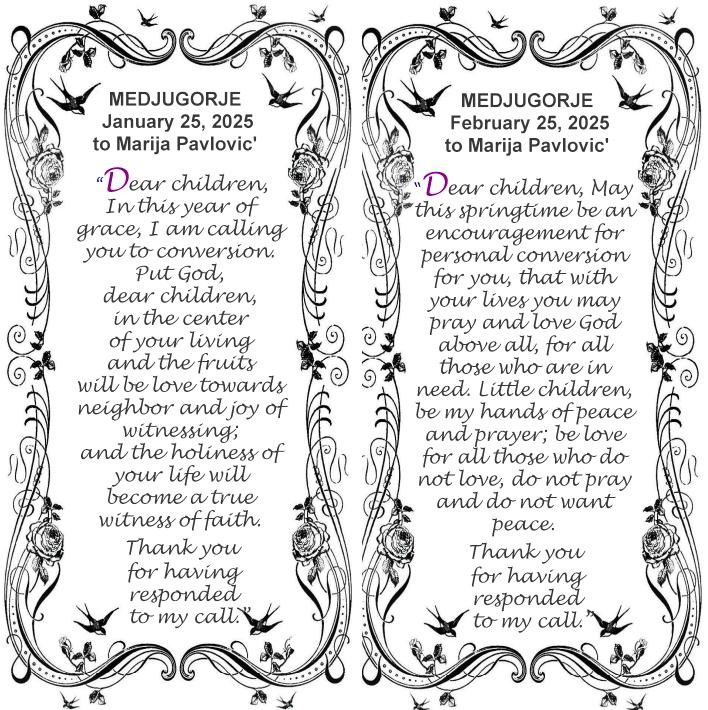


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#### Meditation on the January 25, 2025 Message

by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM

Almost all the messages of Mary remind us that this is a year of grace because we have been given this by the Lord, Mary's presence; and the message is not to be taken for granted but carefully listen to and lived as Mary instructs us! Love Fr Al



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for spiritual growth as we focus on personal conversion.

This means we are to love and pray for our neighbors

to be sensitive to friends and family who have problems and

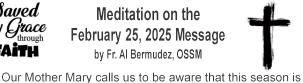
are hurting silently. They could be helped. We only need to

peace and prayer even to those who are not responding to

as Jesus reminds us to be in the Gospel. Love Fr Al

our actions of peace and prayers. Let us be children of God

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and God above all and for all those who are in need. We are ask and listen to their personal story. We are to be hands of

#### THE **PARDON PRAYER**

O mv God. I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, and do not love Thee.

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Prayer to Our

**Blessed Mother** 

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.



Fr. Peter Mary Rookey, OSM Oct. 12, 1916 - Sept. 10, 2014 The Apostle of Compassion



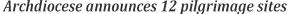
Margaret M. Trosclair June 19, 1933 - March 14, 2019



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# *Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope*

The Jubilee year 2025 has begun! Every 25 years, the church calls for a jubilee to celebrate and draw us deeper into our faith. For the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has selected the theme, **Pilgrims of Hope**. It is his desire that this Jubilee year may contribute to restoring a climate of hope and trust around the world and allow for each of us to experience an encounter with Christ through pilgrimage to sacred spaces and in meeting the poor, sick, and vulnerable that we are called to serve.



The Archdiocese of New Orleans has announced plans to celebrate the 2025 Jubilee Year by designating the following12 churches as official pilgrimage sites. Pilgrims are encouraged to visit these holy spaces and engage in acts of prayer, penance and charity. Details about these sites and the Jubilee celebrations will be shared throughout the year. Check with your local diocese for your pilgrimage sites in your area...

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National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos 919 Josephine St., NO

St. Jude Shrine 411 N. Rampart St., NO

St. Joseph Church & Shrine on the Westbank 610 6th Street, Gretna

St. Ann Church & Shrine 3601 Transcontinental Dr., Metairie

St. Joseph Abbey 75376 River Road, St. Benedict, NO

St. Augustine Church 1210 Governor Nicholls St., NO

St. Charles Borromeo 13396 River Road., Destrehan



#### Feb 6, 1947 - Feb 9, 2025 Darlene

Gauthreaux Trosclair unexpectedly on Sunday Feb 9, 2025. Darlene was a charter member of Mary's Helpers and spent many years serving Mother Mary and Jesus. She was always willing to help with anything that needed to be done. She was excited to help with the newsletter mailing even just recently, that

**DARLENE GAUTHREAUX** 

spread the messages of Our Lady of Medjugorje. Darlene was the sweetest person who could light up a room with her smile and she never met a stranger. She also was just with us for our anniversary mass and can be seen on Page 3 with us all. She will be dearly missed but we know she is dancing with Jesus now and will interceed for us all. We pray for her and all the faithful departed: that they may rise with Christ and enjoy eternal rest.

#### The Chaplet of Divine Mercy should be offered each day for the day's intentions.

#### DAY 1 GOOD FRIDAY

" Today bring to Me all mankind, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me."

#### DAY 2 HOLY SATURDAY

"Today bring to Me the Souls of Priests and Religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy. It was they who gave me strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them as through channels, My mercy flows out upon mankind."

#### DAY 3 EASTER SUNDAY

"Today bring to Me all devout and faithful souls, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. The souls brought Me consolation on the Way of the Cross. They were that drop of consolation in the midst of an ocean of bitterness'

#### DAY 4 EASTER MONDAY

"Today bring to Me those who do not the ocean of My mercy."

#### DAY 5 EASTER TUESDAY

"Today bring to Me the souls of those who have separated themselves from My church, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. During My bitter Passion they tore at My Body and Heart, that is, My Church. As they return to unity with the Church, My wounds heal and in this way they alleviate My Passion."

#### DAY 6 EASTER WEDNESDAY

"Today bring to Me the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls most closely resemble My Heart. They strengthened Me during My bitter agony. I saw them as earthly Angels, who will keep vigil at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. Only the humble soul is capable of receiving My grace. I favor humble souls with My confidence.'

#### DAY 7 EASTER THURSDAY

"Today bring to Me the souls who especially venerate and glorify My mercy, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls sorrowed most over my Passion and entered most deeply into My spirit. They are living images believe in God and those who do not know of My Compassionate Heart. These souls will Me, I was thinking also of them during shine with a special brightness in the next life. My bitter Passion, and their future zeal Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I comforted My Heart. Immerse them in shall particularly defend each one of them at the hour of death."

#### DAY 8 EASTER FRIDAY

"Today bring to Me the souls who are detained in purgatory, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. Let the torrents of My Blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by Me. They are making retribution to My justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury fo My Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt

#### DAY 9 EASTER SATURDAY

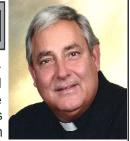
"Today bring to Me souls who have become lukewarm, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. These souls pound my heart most painfully. My soul suffered the most dreadful loathing in the Garden of Olives because of lukewarm souls. They were the reason I cried out: 'Father, take this cup away from Me, if it be Your will.' For them, the last hope of salvation is to run to My mercy."



# From the desk of FATHER PAUL BERGERON

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has designated this year of 2025 a Jubilee Year-A Holy Year of Hope. If you visit the designated Churches at this time, you will receive a Plenary Indulgence. It is our Holy Father's intention to emphasize the

need for peace in this world. a world of turmoil; of lack of faith; not praying prayers; abominations of all kinds and I could go on and on. Peace can only come from God and if we do not turn to him



then no peace will occur because you see; He and He alone can give us the true peace we seek. Without Him there is the peace which will turn into rotten fruit-there is no good in it. That's the reason for all the wars we face, for lack of prosperity, for a Godless nation. Why, because many times, we play God and destroy our own babies, we think we can rule the world but there is only one ruler who is God. With Him all things are possible but without him nothing is possible. Only through Him can we obtain a world back to the purpose He made it. Peace On Earth and good will toward men. That's the kind of world we are all meant to live in. As you visit these Churches, pray for this intention. Amen - God Bless You - Fr. Paul

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# **DAYS TO REMEMBER**

Mar 5- Ash Wednesday

Mar 9- Begin Daylight Saving Time

Mar 17-St Patrick Feast Day

Mar 17-Anniversary Mass in Houma

Mar 19-Feast of St Joseph

Mar 25-The Annunciation of the Lord

Apr 13-Palm Sunday

Apr 17- Holy Thursday

Apr 17-Houma Anniversary Mass Celebrated

Apr 18- Good Friday

Apr 19- Holy Saturday

Apr 20-Easter Sunday

Apr 27- Divine Mercy Sunday



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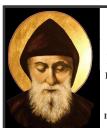
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the intercession of Saint Sharbel Makhlouf he began to intercede to Sharbel for a cure. since his death in 1898. You could say he has One night after prayer, Iskander saw Sharbel in a dream. The saint asked Iskander to make a pilgrimage to his monastery in Annaya. When Iskander arrived, he went to confession and Mass. That night, he spent time praying in front of Sharbel's tomb.

The next morning, he awoke and had no pain in his right eye. A medical board later confirmed that Iskander's eye had undergone complete and miraculous healing and regeneration.

Iskander's miracle was one of the miracles that the Catholic Church confirmed during the process of St. Sharbel's beatification.

#### **POWERFUL PRAYER** TO ST. JOSEPH

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires.

Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

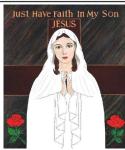
Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for me! Amen.

This prayer was found in the fiftieth year of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Say for nine mornings for anything you may desire. It has never been known to fail, so be sure you really want what you ask.

# OUR LADY OF COMPASSIONATE PRO

On MARCH 17, 2003, St. Patrick's Day, the 7th Anniversary, a crowd of about 250 people looked on in awe as they watched the MIRACLE of the SUN in full view beyond the trees. Everyone present witnessed the



phenomena. Mary's Helpers Conference of JULY 2003 was centered around this image of Our Lady & her message, "Just Have Faith in My Son Jesus."

where this awesome event took place Author Anonymous Houma, LA

Witnesses of those who have had Experiences while Praying Before Our Lady of Compassionate Protection!

#### **TESTIMONY #39**

I am writing to give you my testimony on Our Lady of Compassionate Protection. Ever since I ent and is outlined in golden light. Sometimes I are not clear and only appear for an instant. I wonder if they are the Holy Souls?

I have my picture on top of a chest of drawers on the right side of a Crucifix of Jesus with <u>The 45th - Marilyn Bourgeois, Harvey, LA</u> Mary at his side, which is about 12 inches high. tint. I am not certain that I am seeing correctly, property.

Jesus a little to the left of where I sit. It is on a wall

across from where I sit and the altar is in the middle of that space. This Sunday when I was in Church, after the Mass had started, I could see two of these statues. The image came out of the space and I saw it next to a stained glass window of the Assumption. saw it all through Mass. When the priest moved in front of this image I could not see it but as soon as he stepped back, it was there. I could not see the bottom fourth of the original statue of Jesus because the people's heads blocked my view of it. But I saw the whole of it in the image on the statue. Jesus is standing on a blue pedestal which I could not see, but I saw it clearly in the appearance of the image. I know that I don't know how to word things correctly, but I wondered what you think of this? I Meet us again on March 17th in Houma have told no one about the Jesus image.

#### TESTIMONY #40

I came home one day and saw Mary's picture in the kitchen. I asked my wife, "What is this picture doing here?" She said that every day when she prays at Mary's Helpers, Mother Mary is right there. She felt that Our Lady was telling her, "Take me home and pray." So she told Margaret that she wanted to bring one of the pilgrim pictures home for a week. I looked had my picture blessed by Fr. Paul, when I look at at the picture again and just dug in my back pocket, it, Mary's eyes seem to become alive and move. taking out my check book. My wife said, "What are She also becomes illuminated by a white or golden you doing?" I answered her saying, "She told me to glow. Sometimes she fades almost to transparbuy her." So, I told my wife to call Margaret and tell her that she is staying here. I tell you, Mary took my can see faces that look like negatives of a picture hand and put it in my pocket, just like that and we are flash on both sides of her under the Cross. They very happy with her Mary did it all. Praise the Lord! Lynn Ramagos Marrero, LA

#### **TESTIMONY #45**

On Monday, November 17, 2003, two friends Recently every time I say my Rosary, a duplicate and I attended a gathering on the Saia property in image of Mary comes out of the original image Houma, Louisiana. After praying the Mother of Sorrow of Mary and hovers or glides to the right side of Chaplet in the Chapel, we were greeted outside by a Jesus on the Cross. This image has a pink tint to minister who proceeded to tell us of the many miracles her veil, while the original image has a light blue he had witnessed since they erected the cross on the

My friend Lorraine asked him to pray over me When I attend Church, I always sit in the last because of my many ailments I have been suffering row, but I always go early and am one of the first lately. As he was praying on me, I was slain in the ones there. There is an almost life sized statue of spirit. Next he prayed over Lorraine and Larry and

that's when I noticed the sky. First, the sun began to pulsate and different colors were streaming from it. The clouds were constantly moving rapidly across the sky, while beautiful colors emerged from them. We sat there in amazement for three hours and watched the spectacular show.

We decided to pray a rosary and we noticed that every time we said a Hail Mary, visions of roses rose toward the sky.

Afterward, Father Paul Bergeron blessed the cross and the Cross and the Way of the Cross. Mr. Saia told about the shrine he built to the Blessed Mother. We said another Rosary and had a beautiful Mass ending with the Benediction.

On the way home, we asked a gentleman to lead us out of Houma because it was very dark and I was not sure of the way. My friend Lorraine noticed that his brake lights were shining up towards the sky and so were the on coming cars. This continued until we were out of Houma, then the other cars lights were shining straight. I think Our Lady did this to lead us home safely.

This was truly the most beautiful and amazing day of my life. One of Mary's children.

#### The 47th - Dr. Bob Rice, Albuquerque, NM

One evening Anita and I were praying the Rosary before the image of Our Lady of Compassionate Protection and I noticed that Her lips were moving. I asked Her if she was praying the Rosary with us. She said, "No." So then I said, "I see your lips moving, what are you saying?" Our Lady said, "I'm asking the Father to answer your prayers."

#### MASS INTENTIONS REQUEST FORM

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

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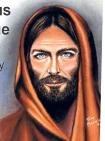
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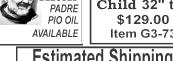
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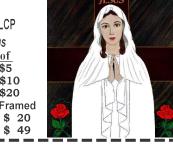
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# Miracle at Goleta Valley Hospital He said that the doctor had treated him in sur-

By Fr John Higgins February 5, 2025

#### THE WORLD NEEDS HOPE!

I was assigned at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Santa Barbara California as associate pastor in the late 1980s. I had taught high school at a local Catholic school and knew a lot of people in the Santa Barbara area. I love that part of California for the beautiful sights and people. I really enjoyed teaching high school there back in the 1980s.

One summer's evening I was scheduled to celebrate Mass for a group of young adults in a home up in the hills above Santa Barbara. I arrived and started to set up for Mass. But then there was a phone call. There was an emergency at the local hospital in Goleta. They needed a priest right away. So, I jumped in my car and drove there as quickly as possible.

When I arrived at the hospital, I just walked into the emergency room because the charge nurse there was the mother of one of my students at Bishop Garcia Diego high school. As I entered, I saw there was one gurney with a patient on it and the curtain closed. There were three firefighters standing at the foot of the gurney. I pushed the drape back and entered. The charge nurse said: "I'm sorry Father John, he's already flat lined."

The cardiac machines were not beeping and the nurses were getting ready to take off the sticky patches with electric wires. I felt very bad about the situation and then I noticed the man was wearing a cloth brown scapular. I took a moment and said, "Oh look; he's wearing an old-fashioned scapular, one of the old cloth ones". I touched the scapular and immediately the heart monitor started to beat. He opened his eyes and in an Irish accent said: "Father I'm so glad you're here. I want to go to confession".

The charge nurse asked what I did in a confused state. The firefighters looked shocked and a doctor came out of his office and was angry because he had already made out the death certificate. The patient looked surprised and I said, "God bless you" and then made the sign over him very quickly. Immediately they went into action and took him into surgery without having a chance for him to go to confession. The firefighters had to get me a chair as I was so surprised at this situation and event.

I went home and prayed for the man. I didn't even think to ask for his name. I was so surprised by the situation that I just left. But that's not the end of the story. About three weeks later, he came to see me at the parish. He told me his name and I recognized him not only from the hospital but because I had taught his son in high school. We had a short chat and he told me that the firefighters had come to visit him in the hospital and showed him their notes. They had written "brought back to life by God" at the bottom of their records.

He said that the doctor had treated him in surgery and that he was on a waiting list to get a new heart. We prayed a little bit together and he left. I was amazed and continued to pray for him. His son, who was a large redheaded young man, called me and talked to me about his dad. He asked me to go over what had happened at the emergency room as he had found it surprising and didn't quite understand how it had happened.

About four weeks later, the man came back to see me at the parish. He sat down in the parlor, and we talked about the situation and he smiled and said that he was off of the list for a new heart. I was a little confused, and said that I was surprised because he needed a new heart.

Then he told me that he had seen the cardiologist, and the cardiologist was amazed, but that his heart was healed. He could find nothing wrong with his heart at all. So he was to keep his heart and not have to have surgery. We laughed in joy at that news.

He said that God had healed him. I was very surprised, because I don't expect miracles to happen like this. I know they have happened, but I never thought I would see one so plain and simple and in my presence. I have never expected to see a miracle and I certainly did not cause this one. This was all the will and the work of God!

Every once in a while, I get up to Santa Barbara and Goleta. When I drive or walk past that hospital it brings me joy to think of what happened there. I have heard from that man's son that after reaching the age of 92 that man died and received the final anointing and had a Catholic funeral. Now I think of him as a saint, who like billions of those in Heaven have not been Canonized by the Church, but are still very much rejoicing in Heaven with God, including my own mother.

Most of us have known real saints in our lives and they will laugh and greet us when we are welcomed into the very presence of Christ and all of the Saints. What will Heaven be like? I doubt that it will be floating on a cloud playing a harp. I can't play the harp and I'd be bored. I'll write more on what I believe Heaven may be like later. But for now, think of those who are there that you know. Rejoice that they are there and probably praying for you to join them!

### PRAYER FOR HEALING

Jesus, may Your pure and healthy blood circulate in my ailing organism, and may Your pure and healthy body transform my weak body, and may a healthy and vigorous life throb within me, if it is truly Your holy will.

"O Blood and water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You"

# hope

Jubilee Year of Hope involves Renewal of our Faith. How do we do that? We give hope to others by listening to the lonely, donating to the poor, volunteering in your community, performing acts of mercy, supporting religious or social works, and PRAYing! All of these things helps build our Faith. Our lives change when our habits change.

Take Mother Teresa, who is one of the most beloved women of all times. She emerged as an icon of goodness in a modern world. She captured the whole world with her heroic acts of service for "the poorest of poor". She was a steadfast voice of faith and love against the unbridled materialism of the modern world. She had no product to sell and no public relations person, but yet she became one of the most famous people in the world. If we could only be just a little like her. She and most of the saints had simple things in common like daily prayer, an annual retreat, praying the rosary and caring for the poor. Ask yourself where did her power to love come from? How was she so inspiring and brought so many to God? Is it really that hard to reach out to someone and help those that need our help? Where did Mother Teresa's power come from? It came from daily prayer and a close relationship with God. The source of that relationship was the Eucharist. She placed Jesus at the center of her life.

Eucharistic adoration was one of Mother Teresa's primary spiritual habits. Spending time with Jesus. It is a habit that is shared with almost every saint who ever lived. The world was obsessed with Mother Teresa's goodness, and yet, the world ignored the source of the holiness she manifested everywhere she went.

To keep herself grounded in Jesus, she spent the first hour of each day before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration. As the impact of her work grew, she increased the time she adored Christ Jesus because she knew He was the source of all the fruits their work was bearing. Later she increased her adoration to three hours a day. Again, our lives change when our habits change.

Follow Mother Teresa's advice, "If I can give you any advice, I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus. We must pray to Jesus to give us that tenderness of the Eucharist."

Exerpts from 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

# 29th ANNIVERSARY

## MASS AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF

#### COMPASSIONATE PROTECTION

FR PAUL BERGERON, celebrant of the Holy Mass on MONDAY, MARCH 17th

at 106 Jim Bowie Road, Houma, LA Confessions & Rosary 3:00 p.m. followed by Mass 4:00 p.m.

This is the site of the Apparition of Our Blessed Mother Mary on March 17, 1996 under the title of Our Lady of Compassionate Protection

#### ALL ARE WELCOME...

You are invited to a special event happening in Houma, LA. A place where our Mother Mary appeared to a man that was in need of conversion, Louis Saia. She knew him better than he knew himself. She appeared to him here and changed his life forever. These are the words she spoke to him...

#### 'JUST HAVE FAITH IN MY SON JESUS"

If only we had one mustard seed of faith and believed that we can be healed by our Lord Jesus, he would answer our prayers.

#### "JUST HAVE FAITH!!" Mary said

These few words changed Louis' life forever. Since the beginning, 29 years ago, many healings have taken place here and with prayer to Our Lady. Our very own Father Paul Bergeron was healed of stage 4 cancer when prayed upon here. healings have been documented also. And don't forget our Anniversary Mass which is always special with Louis Saia there.

Come out and pray with us and ask God to protect you and our whole

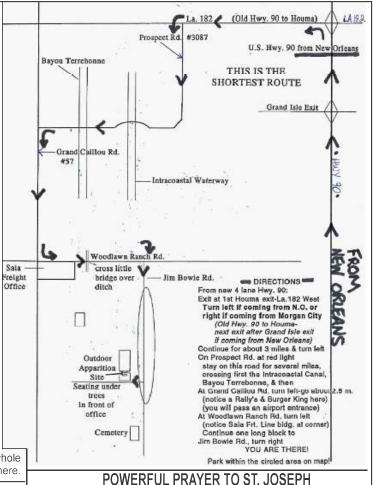
world from all evil. Nothing is impossible with God. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget Tuesday March 19, 2025 is St Joseph's Day. You can find a list of altars in the New Orleans at https:// nolacatholic.org/stjosephaltars. These altars are beautiful and your Donations help the less fortunate.

Our St Joseph Statue adorns the altar at Mary Hennigan's home at 1721 Robin Dr in Marrero. This altar is beautiful and is a must see on Wed March 19th. This year Mary is donating all proceeds to help the family of 4 yr old Vivian Peranio with her medical bills. Please come out.



This St Joseph prayer was found in the 50th year of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Say for nine mornings for anything you may desire. It has never been known to fail, so be sure you really



Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires.

Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

want what you ask. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for me! Amen.

# First Floor AC Unit Needs Replacing

We are asking for everyone to consider sending in a seperate donation earmarked for the AC Unit downstairs. It could be a one time or repetative donation paid monthly to replenish our funds. We just added some very expensive freon to keep the unit working until we can get enough money to replace it. This building is very old and like our bodies, it doesn't last forever. So we are humbly asking if you could help us to afford to replace this unit and keep our volunteers cool. I wish I didn't have to ask for money ever but that isn't feasable! The cost of the new unit because of new government regulations mandating some changes beginning Jan 1 this year makes the new unit cost approxiametly \$12,000. WOW....

If you cannot donate, then please pray for our cause. This will not go away unfortunately and we will somehow have to pay for this. Thank you again for your help and may God Bless each and every one of you. Mary's Helpers

# et's Laugh a Little ~ It's good for the soul

**BIBLE** 

A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found", the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?' With astonishment in the voung boy's voice he answered. " I think it's Adam's underwear.'

Sister Mary, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a gas station was just a block

She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her the only gas can he owned had been loaned out but she could wait until it was returned. Since the nun was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful she carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gas, and carried the full bedpan back to the car.

As she was pouring the gas from the bedpan into her tank, two men watched from across the street. One turned to the other and said.

"If that thing starts, I'm turning Catholic!"

for the blessing of opening my eyes to a new dawn, a fresh start where yesterday's mistakes are lessons and today's hopes are new opportunities for growth and joy.

Thank you, God, NEVER FORGET, nothing is more powerful than PRAYER. nothing is stronger then FAITH, and nothing is greater than GOD Amen

# and the greatest of these things is LOVE



A woman's body is certainly her own responsibility, But, the body inside her womb is not her body. It is the body of another human being. And this tiny human being has every right to see where their life may take them.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH 4401 7th St., Marrero LA Phone: 504-341-9516 Confession Fri 5:00-5:45pm Sat 2:30-3:30pm Sat Vigil 4:00pm Sun 8:00am 10:00am, Sun 12:00 (Espanol), 6pm

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#### Ultimo Mensaje, 25 de enero de 2025

"¡Queridos hijos! En este año de gracia los invito a la conversión. Pongan a Dios, queridos hijos, en el centro de su vivir y los frutos serán el amor hacia el prójimo y la alegría de testimoniar; y la santidad de su vida llegará a ser el testimonio verdadero de la fe. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado."

#### Ultimo Mensaje, 25 de febrero de 2025

"¡Queridos hijos! Que este tiempo primaveral sea un estímulo para la conversión personal, a fin de que con sus vidas puedan orar y amar a Dios por encima de todo, y por todos los que están en necesidad. Hijitos, sean mis manos de paz y de oración, sean amor para todos los que no aman, no oran y no desean la paz. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado. "

#### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Simply Medjugorje ~ May 30 to June 10, 2025 Spiritual Guide: Deacon Bob Hoffman of Denver, CO Local Guide JOSIP ELEZ Son of Visionary Invanka

Register Online at www.SimplyMedj.com or Call (818) 307-4332 and talk to Patti Flores Package \$3,260 (double occupancy)

#### PRAY NOW!!! Don't Wait!



GRACE is when God gives us good things that we don't deserve. MERCY is when He spares us from bad things we deserve. BLESSINGS are when He is generous with both. Truly, we can never run out of reasons to thank Him. God is Good All The Time!

#### Come Pray with us Tuesday Noon

JOIN US IN OUR LIL CHAPEL IN MARRERO JUST ONE HOUR OF YOUR TIME FOR GOD at Mary's Helpers at 4512 7th Street, Marrero, LA

Across from Immaculate Conception Church Group Prayer is so powerful! Join us!! Mary is asking us to Pray! Pray! Pray!

#### PREPARE FOR LENT

Praying, Fasting and Charitable Giving are good practices during Lent. We should also ask God every day, "What does my soul need?"

"What makes God happy?"

# Divine Mercy Sunday Solemn Celebration April 27, 2025 St. Joseph's Church

1802 Tulane Ave, New Orleans, LA Most Rev. Alfred C Huges, Celebrant Archbishop Emeritius of New Orleans 1:00 - Sacrament of Reconciliation 1:30 - Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary 2:20 - Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 - Holy Mass

Blessing with First Class Relic of St. Faustina after Mass WE OFTEN HEAR, "LIFE IS SHORT... **BETTER ENJOY IT"!** HOW ABOUT, ETERNITY IS LONG, BETTER PREPARE FOR IT"!



#### **MAGNIFICAT** WESTBANK BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m. - Noon Saturday Mar 29, 2025 Fr. Jeffrey Montz Place: Four Columns

Advance Ticket Sales Only- \$20 Call Cindy Delger 504-319-6788

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