



# 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY DEVOTION NEWSLETTER

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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). Jesus' command to "wash your face" seems to conflict with the practice of rubbing ashes on one's face on Ash Wednesday.

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:

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|----|--|----|------------------------------------|
| 1  | Ash Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Lent | 18 | Cyril of Jerusalem, Opt. Mem.      |
| 3  | Katharine Drexel (USA), Opt. Mem.          | 19 | Third Sunday of Lent, Sunday       |
| 4  | Casimir of Poland, Opt. Mem.               | 20 | Joseph, husband of Mary, Solemnity |
| 5  | First Sunday of Lent, Sunday               | 23 | Turibio de Mogrovejo, Opt. Mem.    |
| 7  | Perpetua and Felicity, Memorial            | 25 | Annunciation of the Lord, Sunday   |
| 8  | John of God, Opt. Mem.                     | 26 | Fourth Sunday of Lent, Sunday      |
| 9  | Frances of Rome, Opt. Mem.                 |    |                                    |
| 12 | Second Sunday of Lent, Sunday              |    |                                    |
| 17 | Patrick, Opt. Mem.                         |    |                                    |

The feast of St. Joseph (March 19), is superseded by the Sunday liturgy and will be celebrated on March 20. ☐

### OUR CENACLE CORNER

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

### TRUST AND ACCEPTANCE BEFORE GOD

***Healing must start  
from everyone.  
Something  
coming from ME  
will happen in the days  
to come.***

*Jesus of Nazareth,  
Your loving God  
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# 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

## MY STORY OF ST. JOSEPH'S INTERCESSION

*By Kimberly Cook on March 19, 2015*

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In honor of the great feast of St. Joseph, beloved foster father of Jesus, I decided to share my miraculous story of this holy man's intercession. Here is my St. Joseph Story.

A few years prior to meeting my husband, I considered a vocation to The Sisters of Life. At that time, the Sisters had been given a very generous portion of land to build a retreat house, on the picturesque grounds of Stamford, Connecticut. They wasted no time with this gift, establishing a camp on the grounds, and asked for help from any volunteers who were willing to come rebuild a condemned church. The Franciscan invitation to "Rebuild my Church" was a calling that I couldn't refuse.

I was working as a campus minister in DC at the time, and had a strong and growing devotion to the Blessed Mother, usually devoting the whole month of May to meditate upon her role in the life of Jesus. It struck me that particular May, that I did not really have any relationship with her spouse, St. Joseph. Surely, I respected him greatly as the father of Christ on earth and the spouse and protector of Mary. His many yeses to God and his gentle saintly nature never made me question his goodness...but, I just didn't know him like I thought I should.

Deciding that I should also devote a month to St. Joseph exclusively, yet not really knowing where to start in establishing a relationship with the heavenly patron, I lifted up a prayer to the Holy Spirit. I would leave it in His capable hands to give me some guidance. As I went about my tasks on campus, I picked up a book, and out fell a folded piece of paper. To my amazement, it was none other than a Thirty Days' prayer to St. Joseph. Wow! I didn't even know that something like that existed. The Holy Spirit worked super quickly on that one.

I planned to dedicate the month of June to St. Joseph the worker, and to use the thirty days to ask for illumination on the nature of this saint. At the same time, I contacted the Sisters and told them that I would

be packing up my car and driving out to Connecticut to help rebuild the church!

I excitedly began the prayer the day before I left on my travels, knowing it had been hand selected by the Holy Spirit! As I was packing my bags, I continued to tell myself that the only thing that really mattered was bringing that prayer.

Stopping for one night at my parents' house along the way, I could NOT believe that the prayer was nowhere to be found. "Oh well," I told myself, "at least it is missing now while I still have internet access and can track it down and print it out." For hours I scoured the internet, reading through hundreds of St. Joseph prayers, yet none were the one that had fallen out of the book. Frustrated, I printed out a different one and went to bed.

The next day, I hopped in my car and made my way to a surprisingly rural and beautiful part of Connecticut. As I pulled up the long drive of the camp, I saw many tents set up and people scattered busily around the grounds. I was greeted by a joyful Sister in a blue and white habit, who said "Welcome to Camp St. Joseph!" That struck me as the first confirmation that I was in the right place to track down the details of this mysterious man who raised Jesus.

The Sister went on to tell me that they had decided to dedicate the camp to St. Joseph the worker, and that they had begun a thirty day prayer to him. I gave

a little chuckle and told her that I had also started a novena to St. Joseph. She then assured me that it could not be the same prayer they were using, because they were using a very rare one. I told her that there must be several very rare ones, because I could not find the one I had anywhere on the internet.

Later that evening, the Sisters passed the prayers around to each of the volunteers. My eyes must have been as big as saucers when I looked down at the paper in my hand. My eyes met across the room with the Sister I had been greeted by earlier that day, and she just smiled and shook her head in amazement.



First, the Holy Spirit had allowed the prayer to fall out of a random book on the same day I asked Him for a St. Joseph prayer. Then, He allowed me to lose it, so that I could verify, after hours of searching, how rare it was. Finally, He led me to Camp St. Joseph, and put the same prayer right back into my hand.

In amazement, I enjoyed those two weeks with the Sisters of Life and the good-hearted volunteers who came to help. We worked, we laughed, we prayed, and we sang. There were pranks, good meals together, a church that got built from the ground up, and holy adoration in its walls for the first time.

But most importantly, I learned who St. Joseph was. Who he was to Mary, to Jesus, and to me. I knew why God had intentionally chosen him, just as He had chosen holy prophets for ages before him.

The Holy Spirit blessed my quest for the real St. Joseph, not just the silent statue holding the lilies at the front of the church.

As for the thirty day prayer, my prayers were not only answered in greater amounts than I ever could have asked, but it has been passed along and brought many blessings to others as well.

Through that prayer, a beautiful relationship with St. Joseph blossomed, my vocation was slowly revealed, and those unique qualities of St. Joseph were manifest to me in my own St. Joseph (who gave me lilies the first time he gave me flowers).

Happy Feast of St. Joseph! ☐

## THIRTY DAYS' PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH IN HONOR OF THE 30 YEARS HE SPENT WITH JESUS AND MARY

Ever blessed and glorious Joseph, kind and loving Father, and helpful friend of all in sorrow! You are the good father and protector of orphans, the defender of the defenseless, the patron of those in need and sorrow. Look kindly on my request. My sins have drawn down on me the just displeasure of my God, and so I am surrounded with unhappiness. To you, loving guardian of the Family of Nazareth, do I go for help and protection.

Listen, then, I beg you, with fatherly concern, to my earnest prayers, and obtain for me the favor I ask.

I ask it by the infinite mercy of the eternal Son of God, which moved Him to take our nature and to be born into this world of sorrow.

I ask it by the weariness and suffering you endured when you found no shelter at the inn of Bethlehem for

the holy Virgin, nor a place where the Son of God could be born. Then, being everywhere refused, you had to allow the Queen of Heaven to give birth to the world's Redeemer in a cave.

I ask it by the loveliness and power of that sacred Name, Jesus, which you conferred on the adorable Infant.

I ask it by that painful torture you felt at the prophecy of holy Simeon, which declared the Child Jesus and His holy Mother future victims of our sins and of their great love for us.

I ask it through your sorrow and pain of soul when the angel declared to you that the life of the Child Jesus was sought by His enemies. From their evil plan you had to flee with Him and His Blessed Mother into Egypt. I ask it by all the suffering, weariness, and labors of that long and dangerous journey.

I ask it by all your care to protect the Sacred Child and His Immaculate Mother during your second journey, when you were ordered to return to your own country. I ask it by your peaceful life in Nazareth where you met with so many joys and sorrows.

I ask it by your great distress when the adorable Child was lost to you and His Mother for three days. I ask it by your joy at finding Him in the Temple, and by the comfort you found at Nazareth, while living in the company of the Child Jesus. I ask it by the wonderful submission He showed in His obedience to you.

I ask it by the perfect love and conformity you showed in accepting the Divine order to depart from this life, and from the company of Jesus and Mary. I ask it by the joy which filled your soul, when the Redeemer of the world, triumphant over death and hell, entered into the possession of His kingdom and led you into it with special honors.

I ask it through Mary's glorious Assumption, and through that endless happiness you have with her in the presence of God.

O good father! I beg you, by all your sufferings, sorrows and joys, to hear me and obtain for me what I ask. *(Here name your petitions or think of them.)*

Obtain for all those who have asked my prayers everything that is useful to them in the plan of God. Finally, my dear patron and father, be with me and all who are dear to me in our last moments, that we may eternally sing the praises of JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH!

"A blameless life, St. Joseph, May we lead, by your kind patronage, from danger freed." ☐

# SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED

## YOUR HAND GUIDES ME

### AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR LENT.

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There are two common ways that people prepare for Confession in Lent. They make a list of sins they want to put behind them. Or they review past entries in their prayer journals to identify personal struggles.

But no matter how self-aware we become, we are not our own final judges - God is. Fortunately, he's a "judge" who knows us intimately and loves us tenderly. According to Psalm 139, God formed our inmost being. He is aware of our virtuous inclinations along with every temptation that ripples through us. Since God is familiar with all our ways, he is the perfect guide to accompany us as we examine our consciences.

This year, try to have an open conversation with the Lord. Be open to God's guidance about areas He wants to change or restore. Your time with Him can be comfortable but honest, like working out a problem with a friend over a hot drink. With the psalmist, invite the Lord to examine you and show you a new way:

***Probe me, God, know my heart; know my thoughts. See if there is a wicked path in me; lead me along an ancient path. (Psalm 139:23-24).***



There is a pathway to goodness, and it starts with repentance. Only you and God know the areas of your life most in need of His healing touch. The list doesn't have to be long; repentance in one area can cause a chain reaction in others. Resolving your pride, for example, might put an end to jealous tendencies.

Whatever your examination brings up, know that God's response to you is mercy. You are precious to Him—*He knit you in your mother's womb (Psalm 139:13)*. So sit quietly with Him, and ask Him to show you yourself. When an area of sin comes to mind, know that God is guiding you back to Him.

Listed here are some areas you may want to examine during your time with the Lord.

**Worship.** Keeping the Sabbath, honoring God in speech, praying regularly.

Lord, how can I get to know You more deeply? Do I love You with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength? Is there a prayer, devotion, Sacrament, or virtue that You want me to pursue?

**Relationships.** Parents, children, spouse, co-workers, friends, strangers, married, single, religious.

Holy Spirit, what relationships need reconciliation, healing, and gentle love from me?

Is there anyone I can encourage or reach out to in a spirit of generosity?

How can I draw closer to the people I am distant from?

#### **Stewardship.**

Finances, property, assigned duties, the earth, people under your care, tithing.

Father, what are your priorities? Who is on your heart? How can I conduct my affairs with your heart of mercy? Is there an area of stewardship that you want me to reexamine?

**Heart Matters.** Lying, cheating, coveting, lust, adultery.

God, how can I purify my thoughts and intentions?

What is the truth you want me to understand?

How can I stay accountable in these matters of the heart?

**Service.** Family, the elderly, the poor, the sick, neighbors, ministries, work, recreation.

Jesus, am I spending my time well?

Have I made any activity or person an idol by accident?

Is there a person, a group of people or a work that you want me to serve? Did I put others above you?

# 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.

PRAYING THE STATIONS  
WITH MARY  
THE MOTHER OF JESUS



RICHARD FUREY

The Spiritual Army of God the Father will be doing the Station of the Cross service during the First Saturday devotion in March and April. 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 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 4, 2017  
CONVENT OF THE  
SISTER DISCIPLES OF THE  
DIVINE MASTER  
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### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

1:00 PM  
SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017  
MONASTERY OF THE ANGELS  
LOS ANGELES, CA

AND

2:30 PM  
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES  
1111 MICHAEL WAY  
LAS VEGAS, NV 89108

# THANK YOU

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

*Psalm 106:2*

## THE 2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION

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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?

*Lord, I cannot thank you enough for All you have done in our times of sorrow. It has been a year since and while it will never be the same again, we are back on our feet. We have had several incidents (goose bumps) when Kristen was in our midst as Guardian 😊! We don't only know but also FEEL her guidance! Friends & Families have stories to share all the time!*

*Again we are very GRATEFUL to ALL of YOU!*

*Love & Prayers,  
The Tuasons ❤️☐😊😊*

*Thank You very much, my Lord and my God, for sending Your angels to the Las Vegas group, for their invaluable support in making Your ministry known and loved by more people. I also thank the angels, specifically, Guada Eugenio, Mila Lumba, Maria Sheets, Nicet Santos, Alex & Gloria Dilan, Dan & Ofelia Villanueva and Joyce Ulmer for sharing their time, talent and treasure in the preparation and organization of God the Father's ministry.*

*- Evelyn Pua*

*Thank you, Lord, for all the blessings showered on my son and me every day. Thank you, too, for letting me organize the first Holt Infant Jesus celebration at my parish last January 14, 2017. It was very successful. Thank you God the Father. Thank you Lord Jesus.*

*- Lilia Tuazon*

# 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 18, 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 89108 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 25, 2017

*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

All Wednesdays 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.