



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

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### EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES THAT LEFT PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Catholics believe that Jesus Christ is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist. There are many stories of miracles throughout Church history that seem to confirm this important teaching. The two miracles below stand out among them. These are proof that Jesus Christ is present in the Holy Eucharist for He has shed His blood once again in these instances below.

#### MIRACLE OF LANCIANO – 8TH CENTURY

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In the 8th century, a priest in Lanciano, Italy was experiencing doubts about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In the middle of saying Mass, he said the words of consecration ("This is my body," "This is my blood") and saw the bread and wine transform into real human flesh and blood. The blood coagulated into five globules (later believed to be representative of the five wounds of Christ). Word of the miracle quickly spread, the local archbishop launched an investigation, and the Church approved the miracle.

The flesh is still preserved to this day. Professor of anatomy Odoardo Linoli conducted a scientific analysis of the flesh in 1971 and concluded that the flesh was cardiac tissue, the blood appeared to be fresh blood (as opposed to blood that was 1200 years old), and there was no trace of preservatives. You can visit the miraculous flesh and blood in the Church of San Francesco in Lanciano, Italy.

#### THE MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST IN SANTAREM, PORTUGAL (1225) -AN ONGOING MIRACLE

*Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem*

According to the date recorded in the document commissioned by King Alfonso IV in 1346, on February 16, 1266 in Santarém, a young woman overcome with jealousy for her husband, consulted a sorceress who told her to go to the church and steal a consecrated Host to use for a love potion. The woman stole the Host and hid the Holy Eucharist in a linen cloth that immediately became stained with Blood. Frightened by this, she ran home and opened the kerchief to see what had happened. To her amazement, she saw that the Blood was gushing from the Host.



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# FEASTS FOR JULY

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

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| 1 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday                 | 22 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday   |
| 3 Thomas the Apostle, Feast                                  | 23 Bridget, Opt. Mem.                          |
| 4 Independence Day (USA), Opt. Mem.                          | 24 Sharbel (Charbel) Makhloof, Opt. Mem.       |
| 5 Anthony Mary of Zaccaria; Elizabeth of Portugal, Opt. Mem. | 25 James, Feast                                |
| 6 Maria Goretti, Opt. Mem.                                   | 26 Joachim and Anne, Memorial                  |
| 8 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday                 | 29 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday |
| 9 Augustine Zhao Rong and companions, Opt. Mem.              | 30 Peter Chrysologus, Opt. Mem.                |
| 11 Benedict, Memorial  | 31 Ignatius of Loyola, Memorial                |
| 13 Henry, Opt. Mem.  |  |
| 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha (USA), Memorial                     |  |
| 15 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday                 |  |
| 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Opt. Mem.                       |  |
| 18 Camillus de Lellis (USA), Opt. Mem.                       |  |
| 20 Apollinaris, Opt. Mem.                                    |  |
| 21 Lawrence of Brindisi, Opt. Mem.                           |  |

The feasts of St. Junipero Serra (July 1), St. Bonaventure (July 15) and St. Mary Magdalene (July 22) are superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

**Note: July 29 is the First Day of the Holy Octave of Consecration to God the Father.**

## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED

### SEEKING INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS THROUGH THE BIBLE

#### MY ADVERSARY IS IN GOD'S HANDS

*By Victor Araneta*

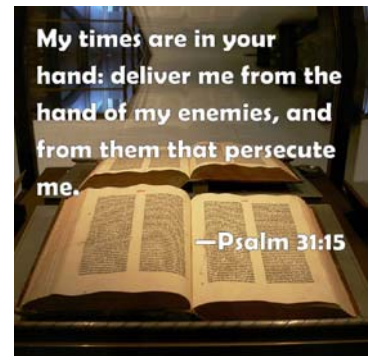
Joseph emerged from jail as Pharaoh's right hand man and saved millions from starvation by administering God's wisdom over Egypt's agricultural program.

David came out of the backwoods as Israel's beloved king. His psalms written during his exile, comfort and encourage believers in affliction.

Paul's jail terms were the study halls where he penned the Spirit-inspired books of Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, and Philemon.

Each of these biblical characters progressed through one's personal adversity in different scenarios, but all of their development (and ours) in critical times operate on the bedrock of truth in God's sovereignty.

By and large, God is in charge. Your adversary is in His Hands. You will never be powerless, for His power works on US to accomplish His plan!



#### OUR CENACLE CORNER

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

#### JOYFUL IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS

REMEMBER TO TAKE ALONG YOUR  
HOLY BIBLE

# THANK YOU

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

*Psalm 106:2*

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## 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 OUR 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.

*God the Eternal Father, thank you so much for hearing and granting our prayers for home ownership in Summerlin, Las Vegas, through The Baby Jesus!!! Thank you for allowing us to continue honoring and adoring you in a prayer room in our new home. Your guiding Hand, through the Holy Spirit's gift of Wisdom has helped us to know your plans for us and how You want us to live. We are overjoyed and overwhelmed with your immense love and blessings, through The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary!!!*

*Thank you for sending St. Michael The Archangel, all the Archangels and our Guardian Angels to protect us all days of our life!*

*We love You, honor You, and know You as our loving, merciful, kind, generous and forgiving ETERNAL FATHER! PRAISE, HONOR AND GLORY TO YOU, NOW AND FOREVER!!!*

*- Gary & Maria*

*Our family thanks the Lord for the beautiful twins born to my cousin. She and her husband have long wanted to have a baby. They went thru several In-Vitro Fertilization that were unsuccessful. Finally, they were blessed with the twins this year.*

*- Guada*

*On behalf of The Spiritual Army of God the Father, I thank you, O God, for a successful Mother of Perpetual Help celebration which was held at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Las Vegas. We felt Your presence, as well as the presence of Our Blessed Mother and Your heavenly host. Furthermore, I thank you for sending us your angels here on earth who have helped make this celebration successful. Since our newsletter has limited space, their names will not be mentioned here. However, these angels know who they are because their names were announced during the celebration.*

*- Evelyn*

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*“Remember your works for me will be inscribed in my Father's Throne. When the day comes facing your own judgement, facts will appear and you will see unfolding before your eyes  
DO GOOD AND HELP OTHERS IN MY NAME”.*  
*Jesus, Your Merciful God*

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# GOD TOUCHED ME

## HEAVEN IS REAL

*"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. John 14:2-3*

*By Chat  
a devotee's granddaughter*

When we were kids, whenever our teacher would ask us to draw "HEAVEN" during our Christian Living class, we would draw white clouds with a big golden gate, and Jesus is there, as well as the angels. However, it is not like that at all. There is no big golden gate, no Saint Peter guarding it, no fluffy clouds, and no angels hovering around. And Jesus is not there. But it is true there is heaven.

When I was in the battle of saving or losing myself, I got lost in a strange yet familiar place – extremely quiet. The quietness was very calming and relaxing, not deafening. The people there were all smiling at me as if they knew me. I remember being dragged by a strong wind. A big guy who seemed familiar saved me. I called him and went to him, wanting to know who he was. He took me back where I should be. He smiled at me and hugged me. He told me to go back. And it was then that I woke up. I saw my Dad beside me and I woke him up. I heard myself talk. I was half awake.

I have never known my grandparents on both sides of the family. If I ever met them, I was probably still a baby.



So when my Mom showed me a photo weeks after I got out of the hospital, it was then I realized that it was my maternal grandfather who saved me. I was in awe since I have no recollection of him.

What I am trying to say here is that I feel Heaven is real. Yet, we have different versions of what it is like. Nevertheless, it is what we call in Tagalog, "langit." I may have doubted myself several times. Gave up when people around me kept on fighting for me. I am still learning to value life and discover its beauty. It was not my time yet, but I sure did have a glimpse of heaven. So maybe HEAVEN is real! ☐

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Chat is 22, a B.S. Psychology graduate and is currently teaching boys and girls whom she adores and from whom she receives lots of love – and "entertainment"! At 21, she battled health issues like acid reflux or GERD, cholecystitis, pancreatitis and Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), an auto immune disease that mistakenly attacks healthy tissues and organs. She has gone through several surgeries and continues to struggle with SLE's attendant consequences – affecting her kidneys, joints and skin. There is no known cure for SLE [yet] but there are treatments that can help manage its symptoms. Chat is a volunteer for these clinical studies and experimental or "test" drugs.

Chat admits to those times when the pain and the struggles are undefeatable but her faith in God (that grows stronger a little bit more each day, each pain and each struggle) and her family that stands by her, drives her to fight – and win!

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### EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES THAT LEFT PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

The confused woman stored the Particle in a drawer in her bedroom. That night the drawer began to emit brilliant rays of light which illuminated the room as if it were daytime. The husband was also aware of the strange phenomenon and questioned his wife, who was obligated to tell him everything. The next day, the couple informed the pastor, who went to the home to remove the Host and return the Blessed Sacrament to the Church of St. Stephen in solemn procession, accompanied by many religious and lay people. The Host bled for three consecutive days, and was then placed

in a beautiful reliquary made of beeswax. In 1340 another miracle occurred. When the priest opened the tabernacle, he found the beeswax vase broken into many pieces: in its place was a crystal vase containing the Blood mixed with the wax.

The Sacred Host is now preserved in an 18th century Eucharistic throne above the main altar. The Church of St. Stephen is now known as the Shrine of the Holy Miracle. Throughout the centuries, on various occasions the Host gave new emissions of Blood, and in some cases various images of Our Lord were seen in the Holy

Eucharist. Among the witnesses of this prodigy is St. Francis Xavier, the apostle of the Indies, who visited the shrine before going on the missions.

Every year since the miracle occurred, on the second Sunday of April, the precious relic is processed from the home of the couple to the Church of St. Stephen. The couple's home became a chapel in the year 1684.☐