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MEDJUGORJE
May 25, 2024
to Marija Pavlovic'

"Dear children! In this time of grace, I am calling you to prayer with the heart.

Little children, create prayer groups where you will encourage each other to the good and grow in joy.

Little children, you are still far away.

That is why continue to convert anew and choose the way of holiness and hope so that God may give you peace in abundance.

Thank you for having responded to my call."

MEDJUGORJE
June 25, 2024
to Marija Pavlovic'

Dear children! I rejoice with you and thank God for permitting me to be with you, to lead you and love you.

Little children, peace is in danger and the family is under attack.

I am calling you, little children: return to prayer in the family.

Put Sacred Scripture in a visible place and read it every day.

Love God above all that it may be good for you on earth.

Thank you for having responded to my call."

**Meditation on the May 25, 2024
Message**

by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM



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Mary continues to help us in our spiritual life. Her focus on prayer is first because communication with God and Mary helps build community life.

Let us follow her advice and "create prayer groups where you will encourage each to the good and grow in joy."

In our progress Mary reminds us, "Little Children, you are still far away". That is why we continue to encourage each other to convert anew and choose the way of holiness and hope so that God may grace you peace in abundance.

The cycle of the Mass brings us live Jesus' call to Evangelize and Mary pushes us to succeed.

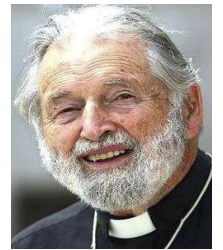
Love Fr. Al

Mary rejoices for God has permitted her to be with us and She thanks God for His expression of love. How blessed we are to have Mary's messages leading us closer to God's will. Many people, especially Catholics, lack a devotion to Mary. They also lack a prayer life which unites us to our families.

Mary's Helpers is so devoted to Mary and as individuals we pray that we will be good examples to our community, the Church. Mary calls us to read Sacred Scriptures daily by keeping it present in a visible place. We should try to do this privately and also within our prayer groups. Our love of God will help us love our neighbor and all creation.

Love Fr. Al

MARY'S HELPERS SAINTS IN HEAVEN, WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS!



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

*Happy Anniversary
Medjugorje!*

Dear Family of Mary! God bless us all on this wonderful day, the 43rd Anniversary of Our Lady's coming to Medjugorje!!! The Lord sent His Mother to the little town of Medjugorje on this day in 1981 to begin a great work of His Mercy in our time. Our Lady came to 6 young people, who ran away the day before, but stayed on this day and spoke to her!

Here is their conversation: Thursday, June 25, 1981

(The date of the first apparition for the group of six visionaries, who see Our Lady nearby on the hill.)

Our Lady said: "Praised be Jesus!"

Ivanka asked: "Where is my mother?" (Her mother had died two months previously.)

Our Lady said: "She is happy. She is with me."

The visionaries asked: "Will you return tomorrow?"

Our Lady answered with a nod of her head.

Mirjana said: "No one will believe us. They will say that we are crazy. Give us a sign!"

Our Lady responded only with a smile. Mirjana believed she had received a sign. Her watch had changed time during the apparition. "Goodbye, my angels. Go in the peace of God." From this simple encounter, a strong relationship developed between the six young people and Our Lady. A relationship that has lasted 43 years!!!! Thanks be to GOD...



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Jul 16, 2024

O MARY, VIRGIN MOTHER, THOU WHO, WITH SPECIAL MERCY, LOOK UPON THOSE CLOTHED IN THY BELOVED HABIT, CAST A GLANCE OF PITY UPON ME. FORTIFY MY WEAKNESS WITH THY STRENGTH; ENLIGHTEN THE DARKNESS OF MY MIND WITH THY WISDOM; INCREASE MY FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY. ASSIST ME DURING LIFE, CONSOLE ME BY THY PRESENCE AT MY DEATH, AND PRESENT ME TO THE AUGUST TRINITY AS THY DEVOTED CHILD, THAT I MAY BLESS JESUS AND THEE FOR ALL ETERNITY IN PARADISE. FOREVERMORE, AMEN.



"WHOEVER DIES IN THIS GARMENT SHALL NOT SUFFER ETERNAL FIRE."

*Hear, O Lord,
when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me
and answer me!*
Psalm 27

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Our Lady's Annual Apparition to Ivanka

The visionary Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez had her regular annual apparition on June 25th 2024. 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 way also this year. The apparition, which lasted 6 minutes (18:37h - 18:43h), 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:

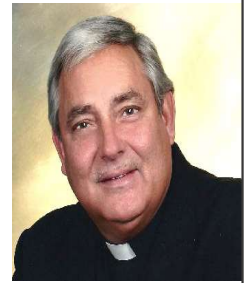
**"My children, pray, pray, pray. Receive my motherly blessing."
Our Lady blessed us all.**



**My Queen
My Mother**

*I give myself entirely to thee, and to show my devotion to thee, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole body without reserve. Wherefore good Mother, as I am thine own, keep me and guard me as your property and possession.
Amen*

A word from FATHER PAUL BERGERON



ARE WE SPIRITUALLY PREPARED?

There are so many rumors going around that something will happen in the world and soon. We have been given sneak previews, if you will, some about The Three Days of Darkness, others about The Chastisement and so on. Now personally I do believe in these things. God has to put His Foot down sooner or later. Believe you me, for myself, it can't come soon enough. There is a caveat in all of this however, we do not know when! Jesus even says this in Holy Scripture—we know not the day nor the hour -death will come like a thief in the night. Frankly, I personally believe that The Immaculate Conception has been holding back the hand of God's wrath-this is what has saved us thus far but like in Garabandal she says that the cup is already over flowing. So what is the answer-what should we do? Well since we don't know when these things will happen, we should never rely on dates given nor should we be afraid or anxious. These things will not help us. What will be of great help is that we are in tune with The Holy Sacraments which Jesus Himself instituted; Keeping all of The Ten Commandments and last but not least -being prepared. If we are prepared by Praying The Holy Rosary each day and calling on MOMA Mary and all The Saints and Angels, especially our Three Ark Angels, then we need not worry. May God Bless us and keep us in His Loving Care for all those of us who are not against Him are with Him and He with us.

God Bless You Father Paul

WHY WOULD WE NOT WANT TO VISIT A PLACE WHERE A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN IS COMING TO EARTH EVERY DAY?

Think about it. Mary is visiting Medjugorje EVERY day. Why would we not strive to go there? Here is your chance. The Pilgrimage to Medjugorje is calling you!

Let us not forget the THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

"Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly, do this and you will live." Luke, 10:25-28



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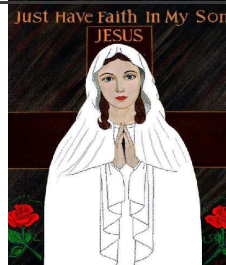
DAYS TO REMEMBER

- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 6 - Upper Room Prayer Cenacle/Houma
- July 15 - Begin St Sharbel Novena
- July 16 - Our Lady of Mt Carmel Feast Day
- July 17 - Houma Mass - Wed 4pm Mass
- July 22 - St Mary Magdalene Feast Day
- July 24 - St Sharbel Feast Day
- July 26 - Sts Joachim & Anne
- Aug 3 - Upper Room Prayer Cenacle/Houma
- Aug 6 - TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
- Aug 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Aug 17 - Houma Mass - Sat 11am Mass
- Aug 22 - Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Aug 29 - Father Paul's Birthday (wish him well)
- Sept 2 - Labor Day
- Sept 7 - Upper Room Prayer Cenacle/Houma

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF COMPASSIONATE PROTECTION

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Millionaire Gives It All Away After Seeing The Blessed Virgin At Medjugorje

Written by Michael H. Brown

A first-generation Italian and youngest of six children, he became wealthy in business. His conversion story includes giving away his wealth, becoming legally blind, and now is a blind painter for Christ! Ferdinand has been featured on Catholic TV and is a very popular Catholic speaker and artist.

Reported in [SpiritDaily.com] online newspaper. His name is Ferdinand Roccanti. He used to be a multimillionaire. He used to be in trouble with the law. He is now an evangelist. It was in 1992 that he traveled for the first time to the apparition site of Medjugorje and there witnessed what he describes as a huge manifestation of the Virgin Mary.

Once a car dealer in New England and then Florida, where he amassed a small fortune of \$5 million, Roccanti and his wife Barbara were going up Apparition Hill on September 12, where one of the seers, Ivan Dragicevic, was to receive a message. "Barbara had some candles and we climbed Apparition Hill and I knelt by this pile of rocks where they said Mother Mary first appeared -- not to think that she was going to appear, but just because it seemed like the place to kneel -- and at nine o'clock we started to pray," he says. "It was dark and I prayed this prayer, **I don't even know where it came from: 'God, God of Abraham and Jacob and Isaac and Moses, do You know I'm here?' 'I had my head bowed and my hands folded together in prayer.**

I didn't see this hand but I felt a hand come under my chin and lift my head up and the heavens opened and He sent His mother. **When I say the heavens opened up, it was daytime to my eyes. She was all white and as big as the heavens.** I went to point my finger up and say, 'Look!' but my hand froze halfway and now I couldn't talk. I couldn't move my hand, I couldn't talk, and I couldn't take my eyes off her, so I touched my wife with my left hand and I could only whisper. When I touched her she looked and in a whisper I said, 'Look up and tell me what you see,' and she said, 'I see her!' Mother Mary didn't talk to either one of us, but there was something that happened deep in our hearts and souls that would change our lives forever. I really believe that once you see the Mother of God -- I don't know how someone could describe something so incredible."

When Ferdinand told a priest, the priest later heard the exact same testimony from another pilgrim. Flying back, Ferdinand was sitting on the end of the fifth seat on the middle row of a plane when a woman, another pilgrim, came and sat on the arm of his seat as the flight attendant was wheeling a cart in the area, reached in her purse, pulled out a Pieta book, and put it in front of his eyes, asking, "Have you seen her?" The question was a shock. It had come out of the blue and was a confirmation to Ferdinand, who says **the Virgin he saw on Apparition**

Hill did look "a little bit" like the picture, "but she was as big as the heavens, enormous. And when she left there were these shooting stars. I thought everyone had to have seen it, but nobody did but Barbara and one other person. It was a white or light-blue sky like heaven's light. And it was just her face." For Barbara, it was similar. "The sky was pitch dark, we could hardly find our way up the mountain, but when the vision appeared, I saw her face and it looked all white and she was up in the sky and it was just huge and when I looked down and looked back she was still there," Barbara recalls. "She was sort of transparent and all white and all bright. It was very clear."

In 1993, Christ allegedly spoke asking Ferdinand to be a victim soul. "There were three things Jesus said to me," claims the former businessman. "My mom, my wife, and my sister were there. He said, '**Ferdinand, would you be blind for me? I immediately I closed my eyes really tight like a little kid and started crying. I couldn't talk. I was choking. I thought, no way, I'm not saying yes. Then He said, 'Ferdinand, would you be in a wheelchair? I'm crying and choking and my poor mom, she thought I was going to die. And then He said, 'Would you give away all your money?'**

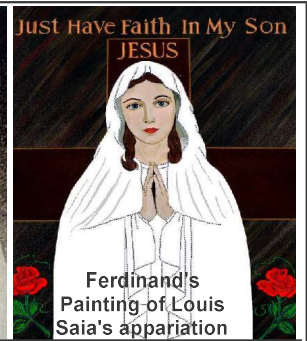
Now my mind is racing. This is the worst news I've ever heard, so I cried more. I'm choking, crying. I could not say yes. Everyone laughs when I say it, but I wasn't laughing. I was crying like a person who just lost his whole family. My mother was really upset. I was crying and choking. She thought I'd die. But Mother Mary came and said, 'Take a tear and touch your mother's arm.' My mother became calm, and she had been really hysterical. I touched my sister and wife also and they became calm and relaxed like on a sunny day. Mother Mary said, '**Little Ferdinand, I'm giving you my heart, and I felt this incredible infusion of power and I said, 'Jesus, do with me what You want.'"**

It was then that the former car dealer developed ailments that indeed temporarily took away his sight and sent him into a wheelchair. It was a neuromuscular disease called myasthenia gravis. **He went blind on September 16, 1994, and a month later -- on October 13, 1994 -- experienced another vision, this time of Mary as Our Lady of Fatima. She also appeared to him during 1993 in St. Peter's and Paul's Church in Chicago.**

As for the money, by now this businessman who had once sold BMWs and Volvos had about \$1.4 million left and began to give this away "to whoever Mother Mary lead me to" -- individuals, churches. He bought new cars for people. He kept only enough to pay a fine he owed over a



Ferdinand's
Painting that wept
Rose Scented Oil



Ferdinand's
Painting of Louis
Saia's apparition

financial transaction (which had sent him seeking refuge at Medjugorje to begin with), buy a small house, and pay legal fees. For a long period he and his wife traveled, living out of the trunk of their car. Today he relies on selling inspirational paintings. This was another miracle for a man who didn't previously know how to paint!

Before a talk at St. Michael's College in Vermont, dozens of evil spirits attacked, Roccanti told Spirit Daily. "I was punched, threatened, and bounced around the room," he says. "I would spray them with Holy Water and you could hear it like a sizzle." And in this too is a message. "Every time you pray a mystery of the Rosary, you hit the devil right between the eyes, and in these times that we're living in, you need to hit him 15 times," urges Ferdinand. "Because if you whack him in the forehead with those mysteries, by the end of the day he's dazed and he can't get you. But he'll start again tomorrow if you don't pray."

Now a resident of Grange, Indiana, Roccanti feels the United States will suffer for next four years. On September 11, while in church, he says Jesus spoke to him, repeating a sentence three times. "He said, 'This is the beginning of the punishment against the killing of the innocent,'" recalls Ferdinand. "This is the beginning of the punishment against the killing of the innocent." He said it three times. Some people don't want to hear it -- you know, 'God wouldn't do this.' And I say, well, the God Who sent the serpents into the desert to kill the Israelites because they were disobedient is the same God."

The story doesn't end there, Louis Saia III had a painting done of The Blessed Mother. Ferdinand Roccanti painted Our Lady just like Louis saw Our Lady of Compassionate Protection in his vision. Louis Saia III has given his testimony in many locations in the United States. His vision of Our Lady, under the title of Compassionate Protection, as she wishes to be called, was captured on canvas by Ferdinand Roccanti. The prints of this image have been distributed all over the country and even the world. Many people who have prayed the Rosary before a blessed print of this image have witnessed miraculous occurrences, even cures of cancer. **In California, an image of Our Lady of Compassionate Protection began weeping Rose scented oil.** See Pg 5

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OUR LADY OF COMPASSIONATE PROTECTION Story on Pg 4

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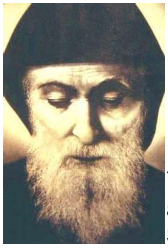
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There are over 26,000 miracles attributed to the intercession of Saint Sharbel Makhlouf since his death in 1898. You could say he has a bit of a track record—and he's not slowing down anytime soon.

ST CHARBEL HEALS DAFNE GUTIERREZ FROM BLINDNESS IN PHOENIX, AMERICA

Dafne Gutierrez, a 30-year-old blind Hispanic American woman, mother of three children, who had lost her eyesight to Arnold-Chiari malformation has been healed in Phoenix, America by St Charbel the day after she visited St Charbel's holy relic at St Joseph's Maronite Catholic Church in Phoenix, America.

Phoenix is a city with a large Lebanese community, mostly Maronite Catholics with the local Maronite church is dedicated to St Joseph and Masses are celebrated in three languages: Arabic, Spanish and English. St Joseph's Maronite Catholic Church is the hub of one of the 36 Maronite parishes in the United

States, divided between the two big dioceses of New York and Los Angeles.

The relic of St Charbel, which has toured various parishes since early October 2015, consists of St Charbel's bone which is kept in a cedar chest. This pilgrimage marks the 50th anniversary of St Charbel's beatification. The Parish Priest of St Joseph Church, Father Wissam Akiki, had publicized as much as he could the short visit of the St Charbel's relic at his church which was between the 15th January 2016 to 17th January 2016.

Dafne was diagnosed with Arnold-Chiari malformation at the age of 13 and over the years developed papilledema (swelling of the optic disc swelling) at the end of the optic nerve. Surgery to correct the malformation had proved unsuccessful. In 2014, she lost the use of her left eye, which had gradually weakened a year earlier. In November 2015, the right eye was also lost, which plunged her into total darkness that even sunlight failed to break when she looked at it directly. A medical report eventually concluded that her blindness was irreversible and that she required permanent medical assistance. Dafne even considered moving to a blind residence so she won't be a burden on her family.

Over the weekend of the 16th and 17th January 2016, motivated by Fr Akiki's posters, relatives encouraged Dafne to ask for healing at St Joseph's

Church. Then one of Dafne's relative took her to St Joseph's Church to receive a prayer and a blessing from Father Akiki on Saturday, 16 January 2016. "I put my hand on her head, then on both eyes, and I asked God to heal her through the intercession of St Charbel," Father Akiki said. The next day on Sunday, Dafne and her family attended Mass at St Joseph's Church and then went home.

On the morning of the 18th January 2016, the amazing miracle occurred. Around 5am, Dafne woke up with severe itching in the eyes and the feeling of pressure on her skull and eye sockets. She woke up her husband, who detected a strong burning smell in the room. He switched on the light, but then switched it off very quickly, at Dafne's request because it bothered her. Then in the glow of a nightlight, she shouted with amazement and joy, that she could see again. "I can see you. I can see you with my own eyes," she shouted. At the same time, she felt a strong pressure on the skull and eyes, like after an operation. She put her hand to her head, on the right side, as if there were an injury. "I cannot believe it. I did not want to close my eyes," she said. Dafne's children were also shouting: "Mum can see! God healed mum!"



The Life of Mary

Continued

Mary on Calvary

Whereas she had been withdrawn and isolated during the happy period of Christ's ministry, Mary came into the foreground in the cruel, sunless hours of His suffering. With the other women who had ventured to the hill of execution she watched heroically while the terrible drama continued. Each detail of procedure shocked and revolted her anew, but she did not turn away from the brutal ceremonial. She watched the Holy Women approach with a draught of wine and myrrh designed to numb His senses, and saw Him taste the cup, then gently refuse as He attempted a smile of gratitude. Then, suddenly, the executioners had removed His outer clothing and stretched His bloodstained limbs on the rough planks of the cross. Crude spikes were hammered through those hands which had skillfully wielded the hammer in the workshop at Nazareth. At last the cross was heaved into position and dropped into the hole prepared for it, and the sword of sorrow prophesied by Simeon drove still deeper into Mary's heart. In added pang came when the executioners, having divided His other garments, diced for the seamless tunic, the garment which legend tells us was the product of the loom in the little home at Nazareth.

Now those who hated Jesus most began parading before the cross, jeering at His helplessness and challenging Him to try to escape. A mysterious darkness had fallen and the voices of the prosecutors echoed strangely in the noon day dusk. All nature reflected the unique horror of the scene, but Christ's enemies were too mad with hate to heed the warning of these tokens.

Gradually the tumult died away. The paraders retired a little from the cross, and those who loved him drew near. In a final gesture of love Jesus entrusted Mary to the care of John. He designated her the "mother" of John - and of the faithful of all ages.

"Close to Jesus to the last," Mary remained until He was taken down from the cross. Taking into her arms the desecrated body, she wept as she recalled His beauty and innocence and the love He had shown to all humanity.

Carrying Christ to the Tomb

Late in the afternoon the followers of Jesus began preparations for His burial. Nicodemus, having received permission to take Christ's body, returned from Jerusalem and brought with him a great quantity of spices for embalming. Joseph of Arimathea, another follower, brought a sindon, a winding sheet of fine linen. On reaching Golgotha, they gently removed the body of Jesus from the arms of Mary and laid it on the shroud. Then, aided perhaps by St. John, they took up their precious burden and proceeded to the tomb, a burial place which the wealthy Joseph had had

prepared for himself and which was in a garden a few hundred feet from Calvary. Behind them, still weeping, came the Holy Women, Mary Magdalene, Salome, Mary of Cleophas, and the mother of Jesus.

Mary at the Burial of Christ

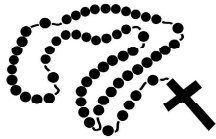
The Tomb of Joseph, newly hewn from living rock, was near by. When the funeral procession reached the entrance, the bearers paused and prepared to embalm the body. Before they began their ministrations, however, Mary once more embraced the sacred remains of her dead Son. Then began the preparations of the body for burial. Having been thoroughly cleansed of dust, sweat, and blood, the limbs were wrapped in long bands of cloth and the precious spices were sprinkled liberally in the folds of the linen. Finally, the body was enveloped in the shroud and placed in the tomb. A large stone was rolled before the entrance to the tomb, and our Lady and the others returned to Jerusalem, probably to the Cenacle.

The Life of Mary Continued Next Newsletter

Our Lady of Mount Carmel



Feast Day July 16



MARY, in her message of June 25, 2024, is asking us to **“create prayer groups where you will encourage each other to the good and grow in joy.”**

What is a Prayer Group? A prayer group is a gathering of two or more individuals who come together to pray. Prayer groups provide spiritual support when you are struggling with life's difficulties. Coming to God through Jesus Christ and being guided and led by the Holy Spirit is always the aim, bringing all things back to Him and through Him. Many have gotten through hard times by coming together to pray. We all need prayer at some point in our lives. Won't you heed Mary's call?

How do we Start a Prayer Group

- **Pray:** Pray for God to lead you to people and to help your group grow.
- **Choose a meeting place:** Pick a location, such as your home or church.
- **Set a schedule:** Commit to meeting at a specific time and place.
- **Invite people:** invite people you know who are interested in praying
- **Advertise:** Let others know about your prayer group as soon as possible. You can put an announcement in a church bulletin
- **Prayer Group Guide:** Create a prayer group guide. Welcome everyone for coming first. Then maybe introduce yourself and others. Then maybe briefly proclaim what each person's prayer intentions are. Then begin with the prayers on the guide. This guide might contain Our Blessed Mother's Rosary, maybe prayers like St Michael the Archangel, Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Memorare, Prayer for Priest, Prayers for our Country, Fatima Prayers, etc. There could be some simple songs incorporated. Make copies of the prayer group guide for others to follow.

If you need help with this, call us and we can share our prayers that we pray in our chapel weekly.

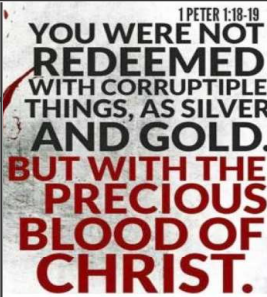
For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

MATTHEW 18:20



JULY the MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS

The month of July traditionally honors the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. It is the blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, which cleanses us from sin—therefore the Church developed a devotion to Jesus' physical blood and its mystical power, just as it did for His Sacred Heart from which His blood poured out on the Cross. The Precious Blood of Jesus courses through the Church spiritually, giving eternal life to the Body of Christ through the sacraments. Many saints had a devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus, especially St. Catherine of Siena. Devotion to the Precious Blood spread widely through the preaching of Saint Gaspar del Bufalo, who was a 19th-century priest and the founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. This devotion was later approved and recommended by the Holy See.



The Ladder Rosary



According to popular belief, in Old Mexico the Ladder Rosary has an interesting history. Some trace the first ladder rosary to the vision of Saint Dominic in which he saw souls climbing to heaven on the rosary. Others point to the vision of Saint Francis De Sales who saw two ladders to heaven: a rather steep one leading directly to Jesus, and another far less steep one leading toward Mary. Jesus told Saint Francis: "Tell your sons to come by the other ladder," meaning the easiest way to Jesus is through Mary!

In other popular legends, Saint Dominic, in his visions saw souls climbing the ladder to heaven, and Jacob dreamt about a ladder between heaven and earth on which angels ascended and descended. The ladder even appears in Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel ceiling painting, showing souls being pulled from Purgatory by a rosary.

See Page 5 for Ladder Rosaries for sale in our gift shop

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AUGUST 6, 2024

Transfiguration... What does this mean? The feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on August 6. The feast commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphosis of Christ, when our Lord in His divine glory took three Apostles: Peter, James and John, up on Mount Tabor to pray. Suddenly there were two men there talking to Him: they were Moses and Elijah, and they were speaking of His passing. Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with a shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, whom I am well pleased. LISTEN TO HIM."

The transfiguration was God's way of teaching Peter that Jesus is glorified when we deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him. The Transfiguration is included in three Gospels - Matthew, Mark, and Luke (Mt 17:1-9; Mk 9:2-10; Lk 9:28-36). The Fourth Luminous Mystery: the Transfiguration is the Desire for Holiness, and this mystery shows us that a life of prayer is essential for this desire and for our life's journey. "This is my Son, whom I am well pleased. LISTEN TO HIM." We must quite our lives so we can hear Him. Spend an hour in adoration or time at home alone in a quiet room and just talk to Jesus from the heart, for He is waiting for you to reach out to Him. God Bless.

LET US PRAY OUR LORD'S PRAYER

FROM MATTHEW 6: 9-15

*Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we also forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen*

For if you will forgive men their offences, your heavenly Father will forgive you also your offences. But if you will not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive you your offences.



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

Remarkable Parrot

Three sons left home. Went out on their own and prospered. They discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother.

The first said "I built a big house for our mother."

The second said "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver."

The third said: "You remember how our mother enjoys reading the Bible. She can't see very well. I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took elders in the church 12 years to teach him. Mom just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot recites it."

Soon thereafter, their mother sent out her letters of thanks.

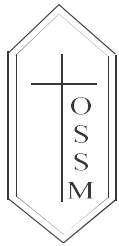
"Clayton", she said, "the house you built is so huge.

I live only in one room, but I have to clean the whole house."

"Gerald," she said "I am too old to travel. I stay most of the time at home so I rarely use the Mercedes. And that driver is so rude! He's a pain!"

"But Henry," she said, "the little chicken you sent was delicious!"

By Karen Johnson



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Immaculate Conception Parish will celebrate our Centennial Jubilee Anniversary Mass Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. The main Celebrant will be Archbishop Gregory Aymond. All parishioners, school families, alumni and friends are invited to our Parish's Centennial Mass. An Anniversary Dinner will follow the Mass at the Four Columns in Harvey. Tickets to the dinner are now available for purchase. Tickets are \$35.00 each or \$300.00 for a table of 8 guests. Ticket purchase forms are available in the foyer of church or in the rectory

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Ultimo Mensaje, 25 de mayo de 2024

“¡Queridos hijos! En este tiempo de gracia, los invito a la oración con el corazón. Hijitos, formen grupos de oración en los que se exhortarán unos a otros al bien y crecerán en la alegría. Hijitos, aún están lejos. Por eso, continúen convirtiéndose y elijan el camino de la santidad y de la esperanza, para que Dios les dé paz en abundancia. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado.”

Ultimo Mensaje, 25 de junio de 2024

“¡Queridos hijos! Me regocijo con ustedes y doy gracias a Dios por permitirme estar con ustedes, para guiarlos y amarlos. Hijitos, la paz está en peligro y la familia bajo ataque. Los invito, hijitos: regresen a la oración en familia. Pongan la Sagrada Escritura en un lugar visible y léanla cada día. Amen a Dios sobre todas las cosas para que vivan bien en la tierra. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado.”

Mensaje del 25 de junio de 2024 a Ivanka

La aparición anual, que duró 6 minutos, tuvo lugar en la casa familiar de Ivanka. Sólo la familia de Ivanka estuvo presente en la aparición. Después de la aparición, Ivanka dijo: Nuestra Señora dio el siguiente mensaje:

“Hijos míos, orad, orad, orad.
 Reciban mi bendición maternal”.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT
 ♥
May God Bless You Always!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. OUR INSURANCE IS DUE AND WE NEED YOUR HELP. AS WE ALL EXPERIENCE THE SAME PROBLEMS OF RISING COST, WE HAVE TO ASK IF YOU COULD SUPPORT US AGAIN. WE RELY ON YOU TO KEEP THIS MINISTRY GOING!



PRAYER EVERY TUESDAY-NOON

JOIN US IN OUR LIL CHAPEL IN MARRERO JUST ONE HOUR OF YOUR TIME FOR GOD at Mary's Helpers

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Mary is asking us to Pray! For Families! Our Country

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MAGNIFICAT WESTBANK BREAKFAST SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. - Noon

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 10, 2024 Assumption-Fr Steve Leake
 November 16, 2024 Presentation of Mary-

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