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THE CONQUEST OF JESUS CHRIST

by Dr. Adrian Rogers

All the great religious leaders of history have one thing in common: they are dead. Only one man has risen from a grave never again to taste death. Jesus Christ rose again! God validated His Kingship and accepted His payment for our sins with one incredible stroke: He raised Jesus from the dead!

Acts 4 reveals five things that are true right now because Jesus is alive...

His Persecution Continues

It is impossible to persecute a dead man — he's beyond your reach! But Jesus continues to be persecuted. The Bible makes it clear. When Saul had been persecuting early believers, Jesus Himself said on the road to Damascus, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?"

In Acts 3, a miracle occurred right at the door of the Temple. The religious establishment was angry. Peter and John made sure everyone knew Jesus was responsible for it.

Peter . . . answered . . . why marvel ye at this . . . as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? (3:12)

Peter's words cut like saber as he told them, "through faith in His name" (v. 16), Jesus, who they had put to death, had healed the lame man and "God has raised [Him] from the dead; whereof we are witnesses" (v. 15). The reaction was persecution.

. . . the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, being grieved that they taught the people and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. Acts 4:1-2

Because Jesus Christ is alive, He is still being persecuted. The apostles received the brunt of it, but in the truest sense, it was the Lord Jesus being persecuted. When you persecute the church, you're persecuting Jesus.

If you're not being persecuted, don't boast about it, for the Bible says "all who live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." If there's no persecution, it's not because the world has gotten more "churchy," but the church has gotten more worldly.

His Preaching Convinces

Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed . . . about five thousand. (4:4)

How were these unlettered fishermen able to preach and five thousand come to Christ? Because He lives. They were not dependent upon their power of oratory, winsomeness or logic. There was a living Christ inside them.

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OVERVIEW FOR THE MONTH

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The month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit. The entire month falls during the Easter season. The liturgical color is white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

After our solemn commemoration of the last days and death of Our Lord we will spend the month of April celebrating -- basking in the joy of the Resurrection. We continue throughout the entire month our cry, "Christ is risen, Christ is truly risen." The Feast of Divine Mercy offers us the opportunity to begin again as though we were newly baptized. The unfathomable mercy of God is

made manifest today if we but accept His most gracious offer. Easter is the feast of feasts, the unalloyed joy and gladness of all Christians. This truly is "the day that the Lord has made." From Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father. ☐

FEASTS FOR APRIL

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

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| 1 Easter Friday, Solemnity | 25 St. Mark, Feast |
| 2 Easter Saturday, Solemnity | 28 Peter Chanel (NZ, Feast); Louis Mary de Montfort;
Gianna Molla, mother (Italy), Opt. Mem. |
| 3 Divine Mercy Sunday, Solemnity | 29 Catherine of Siena, Memorial |
| 4 Isidore of Seville, Opt. Mem. | 30 Pius V; Bl. Marie de l'Incarnacion (Can), Memorial |
| 5 Vincent Ferrer, Opt. Mem. | |
| 7 John Baptist de la Salle, Opt. Mem. | |
| 10 Third Sunday of Easter, Sunday | |
| 11 Stanislaus of Cracow, Opt. Mem. | |
| 13 Martin I, Opt. Mem. | |
| 17 Fourth Sunday of Easter, Sunday | |
| 21 Anselm, Opt. Mem. | |
| 23 George; Adalbert, Opt. Mem. | |
| 24 Fifth Sunday of Easter, Sunday | |

The feast of St. Francis of Paola (April 2) falls during Easter Week and is superseded by the Holy Days. The feast of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (April 24) falls on Sunday so is superseded the Sunday liturgy. ☐

OUR CENACLE CORNER

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

THE LOVE AND THE MERCY OF GOD

BY FR. VINCENT HUGHES

ON ASH WEDNESDAY 2016, FR. VINCENT RECEIVED THE HOLY FATHER'S MANDATE TO BE A PREACHER OF MERCY AND CONFESSOR FULL OF MERCY AT ST. PETER'S BASILICA IN ROME. HE IS ONE OF THE 1000 CATHOLIC PRIESTS TO BECOME "MISSIONARIES OF MERCY" DURING POPE FRANCIS' JUBILEE YEAR. AS SUCH FR. VINCENT WILL LEAD VARIOUS RETREATS, PARISH AND DIOCESAN MISSIONS, WITH A PARTICULAR CONCERN FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

THE HOLY FATHER HAS ALSO GRANTED MISSIONARIES OF MERCY THE AUTHORITY EVEN THOSE SINS RESERVED FOR THE HOLY SEE TO PARDON.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

DIVINE MERCY HOMILY SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

By Deacon Pat Kearns

Acts 5:12-16 | Rev 1:9-13, 17-19 | Jn 20:19-31

Today is The Feast of Divine Mercy, or better known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

On February 22, 1931, a young Polish nun, Sister Faustina, saw a vision of Jesus with Rays of Mercy streaming from the area of His heart. Christ told her to have an image painted to represent this vision and to sign it, "Jesus, I trust in You."

In a series of revelations, Christ taught her that His mercy is unlimited and available even to the greatest sinners, and he revealed special ways for people to respond to His mercy.

My question to you is, Do we really understand Christ's Mercy?

When we look at the Gospel reading today. When Jesus appears to his apostles, he says to them, "Peace be with you." They were not at peace. They knew Jesus Christ, they believed in Him (sort of), but they were not at peace. And in the second reading we hear Our Lord say, "Do not be afraid."

Why should we be afraid?

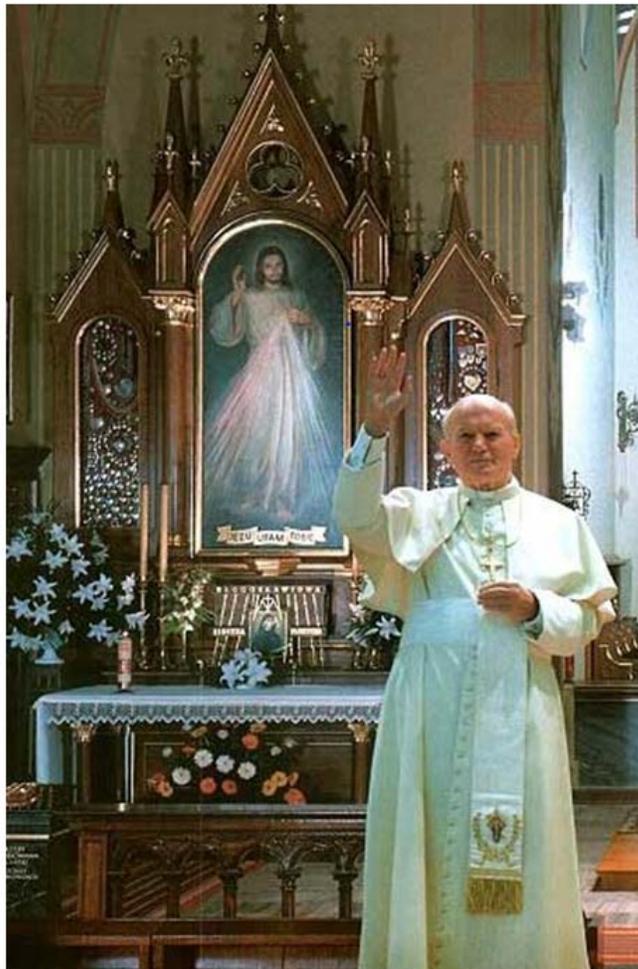
The only reason we would be afraid, the only reason we would not be at peace is because we don't trust Him. We don't fully believe. In our heads, we know; but in our hearts, we don't accept. We keep Jesus at an arm's distance so that our lives don't have to change. We don't want to let him in very far because we know that it will do something to us; something wonderful, something incredible, but we don't know what. So we don't let him any closer. We are afraid to be vulnerable with God.

When we look at the Today's Scriptures, and listen to our Lord's words, He tells us: "Do Not be afraid. Be at Peace." We are also shown how the Holy Spirit is breathed upon the disciples and how they are given the authority to forgive sins, our sins. When we really know that our sins are forgiven, we can be at peace. We have nothing to fear if we truly believe in the promises of Our Lord. We live in a day and age when the Mercy of God is more necessary than ever before.

It is true that we live in the most sinful society that history has ever known. We need the Mercy more than ever. As Our Lord told Saint Paul, "Where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more." So there is an absolute, overwhelming abundance of grace that is available to us today, because there is an overwhelming abundance of sin in the world today. But that is not the only reason the devotion to the Mercy of God is so necessary. It is necessary today, more than ever, because people don't believe in the Mercy of God. They don't believe in their own dignity. They don't believe in the forgiveness of sin. They don't believe that God really loves them because they don't believe that they can be loved.

So what does our Lord do? He comes to us and He points to his heart. The rays of love flow from his heart depicting, in two different colors, the waters of baptism

and the blood of Jesus Christ. These symbols represent The Eucharist and Baptism; the covenant and the celebration of the covenant that each one of us has entered into. There is a reality that is more profound than anything in the world. It is the reality of the true and real presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, and the actual reality of having your soul cleansed of sin through Confession. When you kneel before the priest in



Pope John Paul II at the shrine of Divine Mercy in Krakow on June 7, 1997, in front of the tomb of Sister Faustina and the image of the Merciful Jesus.

confession and hear those beautiful words of absolution, you walk out with the knowledge, the unshakable knowledge, that your sins have been removed from your soul. They are no longer there. The Mercy of God is greater than anything we can do; that is what Our Lord wants us to know. There is nothing we can do that is bigger than Him. He wants, more than anything, to forgive our sins.

Yet - most of us never go to confession. And Only 10% of us even fulfill our Catholic obligation of yearly confession.

WHY?

Jesus said that it was because of his love and mercy for us that he gave us the Sacrament of Confession.

Sister Faustina records Jesus saying:

Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of my mercy, the blood and water which came forth from My heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in my mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour out the bounty of my grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I myself am waiting for you there. I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to my generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because my grace turns away from them to humble souls."

In confession, our sins are forgiven, for all who believe and are truly contrite, that is our catholic belief.

But something remarkable happens on Divine Mercy Sunday. Our sins are not only forgiven, but if the formula is completed as prescribed by Christ, all temporal punishment is removed. What does that mean? That there would no need of purification in purgatory, we would have a straight shot into heaven.

WOW!

Jesus Christ spoke to Saint Faustina and stated: "On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy."

In closing I want to relay the formula for receiving a complete removal of all temporal punishment as stated to Sister Faustina by Christ Himself, and approved by our Church:

1. Go to confession.
2. Receive the Eucharist worthily.
3. Pray for the intentions of the Pope.
4. Participate in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy.

Jesus is reaching out for each one of us. Will we draw near, or will we keep backing away, only to remain at arms' reach. That is the problem for so many of us. We don't really believe in Jesus Christ. We don't really believe in the promises of the Lord.

Tragically, most of us are lukewarm at best. We listen, Sunday after Sunday, Yet we walk away, for the most part, unchanged because we really don't believe. We know fully well if we did believe we would have to change our lives; we would have to do something different; we would not fit in anymore with all the people out in the world. We would be like the Apostles who were gathered in Solomon's Portico, when the people were afraid to be with them. It said in Today's reading "They didn't dare to come over to them." Even though more people were added to them in great numbers, the people were terrified because they were different. They were not like the Jews of the time. There was something special about these people that set them apart. Because they were set apart, nobody wanted to be with them.

But each one of us has also been set apart. Each one of us has been consecrated to the Most Holy Trinity on the day of our baptism. The word "Consecrate" literally means to set apart. We have been set apart for a holy purpose. To do God's work. We are not to be like everyone else out there; we are to be like Jesus Christ.

Accept Christ's mercy into your lives, especially today of all days.

Accept His forgiveness, believe in Him. Believe in your holiness. Believe and know that God loves you so very much☐

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SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED

THE SECRET PRIVILEGE OF "OFFERING IT UP"

One cannot participate, even infinitesimally, in Christ's agonies without participating in the expansion of his mercy toward all

By Elizabeth Scalia

We Catholics who grew up straddling the cusp of the conciliar divide may have a vague memory of the phrase "offer it up." It was advice frequently given by the sisters who taught us our catechisms: "when you are in pain, when you are disappointed, when your feelings have been hurt, offer these things up to the Lord and ask him to use your suffering — that He join it to His own pain on the cross, for the good of others. Offer it as penance for your own sins, or the sins of those who cannot or will not do penance for themselves; offer it for the sick, the lonely, or for their intentions."

"Penance" has received a bad name over the last thirty or forty years, largely because it was taught to many in the language of punishment rather than in the language of virtue, offering, and peace.

So, why not, penance? Why not take some of one's suffering and — rather than popping a pill — endure it for a bit; live with it and in it, and do something with it; make it worthwhile instead of meaningless.

If we are told to "offer it up" at all today, it is usually in a tone of sarcasm or very weak irony. To we moderns, the concept has come to be regarded — like formerly common practices as prayerful ejaculations or a solemn breast-beat — as a quaint throwback to a time when notions of sin and reparation seemed to consume entirely too much of the Catholic sensibility. The idea of "offering it up" has fallen under the false but widely promulgated cultural disdain for something called "Catholic Guilt," which is in truth, the marginalizing dismissal of the Catholic conscience.

Far from being a picturesque and nonchalant "there, there" to someone enduring either a minor inconvenience or a larger concern, "offer it up" is powerful theological advice that comes to us directly from scripture. As Paul writes to the Colossians: "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church . . ."

Pondering the crucifix, and the immensity of what Christ endured, we wonder what could possibly be "lacking" in his afflictions. But then, gazing upon His outstretched arms, we see an invitation. If we accept that no act in human history can begin to match the power, the healing, the victory and the justice that was achieved in the crucified suffering of Jesus of Nazareth, then attaching our own trials, minor or major though they be, to that still-resonating act of generosity and self-abnegation

exposes them to all of the good contained in Christ's sacrifice, and it assists in the salvation of the world.

We know that Jesus' pain is occurring even in this instant, and that right now — in commingling our suffering with his — we can bring ourselves close to him. Christ's agony and death released the dew of mercy, dropping from heaven and bathing us all; it was a wholly and holy vertical transaction.

But "offering it up" can speed this salvific action horizontally. Any such offering, even if it is initiated by a feeling of resigned helplessness, has the potential to unleash an expansive love upon the world. It cannot be otherwise. To offer one's aches and pains, one's disappointments for the sake of others is always love-in-action, a redemptive act. There is a particularly true and hardy love that springs from an offering made for the intentions of another.

There is nothing quite like suffering in the wee small hours — when one is loath to wake others with one's aches and dolors — to make one ponder what it means to "offer it up." As I suffered from a one-two punch to the immune system involving pneumonia and some other bug of Roman origin, each hacking breath reminded me of Christ's struggle to breathe. Sister Mary Gemma's voice echoed back to me from my earliest years, "offer it up," and I did.

In offering my difficulties to the crucified and dying Lord, I asked him to use them for his purposes and, in case he needed direction, I made a few suggestions: for those with emphysema or asthma, who were in need in those moments; for the intentions of a friend whose child is suffering from depression; for the sake of a family member with whom I am sadly estranged, but who needs healing — as does our relationship.

Making this prayer, I discovered an easing of my own difficulties. Some of that, perhaps, was thanks to the diversion of focus, but beyond that there was a true sense of enlargement — a joining of my meager and desperate act, which contained a mere seedling of love, to Christ's wide, merciful, and all-encompassing love.

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GOD TOUCHED ME

MOTHERS' WOES – GROWING A STRONGER FAITH

The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory through Christ [Jesus] will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you after you have suffered a little.

- 1 Peter 5:10

By Alice A, a devotee

Today is the 1st Good Friday that I am doing the Stations of the Cross all by myself -- just me and the Lord – in the Sacred Room. In contemplating the Passion of our Lord, thoughts, stories of heartaches and disappointments vented to me by three of the devotees of The Spiritual Army of God the Father (the "Army") played so vividly in my mind and heart.

"Both my parents tell me I am not a good mother!"-- this mother confided to me, her voice choked with emotion. I didn't only see the pain in her eyes, I too felt a lump in my throat. What has she done or what is she doing to receive such a comment from her parents?

I do not understand. This mother has the most behaved and sweetest children! She must be doing a great job on them. And from my observation of the children's reactions around her, her husband and their dad, around most, if not all of us -- you can safely conclude that the kids are raised with a lot of love, discipline, lessons, rewards and reprimands of good and bad behavior.

Just like most mothers in the Army, this Mother holds an eight-to-five 40 hours per week job. Both her parents agree that the time she spends with her children is not enough. That she prays too much and too long! Her mother cannot understand why she has to leave the house to pray. They think that her 1st Friday, 1st Saturday and 1st Sunday devotions are taking much of her time to the detriment of her role as a mother. Her husband thinks otherwise though. He believes that there is some deeply rooted reasons behind her parents' concerns for what they see as negligence on her part. Thank God for the husband He gave her!

Another mother has the same "struggles" with her husband and daughter. Both of them criticize her many hours of prayers and the number of devotional groups she belongs to. They turn down her invitation to go to church with her on Sundays or holy days. Her daughter tells her that she is young and has all the right to enjoy her youth – going to the beach, partying and other fun stuff are hers to enjoy. Spiritual activities are reserved for older people!

Her husband has had and continue to have personal issues that landed him into problems, which she honestly and sincerely believes would not have been resolved if it were not for God's grace and mercy. He tells her that her busy-ness and therefore her lack of time to complete her responsibilities at work and at

home is because she spends too much time praying, attending Bible study sessions and involving herself in projects of her devotional groups.

Another mother, likewise gainfully employed, stated that she's the only one who prays – the designated one to ask God's mercy and healing for the sick members of her family and everyone else going through some health issues and challenges of all sorts. She finds peace in praying with the Army and trusts God with all her heart. She's thankful and grateful that her prayers are heard and her petitions for those near and dear to her have been granted and is trustingly waiting on those still have to be granted in God's perfect time.

And my family, too is not spared. Just like the three mothers, we are thought of as "fanatics" by very close friends and family for praying the 2000 Hail Mary and 800 Our Father devotions alternately each month. We have a sister who would rather ride with other relatives on out of town trips to celebrate birthdays and weddings with family. She tells friends and relatives how we "make our car like a church" – where worship songs keep playing as we complete the Four Mysteries of the Holy Rosary and the 80 Our Father. We also have a brother who complained that he felt cooped up at the convent at one of our 1st Saturday devotions. He was suffering from anxiety attacks during that time and we thought that being with a group seeking God in prayers will offer him some comfort and respite. But his idea of relaxation and peace is that of a picnic and sun-bathing at Santa Monica Beach during the day and a round of drinks at a bar after a sumptuous dinner during the night.

What about you? I wonder if you, too, have also been scoffed at for spending too much time in prayer or for always spending quiet time with God. How do we respond to all these? Is this one of the repulsive realities of talking to God about anything and everything (Philippians 4:6-7)? It is indeed sad – that too many among our relatives and friends become satisfied with worldly blessings and have very little desire for spiritual ones.

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The Conquest of Jesus Christ

His Power Confronts

The religious hierarchy thought they were done with Jesus. At the Crucifixion they had said, "If you're the Son of God, come down from the cross." They should have gone to the tomb and said, "If you're the Son of God, come out." With this miracle they were confronted by the power of the living Christ.

The living Christ is still doing miracles. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (v. 12) — not in Abraham, Moses, Buddha or Mohammed. Jesus is not a good way to heaven. Jesus is the only way to heaven.

His Presence Compels

"And when they saw the boldness of Peter and John . . . they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." (v. 13)

When you're in the presence of Jesus Christ, something happens to you. His presence will compel you. Shortly before this, Peter cursed, swore, and denied the Lord Jesus. But now he had seen the risen Lord, and he was compelled.

In our churches today we need an epidemic of holy boldness — people unashamed of the Lord Jesus Christ — from spending time in His presence.

His People Confess

The leaders had said, "You can't preach a risen Lord." (" . . . Let us straightly threaten them . . ." v. 14.) Why? Because of the power of that message. You might as well have told the sun not to shine.

"But Peter and John answered . . . we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (v. 20). Why? Because they'd seen Him. A witness tells what he's seen and heard. You could not shut them up.

"And daily . . . and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (5:42). Here's the way the early church worked:

Leaders: "You can't do it."

Disciples: "We're going to do it."

Leaders: "We forbid you."

Disciples: "We're still going to do it."

Think about what that early church did — with no printing presses, radio, television, or sound system. No church buildings, email, internet, or DVD's of services. Yet they turned that early world upside down and inside out for Jesus Christ. They did so much with so little. We do so little with so much.

Because He is alive, His persecution continues. Wear that persecution like a badge of honor. Because He is

alive, His preaching convinces, His power confronts, and His presence compels.

New Testament Christianity is supernatural . . . it cannot be explained or denied . . . it should not be intimidated . . . it must not be ignored, for Jesus Christ is alive! ☐

The Secret Privilege of "Offering it Up"

And this delivered a simple truth: praying for others, suffering for others, develops a counter-balance to the weight of our own weakness, our distrust, hate, and self-absorption. One cannot participate, even infinitesimally, in Christ's agonies without participating in the expansion of his mercy toward all; a humbling lesson. How does one plead for mercy and deliverance when the Crucifix asks, "but where is your mercy?"

Our enlightened era looks with skepticism on penance, and believes pain is valueless and must be instantly vanquished. Coupled with a prayer of surrender to the cross of Christ, however, they are enjoined to the power of creative and healing love. And then, penance, pain, prayer — it is all privilege.

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Mothers' Woes

These mothers have not given up! For they have witnessed how these criticisms have led them to share in a unique relationship with the Lord. They have learned slowly (but a little bit more each Cenacle session, each 2000 Hail Mary and 800 Our Father devotions), to surrender their concerns to Him completely. Our faithful God, has in so many instances revealed His presence and His guiding hand — in their lives and those of the ones they love.

In all truth they realize that these woes are good for them who believe — for trials coming forth from those closest to their hearts, are not only the strength of their faith, they also cause them to develop their maturity (spiritual and otherwise) like gold tempered in a furnace!

Let us remember that as more insults are hurled at us, let us not retaliate, but rather entrust ourselves to our Father who judges justly. Let us continue to pray for those who would accuse, misuse or abuse us. (Luke 6:28) ☐

*... I am your mother Mary
Today you offer yourselves
through my son Jesus' Passion.
Many have uttered words of disgrace
about God. They reject His works
around them and reject God's creation
by killing the unborn with God's spirit
and soul.*

*Prepare my children for different
changes will come physically and to
every human thinking and behavior in
your place of living. Pray with all
sincerity of heart for protection and
seek to take
the right path and the will of God.
I am always with you my children.
I love you.*

*Mary, Your Lady of the Rosary
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In Memoriam



*Rosario "Becca" Good
May 23, 1950 – March 15, 2016*

*A faithful and generous devotee.
She will be missed, but
she will not be forgotten.*

*Our condolences to her husband Dale
and their children Cheryl and Jeffrey.*

SPIRITUAL ARMY NEWS DISPATCH

THE SPIRITUAL ARMY INVESTS IN A STUDENT'S CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The Spiritual Army of God the Father Ministry has responded to Cathedral Chapel School's call to *Be An Angel Adopt A Student!*

The Adopt-A-Student program is Cathedral Chapel's answer to keep the dream of a Catholic education alive. The thrust of this program focuses on extending financial assistance to students of the school who for one reason or another are incapable of pursuing or finishing their Catholic education due to financial difficulties. This is the area where this program bridges that financial gap.

The Spiritual Army of God the Father ministry sponsored a semester's worth of tuition amounting to \$1,200. The funds will be offered to the student(s) who is (are) financially handicapped to start or finish a specific school year. The criteria of the recipient are established by the school and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and executed by way of decision by a committee headed by the parish priest of the school.

The Spiritual Army will continue to support this Adopt-A-Student program for as long as its financial position allows. May we count on your generous hearts to do so?

UPCOMING EVENTS

TOY DRIVE FOR THE LOS ANGELES CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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

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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 January sponsors of the 200 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?

When the Holy Infant Jesus and the Blessed Mother visited us at our home in November, 2015, a few months before his Feast day celebration here in Las Vegas, a number of miracles were shown to us. After their visit, Norma's doctor has told us that her cancer index went down. We thank God for this and pray that it will continue to go down.

- Rolly & Norma Valeroso

Dear Lord, although it is hard for me to find the words, I know that You feel my gratitude for the love that you continue to give me and my family every day.

Thank you for loving us the way You do. Thank You for showing Your love in every little ways every day. Thank you for allowing me to "see" You and to "hear" You. Although unworthy, I feel favored by You. You make me feel special. I promise to stay close. Please hold me tight and never let me go ever. I love you too, although You love me more. Thanks a million.

- Betty O.

Laddie of Las Vegas had quadruple bypass and was just discharged on April 5. He and his wife, Gertrude, would like to thank God and everyone who have prayed for his speedy recovery.

- Evelyn P.

We are thankful for the prayers offered by our Prayer Warriors on behalf of Edwin Alabastro who underwent a medical procedure last month. The procedure went well and he is doing fine now. Praise God!

- Frank & Beth Lim

Father, your Word is pure – in its influence, its wisdom, its counsel.

Thank you for our 1st Saturday Devotion cenacles! May we all – devotees and friends of your Spiritual Army delight in, honor and hunger for Your Word – and transform us to the sons and daughters you created us to be.

- Alice Ng

Thank you God the Father for the gift of complete healing and recovery! Thank you also for giving me another chance to live a happy life!

- Marivic Punzalan

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. | 1st 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

800 Our Father Devotion – April 23, 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 Heard Devotional Group for Departed Souls

Every 1st 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.

1st 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 1st 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

800 Our Father Devotion – April 23, 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 1st 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.