



1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION NEWSLETTER

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MAKE YOUR SPOUSE BEAUTIFUL

By John Chrysostom

An Excerpt from his commentary on Ephesians 5:21-33

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A FORCE THAT WELDS SOCIETY TOGETHER

The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together. Men will take up arms and even sacrifice their lives for the sake of this love. St. Paul would not speak so earnestly about this subject without serious reason; why else would he say, "Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord?" Because when harmony prevails, the children are raised well, the household is kept in order, and neighbors, friends and relatives praise the result. Great benefits, both for families and states, are thus produced. When it is otherwise however, everything is thrown into confusion and turned upside down. When the generals of an army are at peace with each other, everything proceeds in an orderly fashion, and when they are not, everything is in disarray. It is the same here.

For the sake of harmony, then, he said, "Wives, be subject to your husbands as to the Lord." From these words of Paul you sense how open-hearted should be your wife's subjection. But now listen to what Paul requires of you. Follow the same example. "Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church." You see how much obedience is asked of you. Now hear how much love is required.

CARE FOR YOUR SPOUSE AS MUCH AS CHRIST CARES FOR THE CHURCH

You want your wife to obey you as the church obeys Christ? Then you must care for her as much as Christ cares for the church. Should it be necessary to die for her, to be cut into a thousand pieces, to bear any sort of suffering, you should not say no; and if you have indeed suffered like that, you still have done nothing compared with what Christ has done. In point of fact, you would be doing these things for one to whom you are already united, while he has done them for one who opposed him and hated him, despised him, spat on him, rejected him. With all the tenderness of his soul he prevailed upon her to kneel at his feet without insulting her, without humiliating her, without making her afraid.

You, too, must behave in the same way with your wife. Even if you see that she despises you, even if she rejects and humiliates you, you can bring her back to you if you take trouble over her, if you care for her, if you are fond of her, if you love her.

Nothing is stronger than these bonds, particularly between husband and wife. By resorting to intimidation you might be able to keep a domestic servant attached to you - but not even him, for probably the servant will leave you and escape. The companion of your life, the mother of your children, the basis of all your joy, ought not to be tied to you by threats and fear, rather by love and the warmth of emotion. What sort of union would that be in which the wife is afraid of her husband? And what pleasure could her husband find in staying with her as if she were a servant?

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OVERVIEW FOR THE MONTH

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The month of June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

The last portion of the liturgical year represents the time of our pilgrimage to heaven during which we hope for reward. As we begin to feel the warmth of

summer, we can reflect that we celebrate the feasts of Corpus Christie (June 2), the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 7) and the Immaculate Heart of Mary (June 8). God is Love and the Sacred Heart of Jesus — present on earth in the Blessed Sacrament — is the human manifestation of God's love for men. Appropriately June is considered the month for weddings where human hearts join and cooperate with the Creator in bringing forth new life. The family they create is a human reflection of the Blessed Trinity. ☐

FEASTS FOR JUNE

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

- 1 Justin, Memorial
- 2 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Solemnity
- 3 Charles Lwanga and Companions, Memorial
- 5 Boniface, Memorial
- 6 Norbert, Opt. Mem.
- 7 Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity
- 8 Immaculate Heart of Mary, Memorial
- 11 Barnabas, Memorial
- 13 Anthony of Padua, Memorial
- 19 Romuald, Opt. Mem.
- 21 Aloysius Gonzaga, Memorial
- 22 Paulinus of Nola; John Fisher and Thomas More, Opt. Mem.
- 24 Nativity of John the Baptist, Solemnity
- 26 Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer, Opt. Mem.
- 27 Cyril of Alexandria, Opt. Mem.
- 28 Irenaeus, Memorial
- 29 Peter and Paul, Solemnity

The feasts of Sts. Marcellinus and Peter (June 2) and the First Martyrs of the Church (June 30) are superseded by the Sunday liturgy. ☐

OUR CENACLE CORNER

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

GODS WANTS US TO BE HAPPY AND SUCCEED IN OUR CHOICES

- 1 Timothy 1:11
- Psalm 144:15
- Matthew 7:13-14
- James 1:12

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

CLOSE TO THE HEART OF THE SON IS THE HEART OF THE MOTHER

By Rev. Luciano Alimandi | Agenzia Fides June 13, 2007

The Church, in this month of June, giving us the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, wishes us to understand the consequential devotion to Our Lady traditionally lived in the Marian month par excellence: the month of May. The Heart of Jesus is the See and Throne of Divine Mercy, revealed to the world in the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.

The Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI speaking of the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus two years ago said: "In biblical language, "heart" indicates the centre of the person where his sentiments and intentions dwell. In the Heart of the Redeemer we adore God's love for humanity, his will for universal salvation, his infinite mercy. Practising devotion to the Sacred Heart of Christ therefore means adoring that Heart which, after having loved us to the end, was pierced by a spear and from high on the Cross poured out blood and water, an inexhaustible source of new life" (Benedict XVI, Angelus 5 June 2005).

The call which comes from this important feast day is first of all a call to Eucharistic adoration, because in the Sacred Host the Lord Jesus is truly present and He offers each of us His Heart, His Merciful Love. To spend time in the Presence of the Eucharistic Lord, to adore Him, is the best expression of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which, as we know, spread all over the world thanks to Jesus' revelations to Saint Margherita M. Alacoque in the 17th century: "Behold the Heart which so loved mankind"!

As a prolongation and accomplishment of this message, the Lord appeared to another Sister in the 20th century revealing the abyss of His unfathomable mercy; she was Saint Faustina Kowalska who wrote in her Diary, now world famous, these words of Jesus: "I have opened my Heart as a living source of Mercy, from it all souls draw life, all approach with deep confidence this sea of Mercy. Sinners will obtain justification and the just will be strengthened in goodness. I will fill the souls of those who put their trust in My Mercy with My divine peace at the hour of their death. My daughter, continue to spread devotion to My Mercy, in doing so you will refresh My Heart which burns with the fire of compassion for sinners. Tell my priests that hardened sinners will be softened by their words if they speak of my boundless Mercy and of the compassion which My Heart feels for them. I will give priests who proclaim and exalt My Mercy wondrous power, unction to their words and I will move all the hearts to which they speak" (Book 5, 21 January 1938).

The deepest longing of Christ's Heart is that we discover how much he loves us, the extent of his tender love for creatures who, cooled by their selfishness, look only

inwards at themselves, as if they were afraid to let themselves be loved unconditionally by their Creator, who asks nothing and gives all!

How society, culture, economy, politics today need this Heart! It is really true, the more man distances himself from God-Love the more he becomes 'heartless', agitated about a thousand things because he has mislaid the principal one: to let oneself be loved by Christ and to respond to this Love with our love.

Many times during history the Supreme Pontiffs have reminded humanity that without the Lord Jesus life has no real meaning, man gropes in the dark to find himself! The Servant of God John Paul II introduced the Church into the Third Millennium with a mandate to become "Apostles of Divine Mercy". The Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI picked up where his Predecessor left off and never tires to remind us of the necessity to rediscover the merciful Heart, this infinite Love of God, who reveals Himself in our lives if we open to Him. "Open, open wide the doors to Christ" the voice of the Holy Spirit continues to say. By means of Eucharistic adoration we are "opened" from within by His invisible working in us. The Most Holy Eucharist, celebrated and adored, as the Church teaches us, is the greatest and most effective treasure of our salvation, an infinite treasure which must be safeguarded with profound respect and deepest devotion.

Close to the Heart of the Son is the Heart of the Mother whom the Church celebrates the day after the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let it again be the Holy Father who illuminates us with regard to this mystery: "The heart that resembles that of Christ more than any other is without a doubt the Heart of Mary, his Immaculate Mother, and for this very reason the liturgy holds them up together for our veneration. Responding to the Virgin's invitation at Fatima, let us entrust the whole world to her Immaculate Heart, so that it may experience the merciful love of God and know true peace" (Benedict XVI, Angelus 5 June 2005). □

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES AND CHARISMS

From the time Jesus was lifted to heaven in Bethany, He promised the apostles (and us) that the Holy Spirit would continue to guide us and direct us. Among these are manifestations that are, but not limited to, visions, visionaries, locutions, locutionists, charisms, and messages. Among the most vivid and striking are the Eucharistic Miracles that continue to this day, like the Eucharistic manifestation in Brazil and the miracles at Lanciano and Santarem. As the Lord wills it, the Eucharist remains, to this day, one of His powerful divine revelations to remind us: ***I will be with you to the end of the days (Matthew 28:20)***. A promise that manifests Himself in the form of host specie and substantially transformed as the body of Jesus Christ. It is remarkable how our Lord re-affirms His Ownself, this time in the form of a visible charism in a picture, dawning His light of presence all over the Lanciano Eucharistic Miracle.

POPE'S PART IN EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE REVEALED

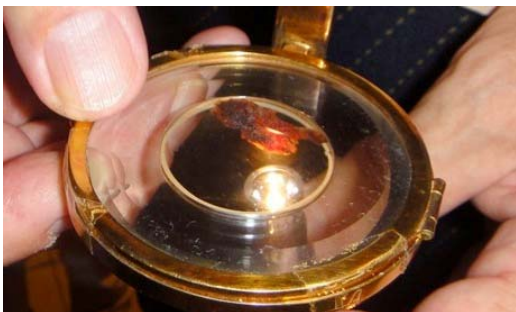
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An account of a Eucharistic miracle in Buenos Aires, involving Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio — now Pope Francis — has been published in a Polish-based magazine.

The article says a priest in the commercial centre of Buenos Aires was finishing distributing Communion at Mass in 1996 when a woman told him she had found a discarded host on a candleholder at the back of the church.

The priest placed the host in a container of water and put it in the tabernacle. A week later he discovered that the host had turned into a bloody substance.

According to the 2010 article by Father M. Piotrowski in Love One



Another magazine, the priest informed Cardinal Bergoglio, who had the host professionally photographed.

For several years the host remained in secret in the tabernacle, then the cardinal decided to have it scientifically analyzed in New York by a team of scientists who did not know its origin.

One of the scientists, Dr Frederic Zugiba, a cardiologist and forensic pathologist, determined that the substance was a fragment of heart muscle containing human DNA.

The tests were witnessed by two Australians, journalist Mike Willesee and lawyer Ron Tesoriero.

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EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE AT LANCIANO REAFFIRMED IN PICTORIAL CHARISM

By Robert Pua, a devotee

Way back before our pilgrimage in 2011, I remember the message, I will have more charism pictures. I have been anticipating our trip ever since. But I waited and waited until we were in Poland, and the message was *"picture from heaven I will send you when your heart is pure"*.

Upon arrival at Medjugorje, we had the opportunity to go to confession at St. James church. Then came the picture of Vicka . That was the first one.

Two days after, we reached Lanciano, Italy. I remember that morning, it was cold and balmy. We got off the coach at the parking lot and started trudging our way leisurely toward the church of St. Legontian and St. Domitian. I felt good, even lighthearted, enjoying the street scene, the cobblestone and of course, taking pictures. I was happy as we approached the church, it was so rustic, even medieval. I felt good all over even mixed with a little excitement.

When I entered the church, I saw the stone walls, the courtyard and the walkways, the first thing that crossed my mind was: this reminds me of a monastery. What's next, I mused to myself.

I sat at the second to the last pew as we attended Mass at the chapel. All throughout the service, my eyes kept riveting back to that alcove glass window where the reliquary (containing the monstrance and the chalice) of the Eucharistic Miracle was enclosed. I was restless almost to the point of anguish -- how come we can't go to the tabernacle in the adjacent chapel?

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KNOWING OUR SAINTS

SAINTS CHARLES LWANGA, JOSEPH MKASA, MARTYRS OF UGANDA FEAST DAY – JUNE 3

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In the interior of central Africa the first Catholic missions were established by Cardinal Lavigerie's White Fathers in 1879. In Uganda some progress was made under the not unfriendly local ruler, Mtesa; but his successor, Mwanga, determined to root out Christianity among his people, especially after a Catholic subject, St. Joseph Mkasa, reproached him for his debauchery and for his massacre of the Protestant missionary James Hannington and his caravan. Mwanga was addicted to unnatural vice and his anger against Christianity, already kindled by ambitious officers who played on his fears, was kept alight by the refusal of Christian boys in his service to minister to his wickedness.

Joseph Mkasa himself was the first victim. Mwanga seized on a trifling pretext and on November 15, 1885, had him beheaded. To the chieftain's astonishment the Christians were not cowed by this sudden outrage, and in May of the following year the storm burst. When he called for a young 'page' called Mwafu, Mwanga

learned that he had been receiving religious instruction from another page, St. Denis Sebuggwawo; Denis was sent for, and the king thrust a spear through his throat. That night guards were posted round the royal residence to prevent anyone from escaping.

St. Charles Lwanga, who had succeeded Joseph Mkasa in charge of the 'pages', secretly baptized four of them who were catechumens; among them St Kizito, a boy of thirteen whom Lwanga had repeatedly saved from the designs of the king. Next morning the pages were all drawn up before Mwanga, and Christians were ordered to separate themselves from the rest led by Lwanga and Kizito, the oldest and youngest, they did so -- fifteen young men, all under twenty-five years of age. They were joined by two others already under arrest and by two soldiers. Mwanga asked them if they intended to remain

Christians. "Till death!" came the response. "Then put them to death!"

The appointed place of execution, Namugongo, was thirty-seven miles away, and the convoy set out at once. Three of the youths were killed on the road; the others underwent a cruel imprisonment of seven days at Namugongo while a huge pyre was prepared. Then on Ascension day, June 3, 1886, they were brought out, stripped of their clothing, bound, and each wrapped in a mat of reed: the living faggots were laid on the pyre (one

boy, St Mbagu, was first killed by a blow on the neck by order of his father who was the chief executioner), and it was set alight. The persecution spread and Protestants as well as Catholics gave their lives rather than deny Christ. A leader among the confessors was St Matthias Murumba, who was put to death with revolting cruelty; he was a middle-aged man, assistant judge to the provincial chief, who first heard of Jesus Christ from Protestant missionaries and later was baptized by Father Livinhac, W.F. Another

older victim, who was beheaded, was St Andrew Kagwa, chief of Kigowa, who had been the instrument of his wife's conversion and had gathered a large body of catechumens round him. This Andrew together with Charles Lwanga and Matthias Murumba and nineteen others (seventeen of the total being young royal servants) were solemnly beatified in 1920. They were canonized on October 18, 1964, by Pope Paul VI.

When the White Fathers were expelled from the country, the new Christians carried on their work, translating and printing the catechism into their native language and giving secret instruction on the faith. Without priests, liturgy, and sacraments their faith, intelligence, courage, and wisdom kept the Catholic Church alive and growing in Uganda. When the White Fathers returned after King Mwanga's death, they found five hundred Christians and one thousand catechumens waiting for them. □



GOD TOUCHED ME

A FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS

By Barbara Curtis
www.onlinemag.com

I used to think there wasn't much to celebrate on Father's Day. Like many American kids, I never really had anyone to buy a card for. My father left when I was five -- fulfilling his own dreams while turning four others' into a nightmare.

Reeling from shock, my mother sent us bouncing between a foster home and relatives. But even when she brought us back, it was never much of a family again. And Mom was never much of a mom, her life consumed by problems with work, money, alcohol, and men.

I'm not looking for sympathy -- just trying to make a point about how necessary fathers are to the family, and how disadvantaged children are without them. In these days, with the media touting all lifestyles as equal and entertainment choices belittling dads right and left, it takes a survivor to point out the lie.

The truth is that fatherlessness hurts. I grew up feeling different and "less than" -- all those uncomfortable feelings we try to spare fatherless kids today. Still, I would never endorse the current "cure" of teaching children that dads are optional. It was knowing that a mother/father/children family was best that eventually led me to have the commitment to work together with my husband to build one of our own.

God is not optional, either -- though my mother, in her confusion, banished Him from our home. If only she had understood how much harder that made it for all of us.

Just as we need an earthly father, we need our Heavenly one -- in a strong and personal way. I will never forget the first time I heard that I really did have a Father. I was 38 years old and just beginning to pull the raggedy pieces of my life together. After years of mistakes and regrets, of looking for love and affirmation in all the wrong places, of trying to fill the hole in my heart, I was someone's little girl. I could feel His love. I could trust in His forgiveness and mercy. I was His forever.

Is it not a miracle that someone who missed an earthly father's love can be healed to receive the

love of the Heavenly Father? But isn't He Jehovah Rapha, the God who heals? Doesn't the Bible say He came to bind the brokenhearted, set the captives free, and release prisoners from darkness? Didn't He say we could come to Him as children? And isn't it the greatest privilege of all to call him "Abba, Father" -- just as children call their fathers "Daddy"?

I remember once before he left, my father carrying me home in his arms as blood gushed from a jagged cut on my foot. I was four and frightened, hoping my father could fix me. But though that day he bound and stopped the bleeding, no earthly father could have healed the wounded heart he later left behind.

That hurt cried out for the love of a Heavenly Father. And so, while I was far from young when I found Him, no matter the days added to my life, the wrinkles to my face, the gray hairs to my head, I will always be His grateful little girl.

Now on Father's Day I truly have something to celebrate. □

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God ..." (1 John 3:1).

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MEDITATION AND COMMENTARY

FATHER: THE LEADER OF THE BAND

By Dr. Adrian Rogers

There is to be harmony in the home. Indeed, the entire home is to be a symphony of praise. And who's the leader who orchestrates this wonderful music? Fathers. Psalm 128 contains a special message to fathers, so if you're one, I'd like you to notice five wonderful truths to help you put music in your home.

THE CHARACTER THAT HE LIVES

Now, most people think happiness comes from marriage or money, success or fitness. And yet, the Bible says that the fear of God brings happiness. And what does it mean to fear God? I like to think it is simply love on its knees. The one who loves God the best, fears God the most.

A good dad fears God and as a result, he shows it by the way that he lives. There is nothing more important than a man's integrity. Let me ask the fathers reading this: What do you want to be remembered for? The job you held? The yard you kept? The money you earned? I want my children to remember me for my character. I want them to say, "My dad feared God. My dad walked in the ways of God."

THE CONTENT THAT HE LEARNS

Psalm 128:2 says, "For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee." There's something wonderful about honest work — providing for your family and coming home to enjoy what God has given.

The Bible says in 1 Timothy 6:6, "But godliness with contentment is great gain." Do you know the problem with many dads? They're not content. There's never enough. They are never satisfied to just simply come home and be happy with their families. They're busy earning a living and forgetting to live.

THE COMPANION THAT HE LOVES

"Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house" (Psalm 128:3). A father's companion is his faithful wife, because she clings to him like a vine clings to a wall. And a husband is to be to his wife what a wall is to a vine — her support and strength.

The husband encourages and builds up his wife by shining His love and showering his affections upon her. Does that characterize your wife? Does that characterize your role in the home as the faithful provider and loving supporter of your wife?

THE CHILDREN THAT HE LEADS

"Thy children like olive plants round about thy table" (Psalm 128:3b). Did you know that the olive is a biblical

symbol of fruitfulness and righteousness? An olive tree, if it is well established, can provide fruit for twenty generations.

Now, let me ask the dads something.... If your wife is like a vine and your children are like olive plants, what is your role? You are to cultivate them! Wise is the Dad that understands that it is his duty and privilege to cultivate his wife's love and meet her needs, and to cultivate his children and meet their needs.

THE CONTRIBUTION THAT HE LEAVES

Look now at Psalm 128:4-6: "Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel." Oh what a blessing to see your children and grandchildren serving the Lord.



I don't know what kind of family you came from, but there are probably some reading this who were abused as a child. Maybe others of you were raised in a home where there was alcoholism, uncontrolled rage, abandonment, or even the untimely death of your father before you had a chance to get to know him.

Maybe you're saying to yourself, "I'd give anything if my daddy would just put his arms around my neck and tell me he loves me." The deepest need of your heart, is for a dad to hug you and say, "I accept you. I love you."

I tell you there is hope for you. Every child of God has a Father who loves them unconditionally and eternally. You can crawl up into His lap anytime, anywhere and get a hug. Take this truth from the Word of God and not only think on it, but hide it in your heart:

But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. (Galatians 4:4-7).

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SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED

- You are enjoined to practice Eucharistic Adoration at least an hour a week. Let us render God adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and petition. Kindly check with your respective parishes for schedules. Some churches are open 24-hours for Eucharistic Adoration.
- Pray at least one rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary daily.
- Pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM and at 9:00 PM daily.
- Pray the Angelus at 6:00 PM daily.
- Pray the Pro-Life Scriptural Rosary [www.rosaryoftheunborn.com] to make reparation for the crime of abortion.
- Think of ways to make reparation to Mary for the sins committed against Jesus and Mary. A very good one is to join the **First Saturday devotion**; another is the **2000 Hail Mary devotion**.
- In honor of St. Charles Lwanga and his companions, learn more about Uganda, Kenya and Nigeria. See what the Catholic Relief Services

[www.catholicrelief.org] are doing and how you might help. Visit the Holy Childhood Association [www.missionsla.org] to find out more about mission work in Africa and to find activities and prayer services.

- June 16 is Father's Day! It is a fine opportunity to honor your father, your grandfather, your stepfather, your uncle, your godfather – and most importantly, your Heavenly Father!

Spiritual advise taken from the book, "Climbing the Mountain" by Anne, a lay apostle.

- ***How do we love our neighbor as Jesus has commanded us to do?*** With respect, kindness and gentleness. Love of neighbor is not judgmental, not unkind, but rather gentle and patient bearing in mind the frailty of the soul. In short, we can love our neighbor purely like the greatest saint, only if we do it in God's way, in unity with Him.

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THANK YOU

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

Psalm 106:2

FOR PRAYERS HEARD AND PETITIONS GRANTED

Thank you, Eternal Father, for Your Will that transformed our sorrow into joy, our tears of anguish into tears of thanksgiving. Our physical and spiritual re-creation, through Your Healing Hands, kept us enclosed and revived in our hope for renewed lives as we look up to the heavens praising You, in Jesus' most Holy Name, through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, and of the angels and saints.



*A. Chivchyan has completely recovered
from his December 2012 liver transplant!*



*David P. is now well.
He was on our Prayer Warriors List
for deliverance since March 2012.*



*A heartfelt thank you from Ms. M on the deliverance by our
God through the Eucharist and the loving intercession of
Mother Mary from witchcraft and its agents!*



Ann L. received her acceptance for medical residency in Ohio!

2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION

The Spiritual Army of God the Father acknowledges with thanks our generous June 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 our Blessed Mother. The devotion continues to be a constant success.

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SPIRITUAL ARMY NEWS DISPATCH

MOTHER MARY'S CROWNING

Of all the 1st Saturdays, the one in May is the most special for the members of The Spiritual Army of God the Father ("the Spiritual Army"). It is in May that we honor Mary, the queen of heaven and earth, with a crown of flowers, thanking her for her cooperation in the plan that changed the destiny of the world! The event was even made more special as five soon to be Florence Nightingale's children of profession, all of whom are Mother Mary's wards, offered prayers of praises and thanksgiving for all that God has blessed them in their college years.



In LA, the celebration started with a procession of the Spiritual Army's Our Lady

of Fatima statue in her special carriage bedecked with blooming white roses. Devotees each took turns offering their flowers and petitions to the Blessed Mother, as they sang "Bring Flowers of the Rarest" and other Marian songs. The flower offering was followed by a Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. William Piletic. The climax of the celebration was the moment when April Araneta and Rowena Ramos, placed a crown of flowers and a crown on Mother Mary's

head, as devotees sang the familiar song, "O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today". After the crowning, all mothers, grandmothers and all the women present received a special blessing from Fr. Piletic.



Las Vegas devotees also celebrated Mother Mary's Crowning by following the Rites of Crowning and offering bread, grapes, wine, basket of fruits, crucifix, rosary and flowers. Mother Mary was crowned by Maria Theresa Muego and Angeline Muego. The crowning ceremony ended with Maria Theresa Muego singing Ave Maria, followed by our First Saturday Devotional prayers. It was indeed a beautiful ceremony with everyone pouring out their love for Mother Mary with offerings, songs and prayers. A simple yet special

poem, was also offered to Mother Mary which made some devotees teary eyed. (Unfortunately, no photos were taken during this celebration.) ☐

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEAST DAY OF THE FATHER OF ALL MANKIND

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2013
THE MONASTERY OF THE ANGELS
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MAKE YOUR SPOUSE BEAUTIFUL

CHRIST MADE HIS BRIDE, THE CHURCH, RESPLENDENT WITHOUT SPOT OR BLEMISH

Whatever kind of woman you have chosen, you cannot have chosen anyone like the spouse Christ has chosen in marrying the church. And if she is different from you, it is not so different as the church is from Christ. Even so, he has not hated her, or loathed her for her terrible deformity. You want to know the extent of her deformity? Then listen to Paul: "You were one time darkness" (Ephesians 5:8) Do you see how obscure she was? What is more obscure than darkness?

See too how brazen-faced she was. "We were passing our days in malice and iniquity" (Titus 3:3). And how unclean: "We were foolish and disobedient." [ibid] What I mean to say is, she was a fool and a blasphemer, and yet, despite that, he sacrificed himself for that deformed spouse as if she had been beautiful, most deserving of love, marvelous. Full of admiration, Paul exclaims: "One will hardly die for a righteous man, yet Christ died for us while we were still sinners" (Romans 5:7-8).

After taking a spouse like that, he made her beautiful and he washed her. He did not shrink even from that. He did it "that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that he might present her to himself in splendor." With water he washed her uncleanness away, water accompanied with a word. What word was it? "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." He not only adorned her, he made her resplendent "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing."

We too, in our spouse, seek this beauty. It could be that we are in a position to create this beauty ourselves. Do not ask of your wife what is not in her power. Note carefully that the church received everything from the Lord. It was he who made her resplendent without spot or wrinkle. ☐

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POPE'S PART IN EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE REVEALED

He said the presence of a large number of white blood cells indicated that the heart was alive when the sample was taken.

"What is more," he said, "these white blood cells had penetrated the tissue, which further indicates that the heart had been under severe stress, as if the owner had been beaten severely about the chest."

Willesee, formerly a leading television journalist, had been brought back to his Catholic faith through filming a When

Willesee told Dr Zugiba that the analyzed sample came from a consecrated host, the doctor said: "How and why a consecrated host would change its character and become living human flesh and blood will remain an inexplicable mystery to science — a mystery totally beyond her competence." ☐

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EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE AT LANCIANO REAFFIRMED IN PICTORIAL CHARISM

In retrospect, the charism showed up after that day, I was back-tracking the pictures on my camera. When I saw it, I realized the significance of the moment. It was sent from heaven, and I was the first one to witness it. It was the most powerful charism I have had so far. The dramatic impact did not strike me until a few days ago, when I came to realize what the image meant for me. It was as if the Lord stood in front of me as I took the picture, resplendent in all His glory (the lights the arcs) and spoke to me, triumphant in His presence!



It has changed my life. From that day and forever on, the Eucharistic sacrifice of the mass will have a special meaning for me.

It will remind me of that fateful day when for a brief moment He has chosen to manifest Himself for all of us to see Him as the living flesh and blood present at the Consecration in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The charism I received has significantly impacted my spirituality. Lanciano will be etched in my being as a sojourn, a pilgrimage that brought me as close as I have never been to Jesus. I have no doubt that each one of us has had their personal epiphany. I have this one to keep forever. ☐

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FATHER: THE LEADER OF THE BAND

You can't do anything about your ancestors, but you can certainly do something about your descendants. One father said, if I had it to do all over again, here's what I would do. I'd love my wife more in front of my children. I'd laugh with my children more at our mistakes and our joys. I'd listen more, even to the youngest child. I'd be more honest about my own weaknesses and stop pretending perfection. I would pray differently for my children. Instead of focusing on me, I'd focus on them. I would do more things with my children. I would be more encouraging and bestow more praise. I would pay more attention to little things, deeds and words of love and kindness. And finally, if I had to do it all over again, I would share God more intimately with my family. I would use every ordinary thing that happened in every ordinary day to point them to God.

Dads, if there's going to be music in your home, you're going to have to see to it because God has made you the leader of the band. ☐

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SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED

- ***Is it acceptable to be unkind in return to those who are unkind to us?*** No, it is not acceptable for an apostle of Jesus Christ who seeks to bring His love to others to be unkind to anyone. Love our neighbors best by our mountain of personal holiness. The best way to teach holiness is to be holy, thus setting an example for others to follow. Bear in mind though, an arrogant soul cannot tolerate any criticism or direction. He will revolt and lash out at the one who dares press against his shell of self-satisfaction.
- ***How will an apostle know if he or she is pleasing to God and is indeed walking up God's mountain path?*** (1) When serving Heaven in unity with the Savior, one feels stretched, a sense of feeling labored, not weary. (2) One feels a great personal satisfaction characterized by feelings, not that of "I am truly holy" but that of "I am truly learning." (3) One should not dabble in false humility; instead, we serve in all our glorious imperfections and freely admit that. (4) Be open about our commitment to Jesus without being proud of our spiritual advancement or proud of what heaven flows through us. *Does the cup take credit for the quality of the coffee within it?*
- **The 3 requirements for spiritual revival are:** humility, prayer and repentance. Chronicles 7:14 ☐

... I am your Mother Mary.

On this day of my 1st Saturday, present yourself before God and offer your prayers to those whose sacrifices are given for their faith, especially to those who are persecuted. Many die because of their relentless pursuit to maintain a strong relationship with God. Their lives dedicated to the Eucharist and their very existence is a living example of God's purpose of creation.

My children, always prepare yourselves with clean and pure hearts, for the hour of facing God you'll never have warning. The days are shorter and to some much shorter for this encounter .

My beads of Rosary I ask to pray every day as a constant reminder of your love for God through the life and passion of my son Jesus.

Thank you for adhering to my call.

I love you my children.

- Mary, Your Lady of Fatima

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My heart is open to those who seek refuge.

My son priests you must offer for many have transgressed because of worldly inclinations and call of the flesh. Pray with sincere heart for these special people whose lives must be dedicated to religious works, evangelization, and truth about My Words. Pray like a child whose life is much more giving, truthful and dependent to one true God. Open your mind and your heart as My Spirit will dwell in you to heal your wounds..

*Jesus of Nazareth,
Your Loving God*

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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
11:20 A.M. - Rosary to the Father | 11:50 A.M. - Holy Mass
1:00 P.M. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Confession ongoing from 11:20 A.M. to 11:45 P.M.

2000 Hail Mary Devotion – June 15, 2012

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 LAS VEGAS:

1st Saturday Devotion

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

2000 Hail Mary Devotion – June 8, 2013

*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.*

IN LAUGHLIN, NEVADA:

1st Saturday Devotion

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church | 3055 El Mirage Way
Holy Mass starts at 8:00 A.M. Devotional prayers follow.

IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:

1st Saturday Devotion

2000 Hail Mary Devotion

Please call (650) 766-2071 for dates and venues for the coming months or for more information.

For Sacramento:

Please call Precy Rieta (916) 564-3733 | Caring Sturgill (916) 897-3194 | Maria Rosario (916) 230-7756.

IN SAN DIEGO

Rosary to the Father

Monday – Saturday after the 8:00 A.M. Mass [Look for Iris Haj]
St. Mary's Church | 1160 S. Broadway | Escondido, CA 92025

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.