
**HEAVEN OR HELL?**



Hot days and hot nights seems to be the norm these days. Air Conditions are no longer a luxury but a necessity. Giving these conditions and it's the first thing people complain about made me reflect just on how hot Hell will be. Jesus doesn't paint a beautiful picture of Hell. For us when he says "there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth". It will be well of each one of us to stay far away from a place like that because you see if you land up in Purgatory, the only other place is up but if you end up in Hell, you will be there for all eternity. I remember as an Altar Boy serving the Lenten Missions of old. The Missionary Priest would paint a picture of Hell and I will never forget the details of his talk. Perhaps in these times we need to bring back some Hell, fire and brimstone in our sermons of today. At least listening to these guys gave us a healthy fear of The Lord. Perhaps we need it more today than ever in these turbulent times. Let us all remember where our Spiritual Lives should lead us and that is to The Kingdom of God. I hope to one day see you there. Fr. Paul

*Prayer, Penance, Sacrifice, Rosary  
Reading the Bible, Attend Adoration  
Forgiveness & Confession, and  
Attend Mass & receive Holy Eucharist*



*Above all, the grace of a true  
repentance is the most essential  
and significant work of the Spirit.*



*To forgive is to set a prisoner free and  
discover that prisoner was you.*

Lewis B Smedes

**JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY TO PRAY**  
*at Mary's Helpers in the chapel*  
**at 4512 7th Street, Marrero, LA at NOON**  
**Across from Immaculate Conception Church**  
**We pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary and the Divine**  
**Mercy along with other prayers. Our Lady wants us**  
**to pray pray pray. Please join us.**

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PRAYER  
CENACLE**  
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3pm-4:15pm

## DAYS TO REMEMBER

- Sep 2-Upper Room Prayer Cenacle/Houma
- Sep 4-Labor Day
- Sep 7-15-Annual Solemn Novena OL Sorrows
- Sep 8-Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sep 14-Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sep 15-Our Lady of Sorrows Feast Day (Pg 6)
- Sep 17-Houma Mass cancelled (Sunday)
- Sep 23-Feast Day of Saint Padre Pio
- Sep 29-Holy Archangels (Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Feast Day)
- Oct 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels
- Oct 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary
- Oct 7-Upper Room Prayer Cenacle/Houma
- Oct 14-America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally
- Oct 17-Houma Mass
- Oct 21-Rosary at MARY'S HELPERS 10:30am

## THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF COMPASSIONATE PROTECTION HOUMA MASS EVERY MONTH ON THE 17th

*Unless the 17th falls on a Sunday*

**SEPT 17 SUN - (NO MASS) ON SUNDAY**  
**OCT 17 TUE - 3PM CONFESSION & ROSARY 4PM MASS**  
106 JIM BOWIE ROAD IN HOUMA, LA  
**CELEBRANT: FATHER PAUL BERGERON**



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

Mary's Helpers needs volunteers to  
help keep this ministry going.  
**Will you answer the call?**

## To RENEW Your 2023 SUBSCRIPTION NOW OR MAKE A DONATION

**PLEASE Fill Out The Form Below & Mail to Mary's Helpers, P.O. Box 1853, Marrero, LA 70073**

### Remember WE need YOU to keep this ministry going!!!

Please accept my donation to help defray monthly operating costs of Mary's Helpers and to continue to spread Our Lady's messages. (This NEWSletter is made possible through the generosity of your donations.)

**JUL / AUG 2023**

**THANK YOU AND GOD  
BLESS YOU!!!**

\$15  \$25  \$35  \$45  \$55  \$100  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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in Mary's Helpers however I  
can, please contact me...

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Mary's Helpers, Inc. PO Box 1853 Marrero, LA 70073**

**As Margaret and Gayle used to say, make sure you put us between the light and gas bill. We really need your help at this time as our annual insurance cost just went up \$2,000. Thank you and God Bless You Always!**



### The Story of the Feast of the Guardian Angels-October 2

by franciscan media

Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not only for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death.

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. Saint Benedict gave it impetus and Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.

A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar.

**Reflection** Devotion to the angels is, at base, an expression of faith in God's enduring love and providential care extended to each person day in and day out.

#### Anyone interested in a day bus trip within Louisiana?

Please call us and give us your name, address and phone number and email if possible. We are trying to see how many are interested.

## ANGELS ARE THERE WHEN WE INVITE THEM

From Opus Santorum Anelorum SPIRIT DAILY



"My Guardian Angel saved my life when I was 13. I was caught in an undertow at Virginia Beach and lost my inner tube.

"I was pulled far from the shore and the only swim stroke I knew was the dog paddle.

"I was afraid of dying alone. We hadn't gone to Holy Mass in a long time. My dad was deployed overseas and mom didn't drive. But I made a deal with God that if He saved me, I would find a way to go to Mass for the rest of my life.

"As soon as that prayer went up, I was surrounded by angels. I didn't see them, but their high-pitched voices sounded like children speaking directly to my mind and bypassing my ears. They spoke reassuring, encouraging words. I was no longer afraid as they remained with me.

"A helicopter hovered over me briefly and then flew away. I don't know why they didn't attempt a rescue. I was so far from the beach the people looked like bugs!

"Meanwhile, my grandfather and eight-year-old brother were searching for me as it was lunchtime. My brother noticed the helicopter and my head in the water just below. He said, 'Look, Papa! There's Joan. Could I have her hot dog?'

"Papa sent a young man out to get me. As he approached, I heard him through my ears calling out the same encouragement the angels had used. They then vanished. Later I was able to arrange rides to Mass for my brothers and myself with a neighbor.

"Now I also go to daily Mass." ~Joan O.

"In the early 1990's my husband and I and our seven children moved into a rental home quite far from where we had lived before. One day four of the children and I were returning from an outing in our family station wagon.

"We were traveling over the two large hills back home. As we were streaming down the second hill I stopped at the bottom to make the necessary left turn towards home. Very

quickly my Guardian Angel said. 'Look in your rearview mirror.'

"Immediately I looked in the mirror and saw a truck barreling down the hill.

"My Guardian Angel then said 'He's not going to stop.'

"For a quick second, I thought, 'what do I do?' Then I heard My Guardian Angel say "get over," so quickly I steered the big station wagon off to the side, still not realizing the full impact of what was really happening.

"Then like a flash the truck flew right past us and the driver looked back through the window with a look of fear, probably realizing that he had almost killed us.

"As I sat there for a moment to catch my breath, thanksgiving started flooding from my heart for the wonderful Guardian Angel God had given to me! It had all happened so fast. In just a matter of seconds, I was given the three warnings and the truck came flying past. Because of the warnings, my family was safe and sound, including my young son, who is now a priest, and who was sitting in the back seat with no clue as to what had just occurred." ~Judy B.

### St Michael Feast Day Sept 29

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, banish into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam through the world seeking the ruin of souls.



## A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE: To my loyal, humble, sweet Mary's Helpers supporters :

Thank you for your being there with us all of these years which has helped us continue this ministry. We continue to miss our lovely ladies that have gone before us to pray for our souls. You know who I'm talking about. Margaret and Gayle. They did such a great job spreading the word of God when they were here on earth and bringing our Mother Mary into our lives. You can only imagine the work they are doing in heaven. They are truly very special and spiritual girls.

I hope that you are enjoying the newsletters every other month. Remember we still are located in Marrero if you would like to join us to pray at Noon or if you need a gift for you or someone, please visit our gift shop located in Marrero. If you need prayer, don't forget to call our prayer line and leave your request. We are here for you!

Also, don't forget about our monthly masses in Houma where Mary appeared to Louis. Louis has since moved to Tennessee but the shrine is still a place of holiness and healings. Please call for more information if needed.

I want to talk to you today about something that everyone is experiencing, including us here at Mary's Helpers. INCREASED COST... Utilities, printing cost, and let's not forget insurance is all increasing. **Our insurance has increased again this year another \$2200 on top of last year's increase of \$2700 (Total increase \$4,900).** This is very hard to handle when our donations stay the same. We need to ask you, if you can, to make a special donation to help us with these costs. Without YOU, there is no US. Without your support, we cannot turn the lights on as Margaret used to say. **WE MUST CONTINUE TO HELP OUR LADY SPREAD HER MESSAGES!**

Thank you for sharing your blessings and may God bless each and every one of you.

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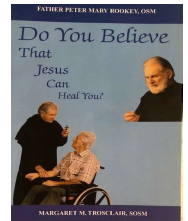
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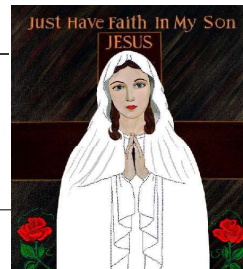
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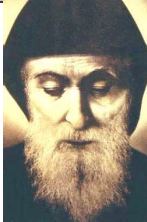
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## St. Sharbel Makhlouf

May 8, 1828 -  
December 24, 1898

### Saint of Miracles Healing Miracle of Homer Wiggins

I was born on December 23, 1955, in Alabama and lived there until 1984 when my wife and I moved to Richmond, Virginia. I am retired from the U.S. Postal Service and have one son. He and his wife have two children. I am a Roman Catholic.

In August of 2019, I was rushed to the hospital with severe stomach pains and passing lots of blood.

There in the emergency room I was diagnosed with colon cancer. Two days later, I was operated on. The surgery lasted five hours. While in the recovery area of the surgery room, I had a vision of a man standing not far from the foot of my bed. He was dressed in a black religious robe, had an aura of light around his body and wore a long white beard. He was looking down.

On the other side of the room, several nurses were frantically typing information on their computers. One said in a loud voice, "Saint Sharbel." Then another said, "Saint Sharbel," and a third said, in an asking way, "Saint Sharbel?" Then the first one repeated, "Saint Sharbel, look him up!"

I fell back to sleep and in a while, I heard the nurse trying to wake me up.

If I had not heard the voices say the name Saint Sharbel, I might have thought it was Saint Benedict. I had heard of Saint Sharbel once but did not know anything about him except that he was from Lebanon. I did not know how he looked. I happened to see once on a website for "saint of the day" the name of Saint Sharbel mentioned but had not really researched him before.

After I told a few people about my vision, a friend told me that Saint Sharbel is a saint known for healing. The next day of my stay in the hospital, this friend brought me holy oil of Saint Sharbel and a prayer card. I begin to pray to Saint Sharbel for a positive outcome of the cancer diagnosis and also used the holy oil.

I had to wait a week to find out if my colon cancer had spread and the severity of it. I was told by my surgeon after a week of waiting that the cancer was stage 2 and it had not spread. I needed no chemotherapy. I am cancer free as of today.

Two months before my colon cancer surgery, I was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. I was taking medication for it but after leaving the hospital, my diabetes has improved so much that I no longer take medication and my blood sugar numbers are low enough that I can control it with diet. I like to think Saint Sharbel is responsible for this as well because I have prayed to him to help heal my physical ailments.

My family and friends were amazed about my experience and began to research more about Saint Sharbel. I was told that a Lebanese Muslim who learned about my experience from my daughter-in-law's family is now interested in the Catholic faith.

I wanted to tell of my testimony and hope to spread devotion to Saint Sharbel.



## The Life of Mary

### The Legend of Joachim & Anne Parents of Mary

Typical of the apocryphal stories of Mary are those in the book of James (about 150A.D.) which is the main source of the legend of our Lady's parents, Joachim and Anne. From this we gather that they were residents of Jerusalem, dwelling near the Probatic Pool, in the vicinity of the temple. They were pious Jews, and Joachim, a prosperous shepherd, was generous with fruit of his labors, offering in the temple gifts for the whole people as well as in propitiation for his own offenses. Still, in spite of their virtue, he and his wife Anne had not been blessed with offspring; and when Joachim came to the temple to offer his

gifts, the priest Ruben reproached him as being unworthy, since he alone among the tribes had failed to raise up offspring in Israel.

In sorrow and humiliation Joachim withdrew into the desert, where he fasted for 40 days. At the end of this time, Joachim in his desert retreat and Anne in her garden in Jerusalem, both received angelic visitors who told them that God had had mercy on them and would answer their prayers for a child. As Joachim returned to the city, Anne was fore-warned of his coming and ran to greet him. They met at the Golden Gate, the eastern entrance to the city, and there joyfully embraced, mutually exalting at God's blessing.

### The Immaculate Conception

The pious Joachim and his wife had been chosen as the parents of her who was to bring into this world the Son of God, made man. Because the body of this maid was

to bear the Incarnate Word, God flooded her soul with grace exceeding that of His noblest creatures; and, lest the devil, even for an instant, should have power over the

Mother of God, her soul was created free from original sin, beginning its existence spotless and radiant with God's grace. This pristine stainlessness of Mary we call her Immaculate Conception: it means that, while her conception was natural, her soul was never touched by original sin; it was full of Grace from the instant of its creation in the womb of St Anne.

The doctrine of the absolute sinlessness of Mary recurs often in the theology of the early Fathers of the Church, who speak of our Lady in poetic terms: "Immaculate and perfectly Immaculate; Innocent and very Innocent; All Holy, All Chaste, All Inviolable; Model and very Form of purity and innocence; fairer and more graceful than beauty and grace itself..." Such was the language of the Fathers and of the great Doctors of the centuries that followed. Even the infidel Mohammed glorifies Mary in his Koran, saying: "The Angels shall say to Maryam, 'Allah has chosen thee; He has made thee exempt from all stain.'"

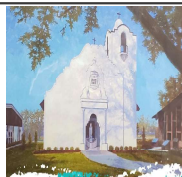
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### Hail Mary: The Addition of the Important Petition

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee, blessed are Thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, spread the effect of grace of Thy Flame of Love over all of humanity, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

For a long time, I did not dare to record Our Lady's petition, "When you pray the Hail Mary, include the following petition, 'Spread the effect of grace of thy Flame of Love over all of humanity.'" When the bishop asked why this should be done, Jesus explained, "Because of the Holy Virgin's efficacious pleas, the Most Blessed Trinity granted the outpouring of the Flame of Love. For her sake, you must place this prayer in the Hail Mary" (February 2, 1982). Mary said, "I want to awaken humanity by this petition. This is not a new formula but a constant supplication. (p45-p.46.)

<http://www.ftameoftove.us/flame-of-love-prayers/>



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Father Anthony Odiong

5pm Rosary/Confession

6pm Mass

7pm Healing Service

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## ANNUAL ROSARY, ADORATION & REFLECTION

### of Our Lady of Sorrows

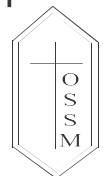
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Friday September 15th, 2023 ~ 7pm

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## MARY'S HELPERS ANNUAL ROSARY

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REMEMBER~October 21 at 10:30 a.m.~Saturday

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Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins and Mother. To thee do I come. Before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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



## A letter from purgatory

By Mary Beth Bonacci January 10, 2017

Mary Beth Bonacci is a syndicated columnist based in Denver and the author of *We're On a Mission from God and True Love*.

A gentleman named Harmon Hallett, the father of a friend, died recently. In a Facebook post, she wrote "He was very adamant about not being eulogized. He was terrified nobody would pray for his release from purgatory. He was sure he was headed there first and said on more than one occasion, "I don't want anyone thinking I'm a saint! I want them praying for me!"

I can relate. The beauty of the Catholic funeral is that is centered around praying for the deceased person. But funerals have evolved from occasions of prayer to "celebrations of life," and the only mention of an afterlife consists of reassurance that the deceased beloved is currently in Heaven, enjoying the Beatific Vision and unlimited, calorie-free pastries. Or whatever. This is doing no favor to the deceased person in question.

I don't want this happening at my funeral. In fact, I so don't want it to happen that, several years ago, I wrote a letter, to be read aloud at my funeral Mass. I lost it somewhere along the way. But, inspired by Harmon Hallett's example, I have re-written it.

I want this, in its entirety, read at my funeral:  
So, apparently I'm dead. I'll make this brief, as I'm not entirely certain of the protocol involved in speaking at one's own funeral. And I'm sure

you're all anxious to get to the reception. Which I hope for your sake will in some way involve cocktails. In the meantime, I have just one request: If anybody stands up here and says "She is in Heaven now," I want that person removed from the pulpit. Immediately. Because I'm not so sure that I am.

I believe in the Catholic doctrine of Purgatory. And I believe that my personal best case scenario will probably involve some time there. Not because I've lived a double life or committed any big, secret sins or anything. Just the garden variety selfishness and weakness that I'm sure many of you observed, but can't mention right now because you are supposed to "speak no ill of the dead."

But I, as the dead, can speak any way I like. I believe that Jesus died for my sins. Absolutely. I also know that I responded very imperfectly to the graces he won for me. And that, since "nothing unclean enters Heaven," I could probably stand some purification before standing in the presence of the eternal God. During that process, I'm going to need prayers. So I don't want you to canonize me. I want you to pray for me.

How? Have Masses said. It's easy. Just go to any Catholic parish office, make a donation and request a Mass for the repose of my soul. Or more than one. As I write this, Masses can even be ordered on the internet. By the time I die, who knows? Maybe you can have a Mass said just by thinking about it.

And say prayers for me. With any luck, that little holy card they hand out will contain a prayer. If not, go with this one: "May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen." Say that a lot.

I know some of you don't believe in all of this. That's okay. Do it anyway. Humor me. Others may be thinking I'm being unduly humble, and all of this isn't necessary. Again, humor me. Because unless I was martyred — unless my death was immediately preceded by a gunman asking if I believe in Jesus Christ — I am relatively certain that I will need the prayers. Actually, even if the gunman scenario actually happened, you should still pray for me, as it is possible I misunderstood the question and thought he was offering me fries or something.

And don't think that, if I'm wrong and I actually made it to Heaven in a straight shot, all of this prayer will be wasted. I am quite certain that God will make good use of it.

You can view all of this as an investment. You pray for me now, and I will pray for you when your time comes. Because I will be keeping tabs.

Okay, so now you get back to the praying and saying all the nice things that people say about the deceased at funerals. But don't let anybody get too carried away.

With love from the Great Beyond, MB  
There it is. I am placing a copy in my safe deposit box. But I am also charging all of you, in the event of my demise, to make sure that it is read. And to pray for me.



## St Padre Pio Feast Day Sept 23

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

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

Then pray the Creed, an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and Glory to the Father.



### Let's Laugh a Little



## Living in Faith

My grandmother, who lived in Tucson, was well known for her faith and her lack of reticence in talking about it. She would go out on the front porch and yell, "PRAISE THE LORD!"

Her next-door neighbor would shout back, "There ain't no God!" During those days, my grandmother was very poor, so the neighbor decided to prove his point by buying a large bag of groceries and placing it at her door.

The next morning, Grandmother went to the porch and, seeing the groceries, said, "PRAISE THE LORD!"

The neighbor then stepped out from behind a tree and said, "I bought those groceries, and there ain't no God."

Grandmother replied, "Lord, you not only sent me food but you made the devil pay for it."

## SERMON ON THE MOUNTAIN

And seeing the crowds, he went up the mountain. And when he was seated, his disciples came to him. And opening his mouth he taught them, saying: Matthew 5:3-12

### The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Verse 3)

Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the earth. (Verse 4)

Blessed are they who mourn: for they shall be comforted. (Verse 5)

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for justice: for they shall be satisfied. (Verse 6)

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. (Verse 7)

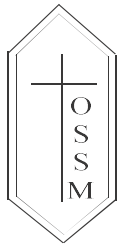
Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God. (Verse 8)

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. (Verse 9)

Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Verse 10)

Blessed are you when men reproach you, and persecute you, and, speaking falsely, say all manner of evil against you, for my sake. (Verse 11)

Rejoice and exult, because your reward is great in heaven; for so did they persecute the prophets who were before you. (Verse 12)



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“¡Queridos hijos! En este tiempo de gracia, en que el Altísimo me envía a ustedes para amarlos y guiarlos por el camino de la conversión, ofrezcan sus oraciones y sacrificios por todos los que están lejos y no han conocido el amor de Dios. Ustedes, hijitos, sean testigos del amor y de la paz para todos los corazones atribulados. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado. ”

**Ultimo Mensaje, 25 de agosto de 2023**

“¡Queridos hijos! En este tiempo de gracia, los invito a la oración con el corazón. Que sus corazones, hijitos, se eleven en oración hacia el cielo, para que su corazón pueda sentir al Dios del amor que los sana y los ama con un amor inmenso. Por eso estoy con ustedes, para guiarlos por el camino de la conversión del corazón. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado. ”

*“You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.”*  
The Mother of God

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