



1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION NEWSLETTER

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WHAT DO THE APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY TEACH US TODAY?

BY COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE STAFF MEMBER

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AN APPARITION FROM OUR LADY IS A MAJOR SPIRITUAL EVENT FOR A GOOD REASON. THE GOSPELS RECORD JUST A HANDFUL OF TIMES THAT MARY SPEAKS – LIKE THE ANNUNCIATION, VISITATION, FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE, AND WEDDING AT CANA. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT MARY'S LOW-KEY PERSONA IN THE BIBLE, IT IS PRETTY AMAZING THAT THERE ARE OVER A DOZEN OFFICIALLY APPROVED MARIAN APPARITIONS. LET'S CONSIDER THAT MARY AND JESUS WALKED THE EARTH OVER 2000 YEARS AGO. THESE OFFICIALLY APPROVED APPARITIONS HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED STARTING BACK IN 1531 WITH OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE UP UNTIL AS LATE AS 1989 WITH OUR LADY OF KIBEHO IN AFRICA.

Marian Apparitions



HERE ARE A FEW TIMELESS LIFE LESSONS THAT WE CAN TAKE FROM SOME OF THE APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY THAT COULD APPLY TO OUR LIVES TODAY.

LESSON #1 – MAKE THE MOST OUT OF THIS LIFE
APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

WHEN OUR LADY OF LOURDES APPEARED TO ST BERNADETTE IN 1858, SHE SPOKE OF MANY DIFFERENT TOPICS, ESPECIALLY PRAYER, PENANCE, THE LOVE OF GOD AND THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. ST BERNADETTE SHARED HER EXPERIENCES WITH MARY OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN WRITINGS

AND TO WITNESSES.

ONE OF THE CONCLUSIONS THAT ST BERNADETTE CAME TO LATER IN HER LIFE WAS THAT WE NEED TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF THIS LIFE. WE ONLY HAVE ONE SHOT TO BECOME SAINTS HERE ON EARTH. EACH DAY AND EVERY MOMENT MATTERS. ST BERNADETTE WROTE, "FOR THE FEW YEARS WE STILL HAVE TO LIVE IN THIS WORLD, WE MUST DO OUR BEST TO SPEND OUR TIME AS WELL AS POSSIBLE." OUR LADY OF LOURDES' MESSAGE WAS ABOUT PRAYER AND PERSONAL HOLINESS. IT WAS AN APPARITION TO CHALLENGE US

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FEASTS FOR FEBRUARY 2025

THE FEASTS ON THE GENERAL ROMAN CALENDAR CELEBRATED DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY ARE:

2. PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, FEAST, SUNDAY
3. BLAISE; ANSGAR, OPT. MEM.
5. AGATHA, MEMORIAL
6. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MEMORIAL
8. JEROME EMILIANI; JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, OPT. MEM.
9. FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY
10. SCHOLASTICA, MEMORIAL
11. OUR LADY OF LOURDES, OPT. MEM.
14. CYRIL AND METHODIUS, MEMORIAL

16. SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY
17. SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER, OPT. MEM.
21. ST. PETER DAMIAN, OPT. MEM.
22. CHAIR OF ST. PETER, FEAST
23. SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY

THE OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF POLYCARP (FEBRUARY 23), IS SUPERSEDED BY THE SUNDAY LITURGY. □

OUR CENACLE CORNER

SEEKING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
THROUGH MEDITATION OF PASSAGES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURES

Trust God

GOD TOUCHED ME

PUBLISH HIS GLORIOUS DEEDS AMONG THE NATIONS.
TELL EVERYONE ABOUT THE AMAZING THINGS HE DOES. — 1 CHRONICLES 16:24

DO THESE FIVE THINGS TO CREATE A MIRACLE IN YOUR LIFE FEBRUARY 15, 2024 BY J. MARIE NOVAK

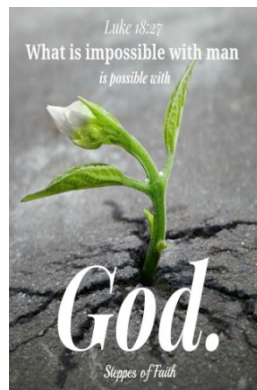
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THE THINGS THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE WITH PEOPLE ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD. LUKE 18:27

SPREAD THE LOVE

JUST THE FACT THAT YOU FOUND THIS MESSAGE TODAY MEANS YOU'RE LIKELY SAYING, "I NEED A MIRACLE IN MY LIFE!" I UNDERSTAND. WE ALL NEED MIRACLES IN OUR LIVES FROM TIME TO TIME. THE DECISION YOU NEED TO MAKE NOW IS WHETHER TO SIT BACK AND WAIT FOR THE MIRACLE TO ARRIVE OR TAKE STEPS TO CREATE THAT MIRACLE.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW TO MAKE A MIRACLE HAPPEN RIGHT NOW, OVERNIGHT, OR INSTANTLY, WHAT I HAVE TO SAY NEXT MAY BE DISAPPOINTING: THE ADVICE I AM ABOUT TO SHARE MAY OR MAY NOT DELIVER ON YOUR TIMELINE. STILL, IF YOU'LL TAKE JUST A FEW MINUTES TO READ THROUGH THIS POST, WHAT YOU LEARN HERE COULD BRING THE HOPE AND PATIENCE YOU NEED TO STAY STRONG WHILE YOUR MIRACLE IS ON ITS WAY TO YOU.



THIS POST IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED MEDICAL ADVICE NOR USED TO DIAGNOSE OR TREAT MEDICAL CONDITIONS; IF YOU NEED PROFESSIONAL OR SPIRITUAL HELP, PLEASE SEEK IT. ALSO, THIS POST CONTAINS BOTH AFFILIATE LINKS FEATURING RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FROM WHICH B&C MIGHT RECEIVE A MODEST FEE AND NON-AFFILIATE LINKS.

ARE YOU READY FOR A MIRACLE IN YOUR LIFE?
"READY AS YOU CAN BE?"

I WAS INTRODUCED TO PATTI LABELLE'S RENDITION OF THE SONG ARE YOU READY FOR A MIRACLE? WHEN IT WAS INCLUDED IN THE SOUNDTRACK FOR THE MOVIE "LEAP OF FAITH" (AN OLDIE BUT A GOODIE, STARRING STEVE MARTIN.).

IF YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE SONG, THE LYRICS START: "ARE YOU READY FOR A MIRACLE? READY AS YOU CAN BE?"

YES, PATTI – I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES, AND I'M ALWAYS READY FOR ONE!

I ALSO BELIEVE THAT ANYONE READING THIS POST EITHER BELIEVES IN MIRACLES OR HOPES THEY EXIST.

ONE RECENT STUDY SHOWED THAT NEARLY 80% OF AMERICANS BELIEVE IN MIRACLES.

WHEN WE BRING UP THE SUBJECT OF MIRACLES IN THE B&C FACEBOOK COMMUNITY, THE NUMBER OF BELIEVERS IN MIRACLES IS ALWAYS HIGH (I'M TALKING 99% OR MORE BELIEVE), AND WE ALWAYS HEAR FROM MANY PEOPLE WHO SAY, "I NEED A MIRACLE NOW."

WHEN LIFE GETS TOUGH ... TOUGH BEYOND WHAT WE THINK WE CAN HANDLE ON OUR OWN ... WE REACH OUT FOR MIRACLES. WE PLEAD ...

LET THIS ILLNESS PASS OVER ME OR MY LOVED ONE. GIVE ME A WAY TO PROVIDE FOR MYSELF AND MY FAMILY. BRING ME SOMEONE TO LOVE. HELP ME GET OUT OF THIS SITUATION THAT'S CAUSING SUCH INTENSE PAIN. PROTECT MY LOVED ONES FROM THE HARM THEY'RE SUBJECTING THEMSELVES TO. GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO CHANGE. LET THIS SEASON OF DESPAIR COME TO AN END. WHAT MIRACLE ARE YOU PRAYING FOR RIGHT NOW?

WHAT MIRACLES LOOK LIKE

WE MAY EACH HAVE A DIFFERENT VIEW OF WHAT CONSTITUTES A MIRACLE. TO ME, A MIRACLE REQUIRES DIVINE INTERVENTION TO BRING ABOUT WHAT I FEEL IS UNABLE TO MANIFEST WITHOUT HELP.

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WHAT DO THE APPARITIONS...

ALL TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF OUR LIVES. CHALLENGING US TO DO WHAT WE CAN FOR GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOR.

LESSON #2 – LET GO OF ANXIETY AND FEAR APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE APPEARED TO ST JUAN DIEGO IN THE 1500S. SHE ASKED HIM FOR A FEW FAVORS AND GAVE HIM DIRECTIONS AND HE WAS AFRAID. MARY RECOGNIZED THE FEAR AND ANXIETY THAT JUAN DIEGO HAD IN HIS HEART. LIKE A TRUE MOTHER, SHE COMFORTED HIM AND TOLD HIM TO TRUST IN HER. SHE ASKED HIM TO LET GO OF THE ANXIETY AND FEAR AND TRY TO TAKE JUST ONE STEP AT A TIME. JUAN DIEGO WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE BISHOP, HIS UNCLE WHO WAS SICK, AND ALL OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT A FARMER IN THE 1500'S WOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT. MARY CALMED HIM AND GAVE HIM THE CONFIDENCE TO LET GO OF HIS WORRY AND FEAR. SHE REPLACED IT WITH CONFIDENCE IN HER PRESENCE ALONGSIDE HIM.

HER WORDS STILL RING TRUE TODAY TO ALL OF US WHO WORRY AND ARE ANXIOUS ABOUT SO MANY THINGS IN LIFE..."LET NOTHING SHOULD FRIGHTEN OR GRIEVE YOU. LET NOT YOUR HEART BE DISTURBED. AM I NOT HERE, WHO AM YOUR MOTHER."

LESSON #3 – LIFE IS BUSY, BUT WE NEED TO MAKE TIME FOR PRAYER APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF LASALETTE

WHEN OUR LADY OF LASALETTE APPEARED TO TWO CHILDREN IN A SMALL VILLAGE IN FRANCE IN 1846, SHE HAD A MESSAGE THAT WAS VERY SIMPLE – PRAY AND FOLLOW GOD'S COMMANDMENTS. SHE HAD A BEAUTIFUL MOTHERLY CONVERSATION WITH THESE TWO CHILDREN. SHE ASKED THEM, "DO YOU PRAY?" AND THEY HONESTLY RESPONDED, "NOT REALLY." OUR LADY ENCOURAGED THEM BY SAYING, "MY CHILDREN, YOU MUST PRAY, MORNING AND EVENING. WHEN YOU CAN DO NO MORE, SAY A PATER AND AN AVE MARIA... AND WHEN YOU HAVE THE TIME TO DO BETTER, YOU WILL SAY MORE." NOTHING REPLACES PRAYER. MARY DID NOT ASK THEM FOR LENGTHY DEVOTIONS OR HOURS OF ADORATION. SHE SIMPLY

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DO THESE FIVE THINGS...

I KNOW I HAVE RECEIVED MIRACLES IN MY LIFE THAT I RECOGNIZED, AND SUSPECT OTHERS HAVE OCCURRED THAT I DID NOT NOTICE YET BUT WHICH I STILL BENEFITED.

I DID SOME PRETTY STUPID STUFF WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, AND SOMEHOW I ESCAPED HARM. I'VE ALSO BEEN PRETTY LOW ... DESPERATELY SAD, BROKE, AND LONELY LOW ... AND SOMEHOW, THE PAIN ALWAYS LIFTED, EVEN WHEN I DIDN'T SEE A WAY UP AND OUT OF IT.

I'VE COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT I CAN PARTICIPATE IN MIRACLES ... FOR MYSELF AND OTHERS. I CAN EXPECT MIRACLES, BUT I REALIZE I CAN'T LAY HANDS AND CURE SOMEONE. I CAN'T WALK ON WATER. AND I CAN'T TURN WATER INTO WINE ... THOUGH I'D BE THE MOST POPULAR PERSON AT THE PARTY IF I COULD. NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN BY MIRACLE.

I CAN PARTICIPATE IN BRINGING INTO EXISTENCE SOMETHING THAT DID NOT SEEM EVEN REMOTELY POSSIBLE, AND SO CAN YOU.

IF YOU WANT A MIRACLE IN YOUR LIFE, BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS UNFOLDING. SO, IF WE CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE UNFOLDING OF MIRACLES, WHAT'S THE CATCH? WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO? WHAT'S IT GOING TO COST US?

I'VE COME UP WITH A LIST OF FIVE THINGS THAT I HAVE SEEN DO THE TRICK AND THE COST IS SIMPLY SOME POSITIVE ACTION ON YOUR PART. IT TAKES DISCIPLINE AND MINDFULNESS TO PUT THESE INTO PRACTICE IN YOUR LIFE, BUT THERE'S NOTHING ON THE LIST THAT YOU CAN'T DO.

1. BE GRATEFUL FOR EVERYTHING
GRATITUDE DESERVES ALL THE POSITIVE BUZZ IT GETS. IT'S A LIFE-CHANGER, BUT CAN GRATITUDE PRODUCE MIRACLES? UH-HUH, YUP, IT CAN.

HERE'S WHY: WHEN YOU'RE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT'S COMING YOUR WAY, YOUR ENTIRE ENERGY CHANGES. YOU BECOME A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS. YOU SHIFT YOUR PERSPECTIVE FROM SCARCITY TO ABUNDANCE. YOU BRING FORTH MORE DIVINE BLESSINGS BECAUSE

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WHAT THE APPARITIONS...

ASKED THAT THEY REMEMBER GOD IN THE MORNING AND AT NIGHT, AND PRAY MORE WHEN POSSIBLE. THIS IS A REALISTIC MESSAGE FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS ALIKE. IF LIFE IS TOO BUSY TO PRAY AN OUR FATHER AND HAIL MARY EVERY DAY, SOMETHING IS JUST NOT RIGHT.

LESSON #4 – BELIEVE IN GOD’S POWER AND MERCY APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

WHEN OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL APPEARED IN 1830 TO ST CATHERINE LABOURE IN PARIS, SHE HAD A VERY SPECIFIC MESSAGE. SHE GAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO DESIGN THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL. SHE ALSO SAID THAT GOD WOULD PROTECT THOSE WHO WOULD WEAR IT WITH FAITH. THIS APPARITION CAME DURING A TIME IN HISTORY WHEN THE DEEPLY ROOTED CATHOLIC CULTURE THAT WAS A CORNERSTONE IN SOCIETY WAS BEING CHALLENGED. REVOLUTIONS AND A GROWING NEW WORLD LEFT SO MANY UNKNOWN. MARY CHOSE THIS TIME TO SPEAK A SIMPLE MESSAGE – WEAR THIS MEDAL AND TRUST THAT GOD WILL PROTECT YOU. IT WAS AN INVITATION OF FAITH. BELIEVE THAT THIS LITTLE MUSTARD SEED CAN REALLY MOVE A MOUNTAIN... YOUR FAITH WILL BE REWARDED.

OUR LADY SAID TO ST CATHERINE, " GRACES WILL BE ABUNDANTLY BESTOWED UPON THOSE WHO HAVE CONFIDENCE." TODAY THAT MESSAGE IS NO LESS RELEVANT OR TRUE. WE NEED TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN GOD’S POWER AND HIS MERCY. HE IS BIGGER THAN ALL OF THIS... AND HE CONQUERED DEATH ON THE CROSS. WE NEED TO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE ON THIS JOURNEY.

LESSON #5 – THE ROSARY IS POSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

WHEN OUR LADY OF FATIMA APPEARED TO THE THREE SHEPHERD CHILDREN IN PORTUGAL, SHE SPOKE OFTEN ABOUT THE NEED TO PRAY THE ROSARY. SO MUCH SO, THAT ONE OF THE CHILDREN, ST LUCIA, ONCE WROTE, "SINCE WE ALL NEED TO PRAY, GOD GIVES US A PRAYER WHICH IS WITHIN OUR REACH: THE ROSARY, WHICH CAN BE RECITED EITHER IN COMMON OR IN PRIVATE, EITHER IN CHURCH IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT OR AT HOME, EITHER WITH THE REST OF THE FAMILY OR ALONE, EITHER WHEN TRAVELING OR WHILE WALKING QUIETLY IN THE FIELDS. A MOTHER OF

A FAMILY CAN SAY THE ROSARY WHILE SHE ROCKS HER BABY’S CRADLE OR DOES THE HOUSEWORK. OUR DAY HAS 24 HOURS IN IT. IT IS NOT ASKING A GREAT DEAL TO SET ASIDE A QUARTER OF AN HOUR FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE, FOR OUR INTIMATE AND FAMILIAR CONVERSATION WITH GOD."

THIS QUOTE IS JUST SO PERFECT FOR OUR LIVES TODAY. ST LUCIA IS REALISTIC AND BLUNT. WE CAN ALL FIND 15 MINUTES OF THE DAY, ANYWHERE AT ANYTIME, WHILE DOING ANY ACTIVITY, TO PRAY THE ROSARY. IT IS A SIMPLE PRAYER OF REPETITION THAT ALLOWS OUR MINDS AND HEARTS TO REFLECT ON THE LIFE OF CHRIST WITH HIS MOTHER.

LESSON #6 – SOMETIMES SILENCE SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK

IN 1879, OUR LADY APPEARED IN A SMALL PARISH IN IRELAND TO A SMALL GROUP OF 15 PEOPLE. ST JOSEPH, ST JOHN, AND THE LAMB WITH THE CROSS APPEARED WITH HER. THE APPARITION LASTED TWO FULL HOURS FOR ALL FIFTEEN WITNESSES. NOT ONE WORD WAS SPOKEN BY OUR BLESSED MOTHER OR ANY OF HER HOLY GUESTS. THEY WERE SILENT....FOR TWO HOURS. WHY? ISN’T THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF AN APPARITION TO SEND A MESSAGE? THE MESSAGE WAS LOUD AND CLEAR FOR THOSE WHO WITNESSED THE APPARITION AND THE MILLIONS OF CATHOLICS WHO HAVE VISITED THE SHRINE AT KNOCK OVER THE YEARS...GOD IS ALL POWERFUL AND CAN DO ANYTHING. JUST LIKE THE APOSTLES WITH JESUS AND JUST LIKE ALL OF US WHEN WE DO ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, SILENCE SPEAKS VOLUMES.

THE WORD 'KNOCK' ESSENTIALLY MEANS HILL, AND THE NAME OF THE APPARITION CAME FROM THE LOCATION OF THE PARISH BEING ON A HILL. MANY COMPARISONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THAT SIGNIFICANCE – OF JESUS DYING ON THE HILL OF GOLGOTHA, OF THE APOSTLES SEEING JESUS TRANSFIGURED ON A HILL OR MOUNTAIN. THERE ARE SO MANY THEORIES ABOUT WHAT THE APPARITION OF KNOCK MEANS. THAT IS WHAT MAKES IT SO UNIQUE AND POWERFUL. IT WAS A SILENT APPARITION OF PERSONAL PRAYER. IT’S A REMINDER TO ALL OF US TO TAKE TIME TO BE SILENT WITH GOD AND PRAY. BEING IN GOD’S PRESENCE IS ENOUGH. IT CAN ALSO BE APPLIED TO LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR. SOMETIMES WORDS ARE NOT NEEDED. JUST BEING THERE FOR ANOTHER PERSON CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD. □

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DO THESE FIVE THINGS...

YOU ARE TUNED INTO THE GIVING NATURE OF THE CREATOR OF EVERYTHING.

NOW HERE'S THE CATCH: HOW MUCH CAN YOU BE GRATEFUL FOR? CAN YOU BE GRATEFUL FOR THE BIG STUFF AND ALL THE DETAILS THAT MAKE YOUR LIFE BETTER? UNEXPRESSED GRATITUDE = ABSENCE OF TRUE GRATITUDE, SO COMMIT RIGHT NOW TO STARTING A RADICAL GRATITUDE PRACTICE.

START EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO GREW THE FOOD ON YOUR PLATE. BE GRATEFUL FOR THE FACT THAT THERE IS FOOD ON YOUR PLATE.

EXPRESS THANKS FOR THE POWER THAT KEEPS YOU WARM IN THE WINTER AND COOL IN THE SUMMER. BE THANKFUL FOR CLEAN WATER, SOFT BREEZES, SONGBIRDS, AND WINTER'S TRANSITION INTO SPRING.

GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR CAPACITY TO THINK AND LOVE AND SOLVE PROBLEMS.

BE THANKFUL FOR YOUR FINGERS AND ELBOWS AND THAT NOSE THAT YOU'D ALWAYS WISHED WAS A DIFFERENT SHAPE.

BE GRATEFUL FOR NOT GETTING THAT DREAM JOB (THAT YOU DESPERATELY WANTED) BECAUSE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT ANOTHER DOOR THAT'S EVEN BETTER FOR YOU WILL OPEN.

BE GRATEFUL FOR THE WONDERFUL PARENTS OR FRIENDS AND OTHER RELATIVES YOU WERE GIVEN, EVEN IF SOME WEREN'T SO WONDERFUL. BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU LEARNED.

CAN YOU STILL BE GRATEFUL FOR THE TIME YOU HAD WITH A LOVED ONE EVEN IF THAT TIME WAS CUT SHORT BECAUSE THEY WERE CALLED TO TRANSITION TO THE NEXT LIFE? YES, I KNOW YOU PRAYED FOR A MIRACLE THAT THEY WOULD LIVE, AND YET THEY DIED ... CAN YOU STILL HOLD GRATITUDE IN YOUR HEART ANYWAY?

THE MORE GRATITUDE YOU FEEL AND EXPRESS ... THE MORE THINGS YOU FIND TO BE GRATEFUL FOR ... THE MORE YOU'LL RECEIVE THAT YOU CAN BE GRATEFUL FOR.

WHEN YOU LIVE IN A STATE OF GRATITUDE, PEOPLE, OPPORTUNITIES, AND BLESSINGS MIRACULOUSLY SHOW UP IN YOUR LIFE.

2. STOP USING "I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO" AS AN EXCUSE TO DO NOTHING

MAN, OH MAN, DO I WISH I'D HAVE UNDERSTOOD THIS LESSON EARLIER IN LIFE. JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO DOES NOT MEAN YOU SHOULD SIT AROUND AND DO NOTHING.

WHEN YOU TAKE A POSITIVE STEP IN YOUR LIFE ... ANY POSITIVE STEP ... A WAY FORWARD WILL APPEAR. DON'T BE SURPRISED IF THE POSITIVE STEP YOU TAKE LEADS TO SOMETHING THAT'S COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO THE ACTION YOU TOOK.

FOR EXAMPLE, CLEAR OUT THE CLUTTER IN YOUR HOUSE, AND YOU MAY FIND SOMETHING THAT WAS ONCE UNCLEAR ABOUT WHAT TO DO IN YOUR CAREER IS NOW CRYSTAL CLEAR. TAKE A COURSE TO BUILD A NEW SKILL, AND YOU MAY END UP MEETING SOMEONE WHO BECOMES A DEAR FRIEND FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. BEGIN A NEW EXERCISE HABIT; GET HEALTHIER, AND YOU WILL FIND THAT YOUR CONFIDENCE SOARS IN OTHER AREAS OF YOUR LIFE.

ACCORDING TO BARTON GOLDSMITH, PH.D., "TAKING POSITIVE ACTIONS CHANGES YOUR LIFE."

POSITIVE ACTION NETS POSITIVE REWARDS.

THE MORE POSITIVE ACTION YOU TAKE, THE MORE YOU ARE REWARDED.

I ASSURE YOU, BEING PROACTIVE IS A MIRACLE-PRODUCING MOVE YOU WANT TO TAKE NOW!

3. STEP OUT OF YOUR ROUTINE

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD THE EXPRESSION, "IF YOU ALWAYS DO WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS DONE, YOU'LL ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS GOT." THERE'S A LOT OF TRUTH TO THAT SAYING.

WE ALL HAVE TO BE WILLING TO STEP OUT OF OUR ROUTINES ... BROADEN OUR HORIZONS ... BUST THROUGH COMFORT ZONES. SURE, YOU MIGHT EXPERIENCE SOME BUMPS AND BRUISES ALONG THE WAY, BUT ULTIMATELY BRAVERY IS REWARDED.

MIRACLES ARE NOT BEYOND YOUR GRASP, BUT YOU MAY NEED TO EXTEND YOUR REACH TO RECEIVE THE MIRACLES YOU'VE BEEN LONGING FOR.

4. HELP OTHERS RECEIVE THE MIRACLES THEY'RE PRAYING FOR

THOSE CLOTHES YOU'RE NO LONGER WEARING OR THAT EXTRA BED YOU'RE NOT USING COULD BE A MIRACLE TO SOMEONE ELSE. YOUR KIND WORDS AND ENCOURAGEMENT COULD GIVE SOMEONE THE CONFIDENCE THEY NEED TO GO AFTER AND GET THE JOB THEY

NEED. THAT EFFORT YOU TOOK TO HELP AN UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILD GET AN EDUCATION COULD TRANSFORM A LIFE FOREVER. YOU GET THE IDEA.

IT'S A SCIENTIFIC FACT THAT HELPING OTHERS HAS TRANSFORMATIVE POWER FOR BOTH THE GIVER AND RECEIVER.

AS A BONUS, WHEN YOU DO THINGS TO HELP OTHERS RECEIVE THEIR MIRACLES, YOU GET TO EXPERIENCE THE PURE BLISS OF BEING A GIVER. THAT'S A PRETTY MIRACULOUS GIFT TO GIVE YOURSELF!

5. TRUST IN YOUR HIGHER GPS

IMAGINE THAT YOU'RE IN PENSACOLA, FLORIDA AND YOU'RE TRYING TO GET TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. YOU SET YOUR CAR'S GPS TO MAP OUT THE DESTINATION, AND THEN YOU QUESTION ITS ADVICE EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. INSTEAD OF GOING LEFT, YOU GO RIGHT. INSTEAD OF GOING WEST, YOU GO NORTH. AFTER A LITTLE WHILE, YOU MUTE THE GPS BECAUSE YOU'RE TIRED OF HEARING IT BARK, "RE-CALCULATING."

IN A FEW DAYS, YOU EXPECTED TO BE IN SAN DIEGO, AND INSTEAD, YOU'RE STARING AT THE CANADIAN BORDER WONDERING WHAT WENT WRONG.

YOU KNOW WHAT WENT WRONG: YOU DIDN'T LISTEN TO THE WISDOM YOU HAD AT YOUR FINGERTIPS.

WE ALL HAVE AN INNER KNOWING IN US ... A DIVINE GPS, IF YOU WILL ... THAT CAN HELP US GET WHERE WE WANT TO GO. WHEN WE LISTEN TO OUR INTELLECTUAL MIND INSTEAD OF THAT INNER GUIDANCE SYSTEM, WE GET TURNED AROUND AND OFF COURSE.

IT MAY SEEM CONFUSING AND UNFAIR THAT THE INTELLECT THAT HELPED US NAVIGATE OUR LIVES THUS FAR APPEARS TO BETRAY US AT SOME POINT IN OUR LIVES. YET DIVINE WISDOM TRUMPS OUR HUMAN MINDS EVERY SINGLE TIME ... IN THAT THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.

YOUR HIGHER GPS IS NOT IN YOUR MIND ... IT'S IN YOUR HEART ... IT'S YOUR SOUL. WHEN YOU TUNE INTO IT AND TRUST WHAT IT TELLS YOU, YOU INVITE MIRACLES INTO YOUR LIFE.

SO WHAT WILL YOU DO DIFFERENTLY NOW THAT YOU UNDERSTAND YOU CAN MANIFEST MIRACLES THROUGH YOUR THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS?

NOW THAT YOU KNOW FIVE WAYS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN MANIFESTING MIRACLES, WHAT WILL YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

IT'S OF LITTLE USE TO HAVE THIS KNOWLEDGE IF YOU DON'T PUT THE IDEAS INTO PRACTICE.

CHANCES ARE, YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNEW THAT EVERYTHING ON THIS LIST WAS A GOOD IDEA ANYWAY.

HOPEFULLY, YOU HAVE AN EVEN GREATER APPRECIATION OF WHAT ADOPTING THESE NEW THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS CAN DO FOR YOU. THIS IS YOUR REMINDER TO MAKE DIFFERENT DECISIONS NOW.

NEED A LITTLE MORE HELP WITH MANIFESTING MIRACLES IN YOUR LIFE?

NO WORRIES, WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED. ☐



"I am your Mother Mary. My children, double up your prayers of my beads for the evil one will not stop in destroying and creating chaos in America.

Blessings will come and chaos and death will continue. God allows these to strengthen the faith of America and your resolve to be one with God in union with all of God's creation. The strength of America would stop global disaster. When America is strong, the whole world will be strong. Do not allow yourselves to be controlled by health and deceptive acts of manmade bacteria and viruses.

Trust in God's protection, my children.

TRUST, TRUST, TRUST,

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY.

Mary, Your Lady of Peace and Prosperity

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STO. NINO FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

The Spiritual Army of God the Father once again started the new year with a bang by celebrating the Feast day of the Holy Infant Jesus (Sto Nino). In Los Angeles, CA, the celebration was on January 4 and Las Vegas on January 18. The CELEBRATION for Los Angeles was held at St. Anne's Chapel of St. Anne Family Services. In Las Vegas, it was held at The Cenacle House of The Spiritual Army of God the Father. Both celebrations started with the Liturgical celebration and floral offering centered on praise, thanksgiving petition to our dear Holy Infant Jesus. The celebration culminated with the usual thanksgiving dance (Sinulog) with our Baby Jesus combining the music of sinulog and



traditional Filipino Sto Nino song by Sharon Cuneta.

WHAT IS A CELEBRATION IF IT IS WITHOUT FOOD. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR LA AND LAS VEGAS DEVOTEES WHO UNSELFISHLY DONATED LOTS OF FOOD DURING THIS SPECIAL EVENT!

VIVA STO NIÑO! PIT SENOR!

Upcoming Events

1ST FRIDAY DEVOTION

FEBRUARY 7, 2025

IN LAS VEGAS:
THE CENACLE HOUSE
AT 2:30 PM

IN LOS ANGELES: VIA ZOOM
AT 8:30 PM
VIA ZOOM

1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION

1ST SUNDAY DEVOTION

FEBRUARY 15, 2025

IN LOS ANGELES:
ST. ANNE'S CHAPEL
ST. ANNE FAMILY SERVICES
155 N. OCCIDENTAL BL.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90026

DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS AT 8:30 AM
MASS AT 9:30 AM

IN LAS VEGAS:

FEBRUARY 1, 2025
THE CENACLE HOUSE
AT 1:00 PM

1ST SUNDAY DEVOTION

IN LAS VEGAS:
FEBRUARY 2, 2025

ST. SHARBEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
MASS AT 9:30 AM FOLLOWED BY
DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS AT THE CHAPEL

800 OUR FATHER DEVOTION

FEBRUARY 15, 2025
IN LAS VEGAS: THE CENACLE HOUSE
AT 8:00 AM

IN LOS ANGELES: VIA ZOOM
MASS AT 9:30 AM

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 27, 2025

DETAILS TO FOLLOW