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As its name 'Medjugorje News' implies the aim of this newsletter is essentially **the spreading of the messages received by the visionaries in Medjugorje according to the wishes of Our Lady**

## The Medjugorje Story

On the evening of 24 June 1981 in the parish of St James in Medjugorje six young people claimed to have seen the Blessed Virgin Mary on Podbrdo Hill The next day four of the six alleged another meeting with Our Lady and said they spoke with her On this occasion the four teenagers three girls and a boy were joined by another young boy and a teenage girl These six became the definitive visionaries in Medjugorje; they are Ivanka Ivankovic Mirjana Dragicevic Vicka Ivankovic Ivan Dragicevic Marija Pavlovic and Jakov Colo Since 1981 these six young people have been the centre of world attention and medical and scientific studies Their principal claim is that practically every day to the present time our Blessed Lady has been appearing to one or more of them and that from her they have received thousands of messages for the parish of Medjugorje and the world All six still claim apparitions though only three of them now on a daily basis and each of the six says that he or she has received or is in the process of receiving ten secrets The first of the secrets is to be revealed to the world through Mirjana Dragicevic and the third is said to be concerned with a permanent sign that will authenticate the apparitions and be a help to conversion and will be evident to all at Medjugorje The visionaries say that Our Lady identifies herself to them as the Queen of Peace

As a result of these claims more than forty million people have visited Medjugorje from all over the world and there have been many assertions regarding remarkable signs and wonders cures and spiritual healing There is no doubt at all that those millions of people have found a pilgrimage to Medjugorje one of the most spiritually significant experiences of their lives

We acknowledge and accept that the authority regarding the authenticity of apparitions locutions and related messages as well as all private revelations from Our Lord Our Lady or any Saint rests with the Holy See of Rome whose final judgement we will respect and obey We also affirm our total allegiance to our One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church our Priests and Bishops and our Holy Father Pope Francis

# THE MEDJUGORJE MESSAGE

THE BLESSED VIRGINMARY PROPOSES A SIX-POINT PROGRAMME:

1. **FAITH** - Belief in God and in the supernatural. It is your true vision. Therefore live by it.
2. **COMMITMENT TO GOD** - Let Him direct your life. Begin by turning away from sin in true conversion and repentance.
3. **PRAYER** - Regular Mass, monthly confession, daily rosary and dedication to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
4. **FASTING** - Bread and water on Fridays (and Wednesdays) if you can. If not, at least cut back or practice some other form of self denial.
5. **PEACE** - In your own heart, in your family and neighbourhood and workplace, in all your human relations and reaching out to the war-stricken world.
6. **THE HOLY BIBLE** - We should read part of the Holy Scripture every day.

*THE MESSAGES OF MARY ARE ADDRESSED NOT ONLY TO CATHOLICS  
BUT TO THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE, REGARDLESS OF BELIEFS OR RELIGION*

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## Our Lady's Messages



**NOVEMBER 25, 2021**

**“Dear Children!** I am with you in this time of mercy and I am calling all of you to be carriers of peace and love in this world where, through me, little children, God is calling you to be prayer and love, and an expression of Heaven here on earth. May your hearts be filled with joy and faith in God; that, little children, you may have complete trust in His holy will. That is why I am with you, because He, the Most High, is sending me among you to encourage you to the hope; and you will be peacemakers in this peaceless world. **Thank you for having responded to my call.”**

**DECEMBER 25, 2021**

**“Dear children!** Today I am carrying my Son Jesus to you, for Him to give you His peace. Little children, without peace you do not have a future or blessing; therefore return to prayer, because the fruit of prayer is joy and faith, without which you cannot live. Today's blessing which we give you, carry to your families and enrich all those whom you meet, that they may feel the grace which you are receiving. **Thank you for having responded to my call.”**

**December 25, 2021 Jakov's Annual Apparition**

**“Dear children,** you are, and you are called, 'children of God'. If only your hearts would feel that immeasurable love which God has for you, your hearts would adore and give thanks to Him at every instant of your life. Therefore, little children, today, on this day of grace, open your hearts and implore the Lord for the gift of faith; so that you could truly become worthy of the name 'children of God' who, with a pure heart, give thanks to and honor their Heavenly Father. I am beside you and am blessing you with my motherly blessing.”

**JANUARY 25, 2022**

**“Dear children!** Today I am calling you to return to personal prayer. Little children, do not forget that Satan is strong and that he wants to attract all the more souls to himself. That is why, you be vigilant in prayer and resolute in the good. I am with you and am blessing all of you with my motherly blessing. **Thank you for having responded to my call.”**

**News from the Editor:** *Greetings and Blessings to all Readers,*



*I was very blessed to have all my family gathered for the Christmas and New Year holidays. We enjoyed our time together with the babies of the family opening presents, sharing how we came to get what we did, much laughter and most of all the beautiful food we shared.*

*It was a very joyous time.*

*At the same time I was very aware of the many families that could not be together for whatever reason, and my heart was pained for them.*

*I asked God for his blessings and graces to be poured out on them likewise.*

*New Year's Day and more importantly the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. I'm sure Mary guided me in starting a fun religious tradition with my family, and that was to meet our saint who is waiting for us and will keep us company throughout the year.*

*I found a website that has a list of names which I printed, cut the individual names, folded, and put them in a basket. We prayed a prayer to the Holy Spirit and each member of the family draw a Saint.*

*I was reminded we do not choose our Saint; he chooses us!*

*For all the members of our family young and old, those that practice and those that are unfamiliar with our faith, I set about printing off a photo of their Saint, with a prayer and laminated them. For the older members hopefully they will get to know their Saint throughout the year. For the younger members they have*

*put their Saint by their bedside knowing that they are being cared for. I look forward to the next New Year's Day to see which Saint will choose me for 2023.*

*By the way Blessed Carlo Acutis chose me for 2022.*

*Our Lady is still persisting in calling us to prayer, personal prayer, so as Lent begins may we also be willing and available to prayer.*

*Sarah and I wish you a blessed Lent and may our hearts be full of love for our Risen Christ.*

*Love and prayers Bernadette Isaacs (editor)*

### **Visiting those in prison – by writing**

***Would you like to become involved in a very special work of mercy by writing to long term prisoners in a foreign country?***

***Divine Mercy Publications have set up a team of letter writers to correspond with the inmates of a maximum security jail in Zambia, central Africa.***

***Most of these are Catholics/Christians to whom we send reading and prayer literature as well as clothes and toiletries.***

The requests for Pen pals are growing; the prison we write to has over 400 inmates, most of whom are in desperate need of consolation and encouragement. They are served by an Irish Catholic priest, whom they see 2-3 times per month. We wish to continue this important work of mercy and need helpers to 'adopt' a prisoner and write on a regular basis, usually once every 1-2 months.

#### ***Can you Help?***

There will be absolutely no cost to you, Divine Mercy Publication/Trust will cover all expenses including sending funds via the prison Chaplain approximately twice per year to help the inmates purchase food, toiletries, medicines, clothes and in some case pay a portion of their children's school fees to prevent them becoming 'street kids'.

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# Excerpts from Children of Medjugorje

From Sister Emmanuel - <http://www.childrenofmedjugorje.com/>

**Father Jozo** summarized the main messages of the Blessed Mother in 5 points, called "the 5 stones of Medjugorje", for those who wish to become true "apostles of her love". If I may, I would like to add a sixth stone, that is so crucial today, namely the Christian understanding of suffering, which Mary has expressed especially to Vicka. When suffering knocks on our door, Mary always helps us to suffer with Jesus and not without Jesus! The difference is huge, as big as the difference between day and night, or between hope and despair.

Recently, a young mother came from Colombia to Medjugorje with her severely disabled 3-year-old daughter, in order to entrust her to Our Lady. This was a very severe handicap, as the child could not see, hear or walk, and could only be fed through a tube. This mother, Maria José, was radiant because she had been praying for years and one could clearly see on her face the imprint of God, a God of joy who gives himself to the human soul in a special way when they are undergoing trials.

Maria José was able to go to the *Magnificat* Center and was present during the apparition of Our Lady with the visionary, Marija. As soon as she arrived, Maria José was able to meet with Marija, and when Marija approached the child, she looked at her for a long time, clearly seized with immense tenderness. She then whispered these words: *"She and the Madonna are one!"*

Marija's spontaneous reaction was magnificent! It shows the value of life when suffering is offered! Maria José will never forget this luminous word in the future, when she undergoes trials.

**"What should we do?"** These days, many people are asking us this question, especially families with children. Some are stuck in a corner, with no apparent way out. But we can draw much hope from Mary's messages. She never ceases to lead us toward trusting: isn't she holding all the cards? If we allow ourselves

to be guided by her motherly hand, she steers each one of our steps to bring us to the joy of a victory, first over ourselves, then over evil and over the world. She can only reiterate the Gospel that assures us of Christ's victory. Her messages are reassuring!

*"Dear children! I ask you today to pray, pray, pray. In prayer, you will experience the greatest joy. **Through prayer you will find a way out of impossible situations...**" (28.3.85)*

*"Dear children, today I invite you to **surrender completely to God...** Little children, do not be afraid, for I am with you, even when you **think that there is no way out and that Satan reigns.** I bring you peace. I am your Mother and the Queen of Peace. I bless you with the blessing of joy, so that God may be everything to you in life." (25.7.88)*

*"Little children... Sin will reign, and you will not be strong. **But if you are mine, you will win, for your refuge will be the Heart of my Son Jesus.**" (25.7.19)*

## Who will replace Bishop Hoser?

On November 27th, Pope Francis appointed Mgr. Hoser's successor as a special apostolic visitor for the parish of Medjugorje.

Mgr. Aldo Cavalli is Italian, from Lombardy, he is 75 years old.

This appointment has caused great joy, and we can't wait to see him come!

# TESTIMONY FROM THE VISIONARY IVAN DRAGICEVIC

(given in Seattle, WA around 2000.)

**Ivan:** *"The apparitions made a big difference in my life the difference between heaven and earth. For example, I arrange my day now so that even during the day I find time to pray. Before, my life had no meaning. Now, I'm filled with inner contentment. The first time I saw Our Lady, a change occurred in my soul, and in my heart. Before, I often avoided prayer, but now the difference is so great, I really can't describe it. I'm confident and not afraid, because I know who leads me, and therefore, I'm not afraid of death. People in our parish, and all people, should feel that way."*

## **Ivan's Talk Part 1:**

I wish you all a very warm welcome, and I am so glad to be here with you today. Praise be Jesus and Mary.

Our Lady opened the door of my heart. She pointed her finger to me. She asked me to follow her.

At the beginning it was a shock for me. I could never believe that Our Lady could appear to me.

I was 16 years old, a young man.

I was a faith-filled person going to church. But did I know much about the apparitions of Our Lady? I must tell you the truth, I did not.

Truthfully, to look at Our Lady every day is a great joy for me. It is a great joy for my family, but it's a great responsibility, also.

I know God has given me so much but I also know that God expects a lot of me. And, believe me, it is very difficult every day to see Our Lady, enjoy her, be happy with her, have joy with her, and then come back to this world.

On the second day Our Lady came, She presented herself as Queen of Peace. She said,

***"My Dear Children, My Son is sending me to you so I can help you. Dear Children, peace must reign among God and people. The world today is in great danger and is threatening itself to be destroyed."***

Our Lady comes from her Son, our King of Peace. Our Lady comes to show us the way, the path of how we can come to Her Son - how we can come to God. She wants to take our hands and guide us to peace, guide us to God. In one of her messages She says,

***"Dear Children, if there is no peace in the human heart, there cannot be peace in this world. That is why you must pray for peace."***

She comes to bring healing to our wounds. She wants to lift up this sinful world, calling this world to peace, to conversion, and to strong faith. In one of the messages She says,

***"Dear Children, I am with you and I want to help you so that peace reigns. But, dear children, I need you! Only with you can I make this peace happen. That's why, decide for good and fight against evil and against sin!"***

There are many people in the world today speaking about some kinds of fears. There are many people today speaking about three days of darkness and about many punishments, and many times I hear people say that's what Our Lady says in Medjugorje. Yet, I must tell you, no, Our Lady is not saying this, people are saying this. Our Lady is not coming to us to bring us fear.

Our Lady comes as Mother of hope, Mother of light. She wants to bring this hope to the world that is so tired and so much in need.

She wants to show us how to get out of this terrible situation we are in. She wants to teach us because she is the Mother, She is the teacher. She is here to remind us what's good so we can come to hope and come to light.

It is very hard to describe to you the love that Our Lady has for each one of us, but I want to tell you that She puts each one of us in her maternal heart. For all of these years, the messages She has been giving to us she has given for the whole world.



There is no special message for any special country. No special message for America or Croatia or any particular country. No. All of the messages are for the entire world and every message always begins, **"My Dear Children"** because She is our Mother, because She loves us so, She needs us so, and we are all important to her.

With Our Lady, no one is rejected. She calls us all the same - to end sin and to open our hearts to the peace that will bring us to God. The peace that God wants to give us and the peace that Our Lady is bringing to us these past years is a great gift to all of us. For that kind of gift of peace we must open ourselves each day and pray each day as individuals and as a community - especially today when so many crises are present in this world.

There is crisis in the family, among the young people, the youth, and even in the Church. The biggest crisis today is the crisis of faith in God. People have gone astray from God because our families have gone astray from God. That is why Our Lady in Her messages says,

***"Dear Children, put God in first place in your life; then put your family in the second place."***

Our Lady is not expecting us to know more of what someone else is doing, but She expects and likes us to open the door of our own heart and do what we are capable of doing. She is not teaching us to point our fingers to someone else and say what they are doing or not doing but She does ask us to pray for others.

Our conversion is a gift from God to us and it is a practice. This practice lasts a whole lifetime because we must convert. Every day we must change. In order for our conversion to be holy and to be more perfect, Our Lady calls us to prayer. In order to grow in sanctity, it is always necessary to pray.

Our Lady is calling us to Holy Mass and for the Eucharist to be the center of our life.

She calls us to monthly confession. She calls us to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to honour the Cross.

She asks us to frequently go to the Sacraments and She calls us to pray the rosary. She also asks us to read the Bible especially in the family with our children. In one of these messages she says,

***"My Dear Children, may your Bible be in a visible place."***

Our Lady didn't mean for us to put the Bible in a visible place to let the dust fall on it. She desires that the true words of the Gospel become a part of our everyday life so that the word of scripture becomes spiritual food for us on our way to holiness.

Thousands and thousands of times Our Lady has repeated again and again: ***"Pray, Pray, Pray!"*** Believe me, even until today She is still not tired of calling us to prayer. She is a mother who never gets tired, a mother who is patient and a mother who is waiting on us. She is a mother who doesn't allow herself to be tired.

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She calls us all to prayer with the heart, not a prayer with lips or mechanical prayer. But of course She knows we are not perfect.

To pray with the heart as Our Lady calls us to do is to pray with love, out of love. Her desire is that we desire prayer and that we pray with our whole being and that means to unite oneself to Jesus in prayer.

Then prayer will become an encounter with Jesus, conversation with Jesus and real relaxation with him and become strength and joy.

To Our Lady and to God, any prayer, any kind of prayer is dear to them as long as it comes from our heart. Prayer is the best flower that comes from our heart and it grows to bloom over and over again. Prayer is the heart of our soul and it's the heart of our faith and it is the soul of our faith. Prayer is a school that we must all enter into and live.

If we have not entered the school of prayer yet, let's go tonight. Our first school should be to learn to pray in the family. And don't forget there is no taking vacation in the school of prayer. Every day we must enter that school and every day we must learn.

**... End of Part 1.**

## **Ivan's Talk Part 2:**

People are asking, 'How is Our Lady teaching us to pray better?' Our Lady says very simply,

***"Dear Children, if you want to pray better then you must pray more!"***

Praying more is a personal decision and to pray better is always a grace given to those who pray.

Many families and parents today say, 'Oh, we don't have time to pray. We don't have time for children. I have no time to do anything with my husband.' We have a problem with time. There always seems to be a problem with the hours of the day. Believe me, time is not the problem! The problem is love!

Because if a person loves something or likes something they always find time for it.

But when someone doesn't like something or it is not something he enjoys, he never finds time for it. I believe there is the problem of television. If there is something you wanted to see you would find time to watch that program, because that's the way it is!

I know that is what you think about. If you go to the store to buy something for yourself, you go once, then you go twice. You take time to make sure you want to purchase something and you do that because you want to and it is never difficult because you find time for it.

What about time for God? Time for the Sacraments? This is a long story - so when we go home, let this be something we must think about seriously. Where does God come in my life? In my family?

How much time do I give to Him? Let's bring back prayer in our families and let's bring back joy, peace, and happiness to those prayers. Prayer will bring back joy and happiness in our family with our children and all around us.

We must decide to have time around our dinner table and be with our family where we can show our love and joy in our world and with God. If we desire this, then the world will be spiritually healed. Prayer must be present if we want our families to be healed spiritually. We must bring prayer to them.

Our Lady is also calling us to fast. She is asking us to fast on Wednesdays and Fridays on bread and water.

Our Lady says that those who are sick who cannot fast on bread and water can give up something else that is dear to them for fasting.

Many people say and they think that fasting is just losing something, but fasting is actually a great gain, because when we strengthen our faith, we strengthen our spirit.

I can give an example or illustrate the fact with the grain of wheat from the Gospel. We first take the grain of wheat and throw it into the soil and it becomes lost in the soil in order to bear much fruit.



God asks very little from us but he gives back to us a hundredfold. Our Lady comes to wake us up in faith and strengthens us in faith. In one of Her messages She says,

**"Dear Children, if you are strong, the Church will be strong. If you are weak, the Church will be weak, because you are each a little Church."**

A lot of Christians and a lot of Catholics who claim they are both have left their prayer life. They are already spiritually dead.

Today there are so many people who are in a spiritual coma and then just once in a while they open their spiritual eyes - maybe at Christmas or Easter or holidays.

This is why Our Lady is constantly calling us to prayer. Our Lady is coming to give us Her hand, to pick us up, to guide us. She always calls the priests in simplicity, that is, to speak to us in a very simple way so that we can understand what kind of life we must live. She calls the priests to preach the living word from the Gospel.

Our Lady still continues to appear daily to three of us. Vicka, Marija and I still have daily apparitions.

I would like to describe to you tonight's apparition at which you were all present. I will try to do my best that I have.

For every apparition or encounter we have with Our Lady, we always prepare ourselves by praying the rosary. You saw when it was about 20 minutes to seven, I came forth and I started to pray. When I stopped praying that is when Our Lady came. When She comes, a light comes and then after the light, She comes.

When Our Lady came tonight, She was joyous. She greeted us all at the beginning,

**"Praise be Jesus! My Dear Children!"**

Then Our Lady prayed over all of us with extended hands. She blessed us all.

Then I recommended to Our Lady all of you, all of your families, and all those petitions that you hold in your hearts, and especially those that are sick. Then together with Our Lady I prayed the Our Father and Glory Be.

Our Lady also had a conversation with me that was private and was just between us.

Our Lady then left with the sign of a lit up cross, saying,

**"Go in peace, my dear children."**

There was no special message tonight. This is all I can tell you about the apparition. But three days ago, on October 25 Our Lady gave her message to the world which is for everyone.

I see Our Lady just like I see you and I speak to her freely like I speak to you. I am telling you the truth when I say that I am much more relaxed speaking to Her than to you. I can also touch Our Lady. The beauty of Our Lady is really difficult to describe with the simple words that we possess, but I can describe how she looks. She has a gray dress, white veil, blue eyes, and rosy cheeks and black hair. She stands on a cloud and has a crown of stars above her head.

I hope that we will respond to Our Lady's call and live Her message and that we will be co-workers to make a new world of peace.

So let us accept Her messages - Her messages of peace, Her messages of prayer and conversion, strong faith and love. Let us start tonight by deciding ourselves that we are going to change ourselves and be better people.

**... End of Part 2 and the talk.**

**God Bless!  
Steve and Ana Shaw!  
The Medjugorje Web  
<https://medjugorje.org>**

## The Five Stones

January 19, 2022

Dear Family of Mary!

As we move into 2022, it is important that we go over the basics again. If we keep your spiritual lives trim and fit, we will be more able to serve Our Lady in her plans. We just talked about the Rosary which is the bedrock of Our Lady's strategy. But she also has given us five basic spiritual practices that keep us in good shape for the battle for souls. These are the 5 stones!

The first reading for Mass today is from Samuel 17. David decides to go up against Goliath, the enemy of his people. Here is what he chose for a weapon: "Then, with staff in hand, David selected five smooth stones from the wadi and put them in the pocket of his shepherd's bag. With his sling also ready to hand, he approached the Philistine." We know that Goliath ridiculed David, but David "ran quickly toward the battle line in the direction of the Philistine. David put his hand into the bag and took out a stone, hurled it with the sling, and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone embedded itself in his brow, and he fell prostrate on the ground." David won that battle by calling on the Lord, and using the weapon he knew best, a stone and sling.

I think that the stones and sling represent humility and trust. David won by relying on the Lord, and in his humility, using what he knew best to use. We are called to a very daunting battle in our day. The Philistines are huge, rich, powerful and rampant. But we, like David, have only our humility and our trust in God. And so with those two weapons we must advance.

The five stones we have in our shepherd's bag are:

***Prayer / Fasting / The Bible / Confession / The Eucharist***

With these 5 stones, we are made strong, steady, and full of love and hope. It is good that we examine our lives to be sure that each stone is being used!

It is always good to return to the basics!!

## Stone 1 Prayer

Our Lady has consistently called us to prayer. In really every message she has given us she calls us to prayer. She has built prayer in her village, through the evening program. She told the visionaries that the parish should pray two Rosaries before the evening Mass. Then there is the Evening Mass!! After the Mass they pray the 7-7-7. And then healing prayers. And then another decade of the Rosary, or Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament or Veneration of the Holy Cross. Three hours of prayer every day at St. James Parish.

But prayer continues all day long, on the hills, and in the Adoration Chapel and at the Risen Christ Statue. Prayer is non-stop in Medjugorje. And so it can be for us - especially if you have Mary TV on all day!!

But the point of all that prayer, I believe, is that **"prayer works miracles"**. Prayer works miracles! And that is what we need constantly. Miracles of conversion. Miracles of physical healing. Miracles of joy and inner healing. Miracles of hope. Miracles of forgiveness. Miracles of vocation. Miracles of family healing. Miracles and miracles and miracles. It is prayer that brings down the Spirit of God upon us. That is how we are changed.

So, the first and most fundamental stone is prayer!

Pray the Rosary with these five messages!  
**Prayer works miracles!**

April 25, 2001 "Dear children! Also today, I call you to prayer. Little children, **prayer works miracles**. When you are tired and sick and you do not know the meaning of your life, take the Rosary and pray; pray until prayer becomes for you a joyful meeting with your Savior. I am with you, little children, and I intercede and pray for you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

October 25, 2001 "Dear children! Also today I call you to pray from your whole heart and to love each other. Little children, you are chosen to witness peace and joy. If there is no peace, pray and you will receive it. Through you and your prayer, little children, peace will begin to flow through the world.

That is why, little children, pray, pray, pray, because **prayer works miracles** in human hearts and in the world. I am with you and I thank God for each of you who has accepted and lives prayer with seriousness. Thank you for having responded to my call."

September 25, 2013 "Dear children! Also today I call you to prayer. May your relationship with prayer be a daily one. **Prayer works miracles** in you and through you, therefore, little children, may prayer be a joy for you. Then your relationship with life will be deeper and more open and you will comprehend that life is a gift for each of you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

October 25, 2013 "Dear children! Today I call you to open yourselves to prayer. **Prayer works miracles** in you and through you. Therefore, little children, in the simplicity of heart seek of the Most High to give you the strength to be God's children and for Satan not to shake you like the wind shakes the branches. Little children, decide for God anew and seek only His will, and then you will find joy and peace in Him. Thank you for having responded to my call."

May 25, 2018 "Dear children! In this peaceless time, I am calling you to have more trust in God who is your Father in Heaven and who has sent me to lead you to Him. You, open your hearts to the gifts which He desires to give you and, in the silence of your heart, Adore my Son Jesus who has given His life so that you may live in eternity - where He desires to lead you. May your hope be the joy of a meeting with the Most High in everyday life. Therefore, I am calling you: do not neglect prayer because **prayer works miracles**. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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## STONE 2

***"The best fast is on bread and water. Through fasting and prayer one can stop wars, one can suspend the natural laws of nature. Works of charity cannot replace fasting...  
Everyone except the sick, has to fast."***

Fasting is for many, one of the most difficult requests from Our Lady. (Daily prayer of the Rosary, daily reading of Scripture, monthly Confession, Holy Mass, and Fasting). The purpose of fasting is to give up something we enjoy, as a sacrifice, and offer that sacrifice to God. If you haven't fasted before, the best way to start is slow. Maybe give up a dessert, and then a full meal, and then breakfast and lunch, then try fasting for a day, and eventually work your way up to a full bread and water fast on Wednesdays and Fridays as Our Lady asks of us.

Many times people complicate fasting. I remember attending a talk by the late Fr. Slavko Barbaric in Medjugorje in the 1990's. People would ask, what kind of bread, how much, how often, how much water to drink, etc. Fr. Slavko would always answer the same way. He would say: Eat as much bread as you need as often as you need. Drink as much water as you need whenever you need it. The kind of bread doesn't matter. The point is you are making a sacrifice and, offering that sacrifice to God.

Of course if a person is sick, or is allergic to gluten, etc. it would not be wise to fast on just bread and water. In that case, a person can offer up other things that they enjoy. Just some examples could include TV, video games, Facebook, alcohol, sweets, cigarette's, virtually anything you enjoy.

I highly recommend you give fasting a try if you haven't before. Combined with prayer it is a powerful weapon against evil. Fasting also amplifies our prayers for specific intentions. To inspire you, I am including a recipe from Ana that is as close to the bread you will find in and around Medjugorje as you can get. The main difference is their flour is a bit different.

## **ANA's FASTING BREAD RECIPE**

I know there are many recipes for bread, but I thought I would share this one with you because it's the same type of bread my family bakes from the area of Medjugorje and the surrounding villages in Hercegovina and Croatia. This is the closest thing I have found to their bread using our regular flour.

Medjugorje bread is usually round and slightly flat. They bake their bread on a hot brick with coals placed on top of an iron lid called an "ispod Sac". When the bread is done, they brush the left over coals off the lid and lift it up with either a wire that hangs on the wall, or if they're real careful with a pot holder. But usually, since the lid is really heavy, it is lifted off with a pully system.

So here is the recipe without the big heavy lid and the hot brick:

1 Pkt Dry Yeast

1 1/2 Cups Warmed Milk

3 Tablespoons Soften Butter

1 1/2 Teaspoons Salt

1 Tablespoon Sugar

3 Cups All Purpose Flour

Put Yeast into the warm milk and butter in large mixing bowl, let this dissolve for 1 minute. (Not hot milk or you'll kill the yeast).

Add salt, sugar flour and beat or mix for about 1 minute.

Pour batter into greased loaf pan. slash the top, cover and let rise for about 35 minutes.

Bake at 375 for about 45 minutes.

Take out of pan and let cool.

This bread is excellent toasted. It's also great to make it the day before, or early in the morning on fast days.

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## STONE 3 The Holy Bible

January 24, 2022

Dear Family of Mary!

Our Lady has called us to read the Bible and place it in a prominent place in our homes, consistently. She makes it clear that we will not understand her Son if we don't let the Scriptures speak to us every day. We must start thinking as God thinks and not as man thinks. And that kind of thinking comes to us through the Bible. No other words, either from saints or mystics, can replace the prominence of the Bible in our relationship with God.

Here are five messages that may help us to plant firmly in our hearts the importance of Scripture. It is not too late. Even today we can begin to contemplate the Word of God. It will change us! We will begin to see things in a new way!

**August 25, 1993** "Dear children! I want you to understand that I am your Mother, that I want to help you and call you to prayer. Only by prayer can you understand and accept my messages and practice them in your life. Read Sacred Scripture, live it, and pray to understand the signs of the times. This is a special time, therefore, I am with you to draw you close to my heart and the heart of my Son, Jesus. Dear little children, I want you to be children of the light and not of the darkness. Therefore, live what I am telling you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

**August 25, 1996** "Dear children! Listen, because I wish to speak to you and to invite you to have more faith and trust in God, who loves you immeasurably. Little children, you do not know how to live in the grace of God, that is why I call you all anew, to carry the word of God in your heart and in thoughts. Little children, place the Sacred Scripture in a visible place in your family, and read and live it. Teach your children, because if you are not an example to them, children depart into godlessness. Reflect and pray and then God will be born in your heart and your heart will be joyous. Thank you for having responded to my call."

**January 25, 1999** "Dear children! I again invite you to prayer. You have no excuse to work more because nature still lies in deep sleep. Open yourselves in prayer. Renew prayer in your families. Put Holy Scripture in a visible place in your families, read it, reflect on it and learn how God loves His people. His love shows itself also in present times because He sends me to call you upon the path of salvation. Thank you for having responded to my call."

**September 25, 1999** "Dear children! Today again I call you to become carriers of my peace. In a special way, now when it is being said that God is far away, He has truly never been nearer to you. I call you to renew prayer in your families by reading the Sacred Scripture and to experience joy in meeting with God who infinitely loves His creatures. Thank you for having responded to my call."

**April 25, 2005** "Dear children! Also today, I call you to renew prayer in your families. By prayer and the reading of Sacred Scripture, may the Holy Spirit, who will renew you, enter into your families. In this way, you will become teachers of the faith in your family. By prayer and your love, the world will set out on a better way and love will begin to rule in the world. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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## “I WAS A HOMELESS MAN”

"I was a homeless man. Five months ago, I was living in a tent on the street. I lost my home. I lost my wife and my family.

Even when I was drinking, I always prayed to Our Lady for some reason, but She couldn't help me because I didn't put the drink down. As soon as I put the drink down, I was off the street; some of my family came back to me.

Eight months ago, I met these beautiful people, people from God. Edward in particular, took me into his home. He fed me. He clothed me. He washed me.

Edward took me to Adoration. I was at Adoration a few times in a few weeks.

One day, I knelt down before Jesus, and for the first time, I was honest with God.

I said, "I don't know how to pray. I don't know how to ask for forgiveness. I don't know anything. I don't know even know who You are. I don't even know who I am."

All of a sudden, from my toes all the way up through my body, was this calm feeling.

I said, "God, is this real? Am I dreaming? What's happening?"

Then my heart went—I'm not even going to try and describe it- like He was answering me.

Edward and his wife, Eileen, brought me to Medjugorje out of pure love.

It's my first trip. This is my eighth day.

I've been healed inside. I've been touched by the Holy Spirit and blessed by God. I've been blessed by Mother Mary... "Wrap me in Your cloak. You lead the way. I don't know where I'm going."

I'm an alcoholic, recovering alcoholic. That's been lifted, by the grace of God. I got rid of so much baggage, torture, and pain, inside pain, that I've been carrying for years.

My mother was here 11 times. All her prayers have been answered. She told me many times, "I wish you could come to Medjugorje." She's 86. When I go home tomorrow, she'll be the first person I go to.

I lost my son when he was born. He lasted for an hour. I connected with him here for the first time. He would have been 30. I was able to grieve him. I could feel him. I could feel his presence.

He's in Heaven. He's been my guardian angel, and I didn't even know.

This is what this magical place has done for me, opened my eyes because I opened my heart."

~ Robert

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**A newly created commemorative art piece**

**Name:** Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua

**Translation:** Holy Mary, Mother of God

**Artist:** Damien Walker

(Studio of Saint Philomena, Rangiora)

To celebrate the rededication, our Bishops have commissioned a new piece of art. They wanted a depiction of Mary that connects her to Aotearoa. The piece challenges us to see her as a woman of incredible strength and the place she holds in our hearts and our community today.

The artwork aims to respect our different cultures and backgrounds. The painting captures details which are unique to our country and Catholic identity. It asks us to celebrate the things we share in our community and to learn more about our different worlds.

Christchurch based artist Damien Walker's goal was to create a vision of Madonna and Child with an emphasis on kotahitanga (unity). He collaborated with Anthony Te Keepa to grow his knowledge of Te Ao Māori and to ensure he was connecting with authentic voices to help steer the project.

For Damien "the painting depicts Mary as a symbol of unity in her universal motherhood, uniting Heaven and Earth in her son, Jesus, the son of God."

"She reflects the unity of the Church, which reaches to the ends of the Earth, stretching not only across the oceans but across the centuries as well. The work has a distinctly New Zealand depiction of Mary, emphasising also the unity of the tangata whenua with all the other peoples who have come to live alongside them in the partnership of bi-culturalism, called to live the same faith and baptism, each in their unique way."

Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua (Holy Mary, Mother of God) was unveiled in Wellington on Sunday 15 August. The artwork is now touring New Zealand as part of Te Hīkoi Wairua mo Te Ara a Maria.

At the conclusion of the tour the artwork will be permanently housed in a shrine which will be created at St Marys of the Angels (on Boulcott Street) in Wellington. The shrine will be accessible to the public. It will make an excellent destination for anyone contemplating a pilgrimage of New Zealand.



## INTERVIEW WITH THE VISIONARY MARIJA PAVLOVIC LUNETTI

**Testimony:** For this months testimony, I would like to share with you a very recent interview with the visionary Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti. Thanks to MaryTv.tv for making this interview available.

Marija is the third oldest of the visionaries. She was born on April 1, 1965, in Bijakovici. Her prayer mission given by Our Lady is to pray for all the souls in purgatory. She has three brothers and two sisters. When the apparitions started, she was studying in Mostar which is about eighteen miles away from Medjugorje.

Our Lady appeared to her for the first time on June 25, 1981. She still has apparitions every day, and is the visionary to whom Our Lady gives the public message to the world on the 25th of each month. Our Lady has confided nine secrets to her so far. Marija is presently living in Italy, is married, and has four children. She visits Medjugorje a number of times each year.

**Marija:** *"Everything has changed in Medjugorje. People started to pray and listen to Our Lady's messages. Before, I didn't pray enough. Now I want to pray more and more. I'm sure God gives much to everyone who's open to prayer. I tell people they should pray more, and Our Lady will give them peace in all that burdens them. It's not I, it's Our Lady who urges us to nurture prayer, to propagate peace, and to fast. She says that everyone who comes to Medjugorje, must be converted. They must encourage other people too, to pray and fast. God wishes us to pray and fast. God wishes to develop the parish and*

*make it grow more and more in faith. If people accept the messages, God will lead them."*

**Part 1 December 25, 2021**

***Interview with Marija by the Italian priest Fr. Livio, who has a radio program in Italy.***

**M.** Hi Father Livio, and hello to all radio Maria's shipmates. I wish a Holy Christmas to everyone with peace and joy. Today, Our Lady, like every 25th of the month gave us the following message:

***"Dear children! Today I am carrying my Son Jesus to you, for Him to give you His peace. Little children, without peace you do not have a future or blessing; therefore, return to prayer, because the fruit of prayer is joy and faith, without which you cannot live.***

***Today's blessing which we give you, carry to your families and enrich all those whom you meet, that they may feel the grace which you are receiving.***

***Thank you for having responded to my call."***

**F.L.** I think the most important thing today is the fact that Our Lady came with the Infant Jesus.

**M.** Yes, Our Lady today in a special way gave us the blessing of peace with her Son Jesus who is the King of Peace. With the presence of the Baby Jesus in her arms and the richness of peace that we do not appreciate until a war begins, they are stronger.

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**F.L.** Listen Marija, I was particularly struck by the fact that Our Lady said that today's blessing "we give you", that is both of them gave us the blessing of peace; but did Jesus also give the blessing?

**M.** Exactly, this is extraordinary because Our Lady and her Child Jesus, both, gave us the blessing through their sign of the cross.

**F.L.** That is, Our Lady who was holding the Child in her arms and the Child turned to you and gave the blessing just looking at you.

**M.** Exactly! Our Lady said that today's blessing is not only for us, our families, but also for all those we will meet.

**F.L.** Listen Marija, I say this because it is nice to be able to describe the apparition to people but the Child is just a newborn baby or ..

**M.** He is a beautiful little newborn baby and our hearts melt with joy even at the thought of Christmas which, like every year, is special. Our Lady arrives with a golden dress, the most beautiful, as if it was embroidered with gold but also at the same time with the Child Jesus who is the King of Peace, who is the bearer of peace, who is the blessing for us and for our future. Today in a special way I asked Our Lady and the Child Jesus to free us from this pandemic and to restore peace to the whole world.

**F.L.** I'm sorry if I'm a bit curious, I wanted to ask you, but Baby Jesus is swaddled?

**M.** He was wrapped in the veil of Our Lady that seemed to be one with the Baby Jesus. They are one and with this enriched dress of hers and the very wide veil they formed a unity between them so that at the same time you don't know where one ends and where the other begins. I think this beauty can only be seen in Heaven.

**F.L.** Listen Marija, sorry for being peculiar but she is dressed in gold and also her veil is golden.

**M.** All embroidered; it is much richer than that of every day, even the veil is embroidered and inside is the Baby Jesus.

**F.L.** Then Our Lady covers her Child with the veil.

**M.** Yes, and Baby Jesus also has a little dress because when he raised his hands for the blessing, the sleeves were shown.

**F.L.** And therefore when on Christmas 2012 the Child Jesus got up and said: "I am your peace, live my commandments", he had just a little dress, a tunic.

Yes, He is dressed even if He is wrapped in His Mother's veil. He is not naked.

**F.L.** There, awesome, so He is not swaddled He has a little tunic and Our Lady covers Him with her veil. And listen Marija He is a newborn but does he have hair?

Yes, thanks Heaven! He has hair.

**F.L.** Blond hair?

**M.** Brown, not quite curly, not definitely black.

**F.L.** I see, instead our Lady has black hair.

**M.** Our Lady has black hair that is barely seen because it is covered by a veil. It shows in the back because it's long and dark and it comes out.

**F.L.** And listen, has Baby Jesus blue eyes?

**M.** Yes Baby Jesus has blue eyes.

**F.L.** And also our Mother has blue eyes?

**M.** Precisely.

**F.L.** Therefore He resembles His Mother also in the eyes.

**M.** Yes, Our Lady resembles the Infant Jesus and the Infant Jesus resembles Her and then there is this light of Heaven which gives even more expression to the beauty of Our Lady.

**F.L.** It is a wonderful thing.

**M.** Father Livio it is a beautiful thing and every time we feel and see Heaven through this peace and blessing that we receive not only because we see the light that comes with Our Lady and Jesus but also the beauty and the expression of love towards her Son when She gives Him to us.

**F.L.** But in any case, I was struck by the fact that they both gave the blessing. But once Our Lady made a distinction by saying: "I give you my maternal blessing and He gives you His blessing" as if that of the Lord were a divine blessing and that of Our Lady a maternal blessing.

**M.** It is true but today they gave us a blessing of joy of faith without which Our Lady says you cannot live.

**End of Part 1....**

We wish everyone a Blessed, Happy, Holy, and Healthy New Year!

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## POPE INVITES PARENTS STRUGGLING WITH THEIR KIDS: ASK JOSEPH TO HELP YOU

*From problems at school to different sexual orientations to chronic sickness,  
Pope Francis tells parents:  
"Don't be scared. Yes, there is pain. A lot.  
But think of the Lord, think about how Joseph solved the problems and ask Joseph to help you.  
Never condemn a child."*

Pope Francis reflected on St. Joseph as a man of prayer and a deep spiritual life, at the general audience of January 26. This led him to consider the struggles of parents who face problems with their children.

Children with many illnesses, children who are sick, even with permanent maladies. — how much pain is there! — parents who see different sexual orientations in their children; how to deal with this and accompany their children and not hide in an attitude of condemnation. Parents who see their children leaving because of an illness, and also — even sadder, we read about it every day in the newspapers — children who get into mischief and end up in a car accident. Parents who see their children not progressing in school and don't know how... So many parental problems. Let's think about it: how to help them.

And to these parents I say: don't be scared. Yes, there is pain. A lot. But think of the Lord, think about how Joseph solved the problems and ask Joseph to help you. Never condemn a child.

***Joseph prayed, worked, and loved — three beautiful things for parents: to pray, to work, and to love — and because of this he always received what he needed to face life's trials. Let us entrust ourselves to him and to his intercession.***

### **Joseph knew how to listen to God**

Pope Francis considered how St. Joseph was able to discern the voice of God from within the many other voices that we have within us.

For example, the voices of our fears, the voices of past experiences, the voices of hopes; and there is also the voice of the evil one who wants to deceive and confuse us. It is therefore important to be able to recognise the voice of God in the midst of other voices. Joseph demonstrates that he knows how to cultivate the necessary silence and, above all, how to make the right decisions before the Word that the Lord addresses to him inwardly.

The Holy Father reflected on each of Joseph's four dreams recounted in the Gospels, explaining that, "In the Bible, as in the cultures of ancient peoples, dreams were considered a means by which God revealed himself. The dream symbolises the spiritual life of each of us."

### **Dream 1: for situations without a solution**

In the first of Joseph's dreams, God resolves the "problem" of Mary's pregnancy, telling Joseph to take her as his wife. The Pope reflected that these situations that seem to have no solution are opportunities for prayer:

Life often puts us in situations that we do not understand and that seem to have no solution. Praying in these moments — this means letting the Lord show us the right thing to do. In fact, very often it is prayer that gives us the intuition of the way out. Dear brothers and sisters, the Lord never allows a problem to arise without also giving us the help we need to deal with it. He does not cast us alone into the fire. He does not cast us among the beasts. No. When the Lord shows us a problem, or reveals a problem, he always gives us the intuition, the help, his presence, to get out of it, to resolve it.

### **Dream 2: in danger**

Joseph's second dream took him away from Herod and his murderous rampage. The Holy Father said that when we turn to God in danger, we can find Joseph's courage:

In life we all experience dangers that threaten our existence or the existence of those we love. In these situations, praying means listening to the voice that can give us the same courage as Joseph, to face difficulties without succumbing.

### **Dreams 3 and 4: in fear**

The third and fourth of Joseph's dreams come as he awaits the sign that he can return to his homeland. The Gospel recounts that Jesus' father on earth experienced fear: But on the return journey, "when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there." The Pope said that fear is part of life, but we should let God guide us through it.

Fear is also part of life and it too needs our prayer. God does not promise us that we will never have fear, but that, with His help, it will not be the criterion for our decisions. Joseph experiences fear, but God also guides him through it. The power of prayer brings light into situations of darkness.

Always there

The reflection on Joseph's dreams led the Pope to consider the suffering of parents mentioned above. He reminisced about his experience in Argentina, seeing mothers waiting to see their children in jail:

It fills me with compassion — it did in Buenos Aires — when I got on the bus and it passed in front of the prison. There was a queue of people who had to go in to visit the prisoners. And there were mothers there. And I was so touched by this mother who, faced with the problem of a son who has made a mistake and is in prison, doesn't leave him alone, puts her face forward and accompanies him. This courage; the courage of a father and mother who always, always accompany their children. Let us ask the Lord to give this courage to all fathers and mothers, as he gave it to Joseph. And to pray, no? Pray that the Lord will help us in these moments.

### ***Prayer has to be linked to love, or it isn't prayer***

Finally, the Pope reiterated a point he has made often about prayer: that it must be plugged into reality, into the concrete needs of life.

Prayer, however, is never an abstract or purely internal gesture, like these spiritualist movements that are more gnostic than Christian.

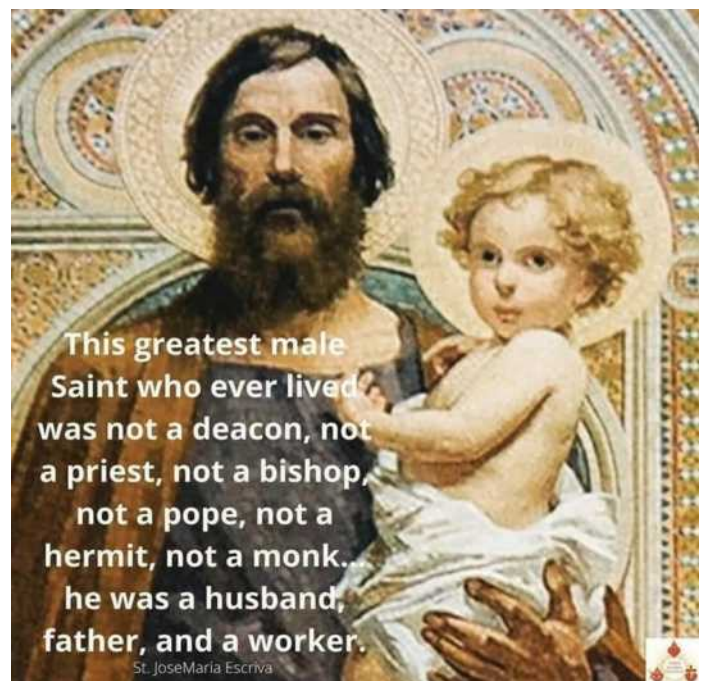
No, it's not that. Prayer is always inextricably linked to charity. It is only when we combine prayer with love, the love for children in the cases I just mentioned, or the love for our neighbour, that we are able to understand the Lord's messages.

Joseph prayed, worked, and loved — three beautiful things for parents: to pray, to work, and to love — and because of this he always received what he needed to face life's trials. Let us entrust ourselves to him and to his Intercession.

### ***Kathleen N. Hattrup published on 1/26/22***

Here is the prayer with which Pope Francis concluded his reflection on St. Joseph, at the general audience of January 26.

St Joseph, you are the man who dreams,  
teach us to recover the spiritual life  
as the inner place where God manifests  
Himself and saves us.  
Remove from us the thought  
that praying is useless;  
help each one of us to correspond  
to what the Lord shows us.  
May our reasoning be illuminated  
by the light of the Spirit,  
our hearts encouraged by His strength  
and our fears saved by His mercy.  
Amen.





## MOTHER MARY'S VICTORY PLAN FOR LENT

*Get a head start on your Lenten resolutions with the help of our Blessed Mother*

How many wasted or almost-wasted Lents have you passed in your life? Maybe your problem has been lack of planning, since, like most people, you're used to waiting to get started on (or after) Ash Wednesday. But it might be more prudent to give your Lenten discipline some forethought before you enter the season. This is where our Blessed Mother comes in.

Mothers do a great deal in conceiving and arranging and preparing for the celebration of events in the life of a family, whether they are yearly festivals of our holy religion or one-time events like the first sacraments and weddings, and of course graduations, games, trips, guests, and the like.

Just a few weeks ago, in the time of Epiphany, we commemorated the Miracle at Cana. There was some lack of planning on the part of the master of the house and his sommelier, and their great party was about to turn into a penitential meal with no wine. So who steps in and notices the need and obtains its fulfilment? Our mother, of course! (John 2:1-12).

This year we need to go to Mary and ask her to tell her Son that you have no wine of true contrition, no wine of penance and fasting, no wine of prayer and contemplation, no wine of merciful deeds. And then she will obtain for you the insight to settle on your resolutions in all of these areas, and to keep those resolutions. She will see to it that your vessels are filled to the brim with penance, prayer, and mercy.

Mary always has an unbroken vessel to fill with

new, unbroken resolve! She is a loving mother who wants no one to be left out of the celebration of Easter for lack of preparation. She is the perfect friend and hostess; she wants no one to be ashamed or embarrassed at her Son's victory parade!

**May I suggest the following five part rosary exercise?**

1. Pray a decade of the rosary for the **intentions of your prayer life** during Lent. Then, spend a few moments determining what you will do—something reasonable, like a daily rosary, short prayer aspirations throughout the day, a daily visit to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament (which does not have to be exposed for you to be in His presence and adore), or praying some parts of the Liturgy of the Hours.
2. Pray a decade for the **intentions of your life of penance** during Lent. Then, spend a few moments determining what you will do: eat less food or less-rich food (perhaps the traditional abstinence from meat or animal products), spend less time in sleep (even just getting up when your alarm goes off a quarter hour earlier than usual to start the day with an act of penance), allow yourself less of other comforts like long hot showers or an extra pillow in bed. None of these would kill us, and they help to remind us of the reality of penance when the body joins the soul's prayer in longing for God.

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3. Pray a decade for the **intentions of your works of mercy** during Lent. Then spend a few moments thinking of those in need that you personally could help by your presence, like the sick or shut-ins or prisoners Your visit does not have to be long, but it can be really life-giving to those who are bedridden or alone. Or just resolve to listen to others when you are inclined to be impatient, and never omit some alms, real money for the support of the needy.
4. Then add an extra decade for the **souls of the faithful departed**. Yes, in prayer, penance, and works of mercy most of all, don't forget those poor souls in purgatory. You can help them immensely, since all of the other works described above can be offered for their release, and all of these works have at least partial indulgences attached to them which may be applied to the departed.

- Mary loves souls who give up the satisfactory value of their good works and prayers for the dead. This Lent, make some new friends in the other world! You may need such help yourself someday, so follow the Golden Rule.
5. Then pray a fifth decade for the grace of **persevering in your resolutions**. And remember that, persevering often means starting over again when we break our resolve. This willingness to start over is perhaps the best fruit of our Lenten discipline. Our Lady tells us, as did our earthly mothers, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." That's the secret of Lent when we allow ourselves to prepare with the help of our Blessed Mother. Then we will be happy to say come Easter, "Queen of Heaven, rejoice!"

*Fr. Hugh Barbour, O.Praem. 2/23/2020*

# MONTHLY DEDICATION

☞ It is a traditional Catholic custom to sanctify each month of the year with special devotional practices. The chart below indicates some dedication(s) / devotion(s) commonly practiced for each month.

 <b>JANUARY</b> The most Holy Name of Jesus.	 <b>FEBRUARY</b> The Holy Family
 <b>MARCH</b> Saint Joseph	 <b>APRIL</b> The Holy Eucharist
 <b>MAY</b> The Blessed Virgin Mary	 <b>JUNE</b> Sacred Heart of Jesus
 <b>JULY</b> The precious blood of Jesus.	 <b>AUGUST</b> Immaculate Heart of Mary.
 <b>SEPTEMBER</b> The Sorrowful Mother.	 <b>OCTOBER</b> The Holy Rosary
 <b>NOVEMBER</b> The Holy Souls in purgatory	 <b>DECEMBER</b> The Immaculate Conception





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### **Pope Francis** ANGELUS NOVEMBER 1, 2021

“Indeed, the world says that in order to have happiness you must be rich, powerful, always young and strong, and enjoy fame and success. Jesus overturns these criteria and makes a prophetic proclamation – and this is the prophetic dimension of holiness – the true fullness of life is achieved by following Jesus, by putting His Word into practice. And this means another poverty, that is, being poor inside, hollowing oneself to make room for God. Those who believe themselves to be rich, successful and secure base everything on themselves and close themselves off from God and their brothers and sisters, while those who know that they are poor and not self-sufficient remain open to God and to their neighbour.”

### **Pope Francis** ANGELUS DECEMBER 8, 2021

"Let us ask Our Lady for a grace: that she may free us from the misleading idea that the Gospel is one thing and life is another; that she kindle our enthusiasm for the ideal of holiness which is not a matter of holy cards and images, but is about living what happens each day, humbly and joyfully, like Our Lady, free from ourselves, with our eyes fixed on God and the neighbour we meet. Let us not lose heart: The Lord has given everyone what it takes to weave holiness within our everyday life! And when we are assailed by the doubt that we cannot succeed, or the sadness of not being adequate, let us allow ourselves to be looked upon by the “merciful eyes” of Our Lady, for no one who has asked for her help has ever been abandoned!"

### **Pope Francis** ANGELUS JANUARY 16, 2022

“Today, let us try to rummage through our memories, looking for the signs the Lord has accomplished in my life. Let each of us say: in my life, what are the signs the Lord has accomplished? What are the hints of his presence, the signs he has done to show that he loves us? Let us think about that difficult moment in which God allowed me to experience his love... And let us ask ourselves: what are the discrete and loving signs through which he has allowed me to feel his tenderness? When have I felt the Lord nearer to me? When have I felt his tenderness and his compassion more? Every one of us has these moments in our personal history. Let us go in search of these signs, let us remember them.”

### **Pope Francis** HOMILY JANUARY 25, 2022

“If the Lord is truly in the first place, our choices, including our ecclesiastical choices, can no longer be based on the politics of this world, but on the will of God... May we never tire of praying for one another and with one another... Let us serve those in need. Together, “If the Lord is truly in the first place, our choices, including our ecclesiastical choices, can no longer be based on the politics of this world, but on the will of God... May we never tire of praying for one another and with one another... Let us serve those in need. Together, let us serve the suffering Jesus!” let us serve the suffering Jesus!”

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