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## WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LENT?

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Lent is a period of fasting, moderation, and self-denial traditionally observed by Catholics and some Protestant denominations. It begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter Sunday. The length of the Lenten fast was established in the 4th century as 46 days (40 days, not counting Sundays). During Lent, participants eat sparingly or give up a particular food or habit. It's not uncommon for people to give up smoking during Lent, or to swear off watching television or eating candy or telling lies. It's six weeks of self-discipline.

Lent began as a way for Catholics to remind themselves of the value of repentance. The austerity of the Lenten season was seen as similar to how people in the Old Testament fasted and repented in sackcloth and ashes (Esther 4:1-3; Jeremiah 6:26; Daniel 9:3).

However, over the centuries Lenten observances have developed a much more "sacramental" value. Many Catholics believe that giving something up for Lent is a way to attain God's blessing. But the Bible teaches that grace cannot be earned; grace is "the gift of righteousness" (Romans 5:17). Also, Jesus taught that fasting should be done discreetly: "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen" (Matthew 6:16-18).

Fasting can be a good thing, and God is pleased when we repent of sinful habits. There's absolutely nothing wrong with setting aside some time to focus on Jesus' death and resurrection. However, repenting of sin is something we should be doing every day of the year, not just for the 46 days of Lent.

If a Christian wishes to observe Lent, he is free to do so. The key is to focus on repenting of sin and consecrating oneself to God. Lent should not be a time of boasting of one's sacrifice or trying to earn God's favor or increasing His love. God's love for us could not be any greater than it already is. □

# OVERVIEW FOR THE MONTH

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The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. The beginning of March falls during the liturgical season of Lent which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remainder of the month falls in the Easter season in which white, the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence, is the liturgical color.

During this month we will continue our journey to the cross with our acts of penitence. We will reflect on our mortality ("Remember man thou art dust") and the shortness of life ("and to dust thou shall return"). We will heed the call, "Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2)." Just like Our

Lord's earthly life every moment of our lives is leading up to the last moment — when for eternity we will either go to God or suffer the fires of hell. During this month we will go from the suffering of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday. We will trade the purple of penance for the white of victory and resurrection.

As the weeks of Lent progress let us not tire of doing our good works and penance, but continue with the enthusiasm of the catechumens on their way to Easter and Baptism. May our Lenten observance be a joyful journey — and not a forced march. ☐

## FEASTS FOR MARCH

The feasts on the General Roman Calendar celebrated during the month of March are:

- 3 Katharine Drexel (USA), Opt. Mem.
- 4 Casimir of Poland, Opt. Mem.
- 6 Fourth Sunday of Lent, Sunday
- 7 Perpetua and Felicity, Memorial
- 8 John of God, Opt. Mem.
- 9 Frances of Rome;  
St. John Ogilvie (Scotland), Opt. Mem.
- 13 Fifth Sunday of Lent, Sunday
- 17 Patrick, Opt. Mem.
- 18 Cyril of Jerusalem, Opt. Mem.
- 19 Joseph, husband of Mary, Solemnity
- 20 Palm Sunday, Sunday
- 24 Holy Thursday, Triduum

- 25 Good Friday, Triduum
- 26 Holy Saturday, Triduum
- 27 Easter Sunday, Solemnity
- 28 Easter Monday, Solemnity
- 29 Easter Tuesday, Solemnity
- 30 Easter Wednesday, Solemnity
- 31 Easter Thursday, Solemnity

This year the feast of the Annunciation will be celebrated on April 4 since the 25<sup>th</sup> falls on Good Friday. The feast of St. Toribio de Mogrovejo (March 23) is superseded by the Holy Week liturgy. ☐

### OUR CENACLE CORNER

*Seeking a deeper relationship with God  
through meditation of passages from Holy Scriptures*

#### BEING WITH THE LORD

JEREMIAH 7:23-28

JOEL 2: 12-13

LUKE 11: 14-23

# HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

## JOSEPH, A SAINT FOR THE PERPLEXED THE MAN CLOSEST TO JESUS LIVED WITH MYSTERY.

*By: Louise Perrotta*

This year as you unpack your Nativity set, take an extra moment to look at the figure of St. Joseph.

If your set is typical, you'll see him as a serene man holding a lantern or a staff. You could hardly find a better visual image of the "faithful and prudent servant" that Jesus commends for watching so carefully over his master's household (Matthew 24:45).

This is just the way Joseph is described in the first two chapters of Matthew and Luke. He is faithful, just, instantly obedient—the ideal earthly father for the Son of God. But if you read these chapters closely, you can glimpse another side: not the finished saint in all his virtue but a good person growing in holiness through testing.

Life didn't run smoothly for Joseph. Though uniquely blessed in his vocation, he ran into some twists and turns that must have left him deeply mystified. It's not too hard to picture him asking God, as we sometimes do, "Why me?" or "What's this all about?"

### **A Man Like Us. What was Joseph like?**

The way he handled emergencies like the flight to Egypt suggests that he was coolheaded, resourceful, and take-charge — just the kind of guy I'd want to find in my local emergency room or fire station. His occupation suggests that he was physically strong. The Greek word for "carpenter" (used in Matthew 13:55 and Mark 6:3) means not just a woodworker but a stonemason, a bricklayer, or a craftsman who works with hard materials.

Because Scripture doesn't ever quote Joseph directly, it's often assumed that he was the strong, silent type. More likely, the gospel writers were just trying to emphasize his uncomplaining obedience to God. But in any first-century Mediterranean village, with its narrow streets and shared courtyards, social interaction was intense and unavoidable. Personally, I see Joseph as friendly and relational, like any self-employed tradesman who is good at customer relations and business contacts.

Inwardly, though, Joseph surely knew the deep stillness in which God speaks to the heart. His faithful observance

of the Mosaic law (Luke 2:22-24,41) was clearly a response of love flowing out of a hidden life with God.

Lord, Why This? Joseph was a normal guy looking forward to marriage when he met his first great perplexity: His fiancée was pregnant — and he wasn't the father. We are not told how he took the shocking news. But since it threatened to dash his hopes for married bliss, it's reasonable to assume that he experienced some emotional turmoil.

Matthew tells us that Joseph decided to divorce Mary quietly because he was "a righteous man" who didn't want to "expose her to shame" (1:19). There's great drama behind this matter-of-fact statement. Any upright Jewish man would have been expected to separate from a bride who had committed adultery, but Joseph determined to do this in a way that would cause Mary the least unpleasantness. His "quiet divorce" solution was a sensitive and compassionate response to the situation. I suspect that he reached it after some sleepless nights and anguished conversations with God.



Joseph must have felt relieved and delighted when God spoke to him in a dream and told him to change course. But this new approach came with its own set of question marks. Who was this unusual child? What would it be like to live with a woman who belonged to God in such a unique way? Joseph must have sensed that his family life would be radically different from what he had been expecting.

Despite the questions, Joseph said yes. Taking Mary "in all the mystery of her motherhood," as John Paul II put it, he made a total gift of self that catapulted him into the very center of God's plan for the human race.

Now What? With the next angelic command — to flee to Egypt — Joseph must have felt not just perplexed but profoundly bewildered. Consider the situation from his perspective.

Joseph had been told that Jesus was conceived "through the Holy Spirit" and would "save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20-21). Comparing notes with Mary, he

learned that Jesus is the "son of David" and "the Son of God" and would "be great" (Luke 1:32-33,35). In Bethlehem, he met shepherds who told of angels announcing the birth of the "Messiah and Lord," and magi who came to worship "the king of the Jews" (Luke 2:11; Matthew 2:2).

So what was he to think when he suddenly found himself guiding his family down the road not to glory but to exile? In the heat of the moment, he had to deal with many urgent practical questions: How would he provide for Jesus and Mary on the two-hundred-mile trek? What was the safest route? How would the family survive as immigrants? Would he be able to find work?

Undoubtedly, Joseph met every challenge with the same obedient faith he had shown in responding to his dreams (Matthew 2:13-14, 20-21). But in his quiet moments, I can picture Joseph in some hut in Egypt, turning to God and pouring out his confusion: "What's this all about? How are you going to save the human race if my family and I are refugees in a foreign land?"

**Why Me?** Upon returning to Nazareth, Joseph must have enjoyed some deeply happy and peaceful years with his small family. With God present in his marriage and family in so literal a way, he was truly blessed. But he still had his challenges.

Fr. Benedict Groeschel once said: "Imagine sitting down to dinner every day with the Incarnate Word and the Immaculate Conception." Is it possible that Joseph felt just a tiny bit inadequate in his role of authority over these two, whose holiness far surpassed his? How humbling that must have been!

Though not biological, Joseph's fatherhood was nonetheless real. Jesus called him "Abba," obeyed him, and looked to him for fatherly input. But how do you raise a child as special as this? Joseph could have done it only by seeking divine help at every step, trusting that when God gives a task, he provides everything needed to fulfill it.

And so, relying on God, Joseph played an active role as Jesus' father. As was the custom, he assumed primary responsibility for Jesus' training once the boy turned three — especially for teaching him the Jewish faith. He also made it possible for Jesus to learn Hebrew, the language of Scripture. Most villagers of the day knew Aramaic only; when Scripture was read aloud in the synagogue, they waited for the accompanying translations and homilies to understand what they had heard.

Like other Nazareth dads, Joseph passed on his trade. In his home workshop, he taught Jesus how to make and repair things like plows and lamp stands. On construction sites, Joseph & Son worked side by side, wrestling foundation stones and roof beams into place.

Joseph embraced his calling so fully that everyone in Nazareth thought of Jesus as the carpenter's son and were astonished when he began to preach in "gracious words" and perform "mighty deeds" (Luke 4:22; Matthew

13:54). Their reaction also indicates that during his growing-up years, Jesus worked no miracles that might have dispelled the image of an ordinary family going about its business.

**What's Going On?** So there was Joseph, living at the heart of the greatest mystery ever, but not seeing the spectacular miracles you'd expect if the Messiah were living under your roof. He couldn't have forgotten the prophecies and miracles surrounding Jesus' birth. So the situation must have been increasingly mystifying. How could the Messiah fulfill his mission if he was living a hidden life in a small village of a few hundred people?

On the one hand, Joseph knew Jesus intimately, the way you do when you live with someone day-in and day-out. On the other hand, Jesus' full identity and mission were shrouded in deep mystery. There was something about their son that neither Joseph nor Mary could quite get. When, at the finding in the Temple, Jesus explained that he had to be in his Father's house, "they did not understand what he said to them." It was not the first time they were bewildered about their son (Luke 2:18,33,47-48,50).

Mary pondered all of these events (Luke 2:19,51) and went on to become Jesus' first and best disciple. Joseph, it seems, wasn't given that opportunity. Since he disappears from the story after the family's pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and Mary appears without him at Cana, the assumption is that he died sometime before Jesus began his public work. It is poignant to consider that he never saw the fulfillment of the mission to which he had given himself so completely.

**Who Do You Say I Am?** In the Nativity icon known to Eastern Catholics and other Christians of the Eastern churches, Joseph is pictured hunched over in a posture that suggests inner turmoil over Mary's mysterious pregnancy. Sometimes an old man — the devil in disguise — is shown speaking to him, trying to fill him with doubts about Jesus' divine origin.

The drama portrayed in the icon is not Joseph's alone. Again and again, each of us has to answer Jesus' question: "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15). Is this really God's Son? Can I accept the reality of the Incarnation in all its mystery? Can I open myself to God's saving power? Can I trust him when life turns confusing?

Though he lived with unsolved mysteries, Joseph gave God a wholehearted yes. Like the wise man — a wise carpenter — he built his house on rock (Matthew 7:24): He heard God's word and did it.

Called off the beaten track and beyond his comfort level, Joseph walked by faith. Whenever we find ourselves puzzled, perplexed, or deeply mystified, Joseph's — and intercession — can help us do the same.

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# GOD TOUCHED ME

## BYE FOR NOW SISTER GIRL – UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!

*for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord;  
therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

*- Romans 14:8*

*By April K. Araneta, a devotee*

In 2009, I was blessed to meet Kristen at our orientation at Mount Saint Mary's College. When I first met Kristen, I felt as if she emitted this peaceful and warm aura. Something I just could not fully describe. From the very beginning I could tell that there was something really unique about her. It was as if God was telling me, "This girl is going to be a very special friend to you." And as I got to know her, I learned that this was true about her and so much more.

I believe that my friendship with Kristen was a unique one. She and I had many similar interests, i.e. love for Disney, Anime, eating, binge watching shows on Netflix, etc. Although our schedules didn't always coincide, we tried to spend as much time with each other as we could. During a few of her hospitalizations, I would spend some nights at the hospital with her. And like normal sleepovers, we rented movies, watched Netflix, ate to our hearts content, stayed up until the wee hours in the morning (Sorry, Tita Aida!) and of course, gossiped. We told each other stories and vented to each other, like what two young women would normally do at sleepovers. Although it was a long drive to City of Hope, it was always worth it. In a way, I think those sleepovers helped both of us. They gave Kristen the opportunity to feel like a "normal" young woman and it allowed me to spend quality time with one of my closest friends.

But what made our friendship different was that we also connected on a spiritual level that is so rare to find nowadays. Every 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, she would attend our devotion to Mother Mary with our prayer group, The Spiritual Army of God the Father. Here, Kristen and I truly bonded. We not only prayed for each other, but prayed together. Besides Kristen's loving family and friends, God and Mother Mary were Kristen's powerful crutches that carried her throughout her journey.



Kristen was the type of person that cared about others more than herself. More often than not, I felt like I came to vent to her, rather than vice versa. And I always felt horrible about this. Most of the time I would catch myself and apologize for not asking how she was doing. And typical Kristen would brush it off and tell me to forget about her and continue to console me about whatever frivolous problem I had at the time. This was the kind of person she was. No matter how she was feeling or how much pain she was in, she was still concerned for others.

Kristen was a true example of human perseverance and faith in God. After an amputation, seven lung surgeries, and numerous rounds of chemo, radiation and



immunotherapy, she continued to have the strength and faith to continue on with her fight against cancer. Despite the many obstacles placed in her way, Kristen continued to live her life to

the fullest. Even with her treatment and physical therapy, Kristen continued to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. Kristen strongly believed that "if God put you to it, He can bring you through it." And she was the perfect embodiment of that.

To this day, I believe it was no accident that Kristen and I met at our college orientation seven years ago. I believe God truly sent me an angel and blessed me with such a beautiful friendship that I will cherish forever. Kristen, you inspire me to not only be a better nurse, but a better person. Although I am deeply saddened that you are no longer with us, I am sincerely happy for you. I am thankful and blessed to have known you. I thank God that so many people love you -- both family and friends alike. I am grateful that you no longer feel the pain of this world. And lastly, I'm truly jealous that you can finally be with our Lord Jesus and of course our beautiful Mother Mary. Until we meet again, Sister Girl, until we meet again. I love you!☐

## AS WE GRIEVE WITH HOPE . . . .

*V. Araneta*

*The Spiritual Army of God the Father*



**KRISTEN CARREON TUASON  
1991-2016**

Although this day is a day of sadness and mourning, it is not a hopeless day for all of us who are left behind. For our beloved sister is walking amongst the Angels that captivate the very essence of God's promise of resurrection. *We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him.* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

As we grieve our loss, we need to remember what Kristen has gained. St Paul said we don't grieve for Kristen as if we had no hope because Kristen "will be with the Lord forever".

Because Kristen's life belonged to Christ, Christ's unending life now belongs to Kristen.

Kristen is with the God who created her. She is with the God who kept her pain-free even in the final hours of her struggle.

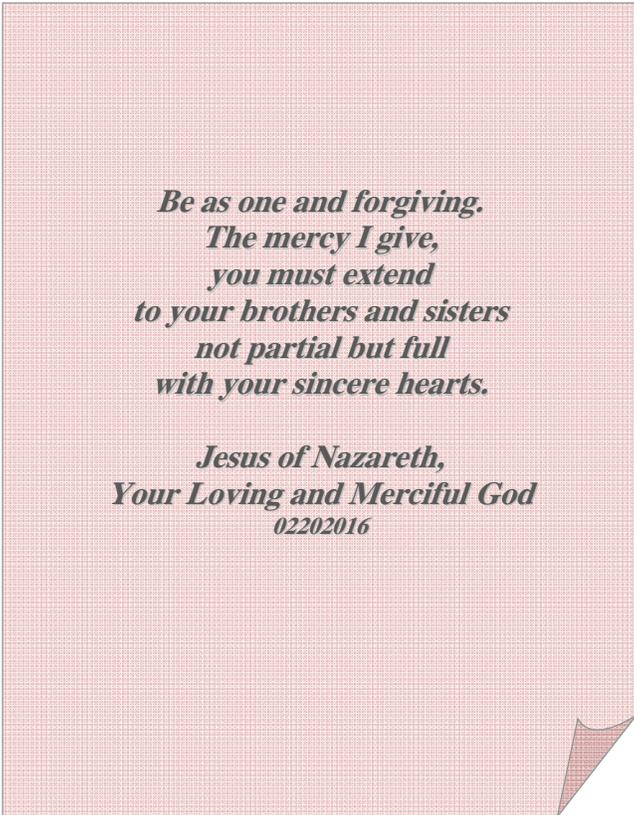
She is with the God who gave her a completely devoted family to care for and love her.

She is with the God who loved her so much that He went to the Cross to bear the weight of her sins so she could have this Hope.

She is with the God whom death could not hold in the tomb.

She is with the God who lives. And Kristen lives. . . . .  
In glory.

We grieve, but in Christ, we grieve with great hope! ☐



# SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED

## 10 THINGS TO FAST FROM THIS LENT INSTEAD OF CHOCOLATE

CHANGING UP YOUR USUAL PRACTICE MAY BEAR NEW SPIRITUAL FRUIT

*Zoe Romanowsky*

Chocolate, candy, and sweets are common Lenten sacrifices, but giving up the same thing every year can begin to feel like a routine rather than a sacrifice. Fasting should be a meaningful gesture of self-denial out of love for God. All the better if it helps us grow in self-control and deeper appreciation for various pleasures, conveniences and luxuries in our lives. If you want to try something a little different this year, consider the following alternatives.

1. **Screen time and digital devices.** Most of us have some level of attachment to our gadgets and digital media, and Lent is the perfect time to fast from them. Perhaps it's no TV before bedtime, no random web surfing during the day, or no social media until Easter. You might consider going completely screens-free on weekends or using your smartphone for essential communication only.
2. **Negative talk and criticism.** It's a rare person who doesn't criticize others occasionally or engage in some form of negative talk — a light jab here, an unnecessary comment there. Fasting from this kind of speech is much easier said than done, but it's a powerful act of self-denial that can change you for the better.
3. **Hot showers.** There's nothing like a hot shower to get your morning started, but consider turning that temperature down and submitting yourself to lukewarm or cold showers instead. Another alternative is to set a timer and take short showers instead of leisurely ones. (Which of course will be easy the colder the water is!) In February and March, this can be an especially tough sacrifice. Then again, Jesus died on the cross for you. Just saying.
4. **Non-essential shopping.** Many people have a hard time **saying** no to the latest gadget, a fabulous new pair of shoes or little extras like gourmet coffees when they're out and about. Consider staying away from shops during Lent. You can take this a step further and give some of the money you save as alms — another pillar of Lenten practice.
5. **Snacking.** Americans sure like their snacks, and snacks are often harder to give up than actual meals because they're our comfort foods — what we reach for when we're stressed, tired or just want to relax. Saying no to this pleasurable habit can make you more aware of your dependence on God. It can also help you drop a few pounds and save on groceries. Not the real reasons you should do it, of course, but additional motivators never hurt.
6. **Music and talk radio.** Lent invites us to quiet **ourselves** and listen for the still, small voice of God.

Fasting from our usual music playlists, talk radio programs, podcasts and books on tape are a way to do that — especially when we're in the car. Facing the quiet can be uncomfortable, but we discover God in silence.

7. **Shortcuts.** Shortcuts here refers to the things we do out of laziness or pure convenience — like taking the **elevator** when we could take the stairs; driving our car three blocks when we could walk; buying a packaged meal when we could make it ourselves. Some conveniences are necessary to make the rest of life work, but which ones could you sacrifice in order to deny yourself, turn your mind toward God and build better habits?
8. **Scents.** This one may seem strange, but scents are a powerful part of modern life, and we're more dependent on them than we realize — think room fresheners, air **fresheners** in the car, dryer sheets, perfumes, deodorants, scented candles and body products. For Lent, put away some of these for a while or switch to scentless. This is not an invitation to neglect your hygiene, of course — that wouldn't be very charitable, and charity trumps all — but denying yourself some of your olfactory pleasures can be an interesting exercise.
9. **Art.** Many churches still have the custom of covering crucifixes and statues during Lent, particularly for the Holy Triduum. One benefit of this tradition is that it helps the faithful focus on the essentials as well as give the church a sense of barrenness. Consider doing something like this at home by covering your religious images — especially on Good Friday — or taking down some of your art or decorations. It will help you to ponder a world without beauty, and allow you to appreciate the visual pleasures you surround yourself with.
10. **Everything yummy.** Forget about chocolate — that's easy-peasy. Our Orthodox brothers and sister fast from sugar, alcohol and animal products during Lent. That means no butter, cream or yogurt, as well as anything with sugar (including that glass of wine with dinner). No beef, pork or chicken, either. Even if you don't want to give up everything you normally eat, approach meal planning with a Lenten attitude: cook simpler meals and refrain from foods and ingredients you consider more decadent or celebratory.

Have a fruitful Lent!

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# SPIRITUAL ARMY NEWS DISPATCH

## PRAYING THE STATIONS WITH THE SPIRITUAL ARMY

The Way of the Cross, also known as the Stations of the Cross, is a way to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us. The scenes from the Way of the Cross have provided inspirations for meditations on the passion and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Developed during the Crusades when the knights and pilgrims

began to follow the route of Christ's way to Calvary, this devotion is highly promulgated by the Church, especially during the Lenten season.

The Spiritual Army of God the Father will be doing the Station of the Cross service during the First Saturday devotion. As we contemplate on the passion of our Lord through the meditations presented by the author Richard Furey, let us focus our hearts on the words that the Blessed Mother tries to convey to us from her sorrowful heart on each phase in the passion of Christ, her

PRAYING THE STATIONS  
WITH MARY  
THE MOTHER OF JESUS



RICHARD FUREY

beloved Son and our Redeemer.

Our encounter with our Savior's sufferings in each station gives us insights on how the Lord "responded" to His mother in a unique way. His responses were communicated through inner locutions to an individual whom our Lord calls "Son helper of God My Father" way back in 2004 during a Lenten community Stations of the Cross in one of the churches in Los Angeles. These "messages" as we call, presented in the Prayer Booklet in bold face fonts, reveal the feelings of our Lord towards His Mother and the humankind which He intimately refers to as His creation. It zeroes in on the way the Son of God breaks into emotional responses like, His love, His innermost sensibilities – both human and Divine -- a caring heart for His sorrowing Mother, a forgiving Heart to sinners like us, and most of all, His obliging Self to be the sacrificial Lamb for the redemption of man, as had been willed and planned by our Eternal Father.

Let us now meditate and feel the Divine experience of redemption by our LORD JESUS CHRIST whom GOD calls "MY SON THE BELOVED, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED." □

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TOY DRIVE FOR THE LOS ANGELES CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

PLEASE DROP OFF  
YOUR NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS  
EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAYS AT  
THE CONVENT OF  
THE SISTER DISCIPLES OF  
THE DIVINE MASTER

### PRAYING THE STATIONS WITH MOTHER MARY

11:00 AM  
SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016  
CONVENT OF THE SISTER  
DISCIPLES OF THE DIVINE  
MASTER  
LOS ANGELES, CA

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

1:00 PM  
SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016  
MONASTERY OF THE ANGELS  
LOS ANGELES, CA

### PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND & JORDAN

DECEMBER 5-15, 2016  
DAILY ACTIVITIES AND OTHER  
INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE AT  
[WWW.SPIRITUALARMYOFGOD.ORG](http://WWW.SPIRITUALARMYOFGOD.ORG)

# THANK YOU

*... a small and simple phrase that comes from a grateful heart!*

*Psalm 106:2*

## THE 2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION

The Spiritual Army of God the Father acknowledges with thanks our generous March sponsors of the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion. We are grateful that we have merited their partnership and support in providing a venue of spirituality and fellowship for the devotees of God the Father.

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## FOR PRAYERS HEARD AND PETITIONS GRANTED

HOW DO WE RESPOND WHEN OUR CRY FOR MERCY RECEIVES ITS LOVING ANSWER FROM OUR MASTER?

WE NEED TO PRAISE AND THANK JESUS FOR HIS HEALING POWER, MERCY, AND GRACE.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU FELL FACE DOWN AND PRAISED JESUS?

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU PRAISED AND THANKED THE LORD

FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE FOR YOU

WITH A GENUINE HEART AND A PROSTRATE POSTURE?

*We would like to thank our prayer warriors for the prayers and petitions they offer to Almighty God on behalf of Arthur Calderon, Christina Alabastro and Stacey Alabastro. By the grace of God, the medical procedures or treatment they underwent or received were all successful and all of them are doing well. Thank you, Lord!*

*- Frank & Beth Lim*

*Thank you Lord for Kristen! And the many lessons of faith, dreams, pain and suffering you taught us through her.*

*- The Spiritual Army of God the Father*

*Thank you Eternal Father for the many blessings, gifts and graces that were shared and granted during our Marriage Enrichment weekend. For the marriages that were reignited and strengthened through the Holy Spirit -- all the participant and volunteer couples bore witness to your great love for all of us. You are ever present in all our marriages, right by our side during the happy times and carrying us through life's trials. Thank you for loving us!*

*- Ruth & Bon Mercado  
Denise & Gerrard Gier*

# DEVOTION SCHEDULE



## THE SPIRITUAL ARMY OF GOD THE FATHER

cordially invites you to the following devotions:

### IN LOS ANGELES:

#### 1st Saturday Devotion

The Convent of the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master | 501 N. Beaudry Avenue | (213) 250-7962  
Holy Mass starts at 8:30 A.M. | 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotional Prayers follow.

#### Devotion to God the Father

Every 1st Sunday of the Month | The Monastery of the Angels | 1977 Carmen Avenue on Gower | (323) 466-2186  
12:30 P.M. - Rosary to the Father | 1:15 P.M. - Holy Mass  
2:00 P.M. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### 2000 Hail Mary Devotion – March 19, 2016

at the Convent of the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master | starting at 8:30 a.m.  
*Please call Victor at (213) 385-7798 if you wish to become a Sponsor of the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion.*

### IN CHINO HILLS:

#### Sacred Heart Devotional Group for Departed Souls

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month | 16657 Tourmaline Street | Chino Hills, CA 91709  
Devotional Prayers start at 8:30 P.M.

### IN LAS VEGAS:

#### Sacred Heart and Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion for Departed Souls

Every 1st Friday of the Month  
at The Cenacle House in The Enclave 8455 W. Sahara Avenue #172 | Las Vegas, NV 89117  
Devotional Prayers start at 2:30 P.M.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotion

at Saint Frances de Sales Parish | 1111 Michael Way | Las Vegas, NV 80108 at 8:00 AM  
Devotional Prayers follow.

and

at The Cenacle House in The Enclave | 8455 West Sahara Avenue #172, | Las Vegas, NV 89117 at 1:00 PM  
Cenacle will be at 10:00 AM before the devotional prayers.

*Please call Evelyn at (702)274-4315 for entry to The Enclave or for more information.*

#### Devotion to God the Father

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month from 2:00 to 3:30 P.M.  
at The Cenacle House in The Enclave | 8455 West Sahara Avenue #172, | Las Vegas, NV 89117

#### 2000 Hail Mary Devotion – March 19, 2016

*Please call (702) 255-9616 or (702) 274-4315 for  
dates and venues for the coming months or for more information or if you wish to Sponsor the Devotion.*

#### Mother of Perpetual Help Novena & Rosary Prayers

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month after the 7:30 AM Mass  
St. Francis de Sales Parish | 1111 Michael Way | Las Vegas, NV 89108

### IN THE PHILIPPINES

#### 2000 Hail Mary Devotion - Metro Manila Area

Letty Rollan has organized the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion in various areas of Metro Manila through the members of the "Mother Butler." Please call her U.S. Vonage phone (510) 779-6652, text her at Manila #916-384-9300, and/or call her Manila landline 939-4677. Mention Mila Lumba's name to be recognized.