



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

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## MY CATHOLIC LIFE! A JOURNEY OF PERSONAL CONVERSION BEING CHEATED

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SOMEONE IN THE CROWD SAID TO JESUS, "TEACHER, TELL MY BROTHER TO SHARE THE INHERITANCE WITH ME." HE REPLIED TO HIM, "FRIEND, WHO APPOINTED ME AS YOUR JUDGE AND ARBITRATOR?" LUKE 12:13-14

MANY THINGS IN LIFE ARE NOT FAIR. CHILDREN ARE KEENLY AWARE OF THIS ANY TIME THEY SENSE THEY HAVE BEEN CHEATED BY A SIBLING. THEY COMPLAIN TO THEIR PARENTS, JUST AS THE PERSON IN THE CROWD QUOTED ABOVE COMPLAINED TO JESUS ABOUT HIS BROTHER. WE WANT JUSTICE AND CAN BECOME QUITE UPSET WHEN WE FEEL THAT WE HAVE BEEN DEALT AN INJUSTICE.

THE PASSAGE ABOVE IS INTERESTING BECAUSE JESUS GENTLY BUT CLEARLY REFUSES TO BE THE ARBITER OF JUSTICE FOR THIS MAN. IT MAY INDEED BE THE CASE THAT HE WAS CHEATED OUT OF HIS INHERITANCE BY HIS BROTHER. BUT IT'S INTERESTING THAT JESUS NOT ONLY REFUSES TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE, HE THEN GOES ON TO TEACH ABOUT GREED, SUGGESTING THAT THE CHEATED MAN WAS ACTING OUT OF GREED.

IF YOU WERE CHEATED OUT OF YOUR INHERITANCE BY A SIBLING, HOW WOULD YOU REACT? IF A SIBLING WERE TO DO THIS, IT WOULD CLEARLY BE A SIN AND AN INJUSTICE. BUT THE QUESTION AT HAND IS YOUR REACTION TO BEING CHEATED. BEING CHEATED BY ANOTHER MIGHT RESULT IN ONE OF TWO RESPONSES. THE MOST COMMON RESPONSE IS TO IMMEDIATELY SEEK JUSTICE, TO FIGHT BACK. BUT THIS IS NOT ALWAYS WHAT GOD WILL INSPIRE US TO DO. INSTEAD, WHEN WE EXPERIENCE INJUSTICE, WE ARE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOVE ON A VERY DEEP LEVEL. AND THIS MUST BE OUR RESPONSE. THIS IS WHY JESUS SAID WE MUST LOVE OUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE US. IN THE BIG PICTURE OF ETERNITY, EARTHLY INJUSTICES ARE ALWAYS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GRACE. THIS IS EVIDENT BY SIMPLY LOOKING AT THE GRAVEST INJUSTICE OF THE SUFFERING AND DEATH OF THE SON OF GOD. JESUS DID NOT COMPLAIN ABOUT BEING SO CRUELLY TREATED. HE DID NOT CALL ON THE ANGELS OF HEAVEN TO DESTROY THE PHARISEES AND ROMANS WHO ATTACKED HIM. INSTEAD, JESUS USED THE INJUSTICE INFLICTED UPON HIM AS A FOUNDATION FOR HIS GIFT OF SALVATION.

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## FEASTS FOR AUGUST

THE FEASTS ON THE GENERAL ROMAN CALENDAR CELEBRATED DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST ARE:

- 1 ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, MEMORIAL
- 2 EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI; PETER JULIAN EYMARD, OPT. MEM.
- 3 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY
- 4 JOHN VIANNEY, MEMORIAL
- 5 DEDICATION OF ST. MARY MAJOR, OPT. MEM.
- 6 TRANSFIGURATION, FEAST
- 7 SIXTUS II AND COMPANIONS; CAJETAN, OPT. MEM.
- 8 DOMINIC, MEMORIAL
- 9 TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, OPT. MEM.
- 10 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY
- 11 CLARE, MEMORIAL
- 12 JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, OPT. MEM.
- 13 PONTIAN AND HIPPLYTUS, OPT. MEM.
- 14 MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, MEMORIAL
- 15 ASSUMPTION OF MARY, SOLEMNITY
- 16 STEPHEN OF HUNGARY, OPT. MEM.
- 17 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY
- 19 JOHN EUDES, OPT. MEM.
- 20 BERNARD, MEMORIAL
- 21 PIUS X, MEMORIAL
- 22 QUEENSHIP OF MARY, MEMORIAL
- 23 ROSE OF LIMA, OPT. MEM.
- 24 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY
- 25 LOUIS IX OF FRANCE; JOSEPH CALASANZ, OPT. MEM.
- 27 MONICA, MEMORIAL
- 28 AUGUSTINE, MEMORIAL
- 29 PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST , MEMORIAL
- 31 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY

THE FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW (AUGUST 24) FALLS ON A SUNDAY SO IT IS SUPERSEDED BY THE SUNDAY LITURGY. □

## OUR CENACLE CORNER

SEEKING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD  
THROUGH MEDITATION OF PASSAGES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURES

*Love Knows No Bounds*

# GOD TOUCHED ME

*Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.  
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does. — 1 Chronicles 16:24*

## LOVING AND FORGIVING FROM THE BOOK: MY LIFE'S JOURNEY A COLLECTION OF POEMS

*By Connie dela Rosa, a devotee*

YOU'VE LOVED US SINCE DAY ONE  
WITH A LOVE SO PURE AND HOLY  
NURTURING US FOR NINE MONTHS  
AS WE LAID CONTENT IN OUR MOTHER'S WOMB

SOME OF US WERE BLESSED WITH LOVING PARENTS AND  
SIBLINGS  
GROWING UP BLISSFULLY THROUGH THE YEARS  
KNOWING YOU, LOVING YOU, SERVING YOU...  
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN PART OF OUR LIVES.

OUR 'LIL WORLD EXPANDED WITH KNOWLEDGE  
OF VARIOUS PEOPLE NEAR AND FAR  
THEIR CULTURES AND WAYS OF LIFE HAD FASCINATED US  
FUELING OUR DESIRE TO TRAVEL AND INTERACT WITH  
THEM.

WHITE, BLACK, YELLOW, BROWN  
SKINNY, FAT, MEDIUM BUILT  
INTELLIGENT, DUMB, MENTALLY HANDICAPPED  
WEALTHY, IMPOVERISHED, MEDIAN CLASS.  
WARMHEARTED, HOT-TEMPERED, EVEN-TEMPERED  
ATHEISTS, BUDDHISTS, CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS  
SUCH ARE YOUR PEOPLE, LORD,  
SO UNIQUELY DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER.

THROUGH THE YEARS, WE'VE COME TO REALIZE  
THAT REGARDLESS OF WHO WE ARE  
OR WHAT COLOR OF SKIN WE ARE  
OR WHERE WE ARE BORN OR RAISED  
WE ARE ALL ONE BIG FAMILY  
LOVING UNDER YOUR ROOF, GOD  
CO-EXISTING AS BEST WE COULD.

WE WERE SUPPOSEDLY CREATED IN YOUR IMAGE  
AND YET, WE ARE SO DIFFERENT FROM YOU,  
YOU ARE SO LOVABLE, GOOD, KIND, PATIENT,  
UNDERSTANDING  
BUT SOME OF US HAVE BECOME THE OTHER WAY.  
YOU HAD GIVEN US THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE  
TO DO AS WE PLEASE IN LIFE  
YOU HAD PROVIDED US WITH YOUR GRACES  
TO LIVE A HAPPY REWARDING LIFE.

FOR ALL THE GOOD THINGS YOU'VE BLESSED US WITH  
WE'VE TURNED OUR BACKS ON YOU  
HATING YOU, KILLING YOU ALL OVER AGAIN  
AND YET, YOU'VE KEPT ON LOVING US,  
WAITING FOR THE DAY WHEN WE'LL COME BACK TO YOU.

SUCH IS YOUR GREAT LOVE FOR US  
THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO WAIT FOR US AND FORGIVE US  
NOT ONCE BUT SEVENTY SEVEN TIMES SEVEN  
THANK YOU LORD FOR LOVING US! ☐

## BEING CHEATED

AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH THIS LIFE, WE NEED TO DECIDE WHETHER WE ARE GOING TO LIVE FOR THIS LIFE OR FOR ETERNITY. WE CANNOT HAVE BOTH. HOWEVER, BY CHOOSING TO LIVE FOR ETERNITY, WE ALSO ENHANCE OUR LIVES HERE ON EARTH IN WAYS THAT NOTHING IN THIS WORLD CAN MATCH. FOR EXAMPLE, SAY YOU EXPERIENCED THE UNFORTUNATE SITUATION OF EXTREME POVERTY. SAY YOU WERE CHEATED OUT OF YOUR HOME AND POSSESSIONS AND WERE LEFT WITH NOTHING. WOULD THIS MAKE YOU MISERABLE? IT MIGHT, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO. INSTEAD, SUCH AN UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCE HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR YOU TO LIVE DAY-BY-DAY, TRUSTING IN GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL CARE AND TO OFFER MERCY IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE. AND THAT IS GOOD. IT IS GOOD FOR YOUR ETERNAL SOUL. IT IS GOOD BECAUSE IT WILL MOTIVATE YOU TO TRUST GOD ON A VERY DEEP LEVEL AND TO BECOME A BEACON OF GOD'S MERCY. BY CONTRAST, IF YOU HAD EVERYTHING YOU COULD EVER WANT IN THIS WORLD, IT WOULD BE SERIOUSLY TEMPTING TO RELY LESS UPON GOD AND MORE UPON THE THINGS YOU POSSESS IN THIS WORLD. BUT THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD CANNOT SAVE YOUR ETERNAL SOUL. IN FACT, THEY ARE A SERIOUS HINDRANCE TO YOUR ABILITY TO TRUST IN GOD ALONE. SO, TRUTH BE TOLD, POVERTY AND INJUSTICE ACTUALLY OPEN THE DOOR TO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MUCH MORE GRACE IN OUR LIVES THAN MATERIAL WEALTH DOES. BUT SO OFTEN WE STILL LONG TO HAVE MORE AND MORE OF THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD.

REFLECT, TODAY, UPON THE SPIRITUAL AND ETERNAL BLESSINGS THAT COME FROM RELYING SOLELY UPON GOD AND NOT UPON MATERIAL WEALTH. THIS IS A HARD LESSON FOR MOST PEOPLE TO LEARN. IF THIS IS YOUR STRUGGLE, THEN TRY TO TAKE ON THE ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE. TRY TO LOOK BEYOND THE TEMPORARY STABILITY AND PLEASURES THAT COME FROM ACCUMULATING EARTHLY WEALTH, SO THAT YOU WILL SEE THE ETERNAL RICHES THAT COME FROM SEEKING GOD ALONE. EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD WILL ONE DAY PASS AWAY. IN THE LIGHT OF THAT FACT, RECOMMIT YOURSELF TO THE EMBRACE OF GOD'S RICHES BY LOVING OTHERS THROUGH EVERY INJUSTICE YOU ENCOUNTER IN LIFE. ☐



*“I am your Mother Mary. Pray, pray, pray, my children. This chaos that’s happening will soon subside and peace will rule all over. My beads of rosary you must always hold in your hands as instrument of peace.”*

*Mary, your Lady of the Rosary  
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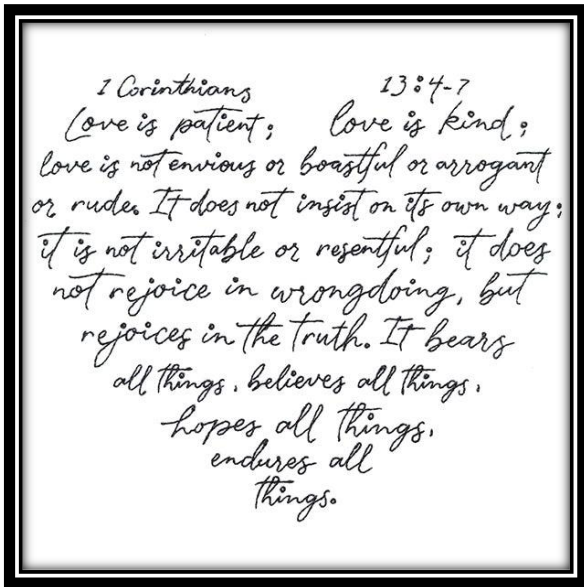
# SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED

## LOVE KNOWS NO BOUNDS

BY VICTOR H. ARANETA

WHEN WE LOVE, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE LIMITS. NO MATTER HOW SERIOUS WE ARE, OUR HEARTS CAN GIVE ONLY THE LOVE WE HAVE, A NATURE OF A FALLEN MAN. HUMAN LOVE MAY BE PATIENT BUT NOT UNLIMITED. WHEN

LOVE IS OVERWHELMING, HUMAN RECEPTORS TEND TO REJECT IT AND WE GET IRRITATED. BUT LOVE IS SELFLESS, ONLY THROUGH THE GUIDANCE OF GOD. LOVE DOES NOT FORCE ITSELF ON OTHERS AND IS NEVER BOASTFUL. LOVE IS KIND, PATIENT AND RETAINED. IT WILL ALWAYS BE THERE.



**PRAYER:** LORD, GIVE OUR HEARTS A LITTLE MORE OF WHAT YOUR HEART CAN GIVE; AND THE GRACE TO RETAIN MOST EVEN IF OUR HEARTS CAN FEEL THE ANGER. MAKE OUR HEART OF STONE BE HEART OF FLESH WHICH YOU ORIGINALLY CREATED; IN JESUS NAME WE PRAY, AMEN. □

## Upcoming Events

### 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY DEVOTION DEDICATED TO THE HOLY SOULS

AUGUST 1, 2025

IN LAS VEGAS:  
THE CENACLE HOUSE  
AT 2:30 PM

IN LOS ANGELES: VIA ZOOM  
AT 8:30 PM

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

AUGUST 2, 2025

IN LAS VEGAS:  
THE CENACLE HOUSE  
AT 1:00 PM

### FEAST OF THE FATHER OF ALL MANKIND

AUGUST 3, 2025

IN LAS VEGAS:  
ST. SHARBEL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MASS AT 9:30 AM FOLLOWED BY  
DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS AT THE CHAPEL

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

#### FEAST OF THE

#### FATHER OF ALL MANKIND

AUGUST 2, 2025

IN LOS ANGELES:  
ST. ANNE'S CHAPEL  
155 N. OCCIDENTAL BL.  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90026  
DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS AT 8:30 AM  
MASS AT 9:30 AM

### 800 OUR FATHER DEVOTION

AUGUST 16, 2025

IN LAS VEGAS:  
THE CENACLE HOUSE  
AT 8:00 AM

IN LOS ANGELES: VIA ZOOM  
AT 9:00 AM