



1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION NEWSLETTER

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HOLY NAME OF MARY A HOMILY OF SAINT BERNARD, ABBOT & DOCTOR

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"AND THE VIRGIN'S NAME WAS MARY."

LET US SPEAK A LITTLE ABOUT THIS NAME, WHICH IS SAID TO MEAN "STAR OF THE SEA," AND WHICH SO WELL BEFITS THE VIRGIN MOTHER. RIGHTLY IS SHE LIKENED TO A STAR. AS A STAR EMITS A RAY WITHOUT BEING DIMMED, SO THE VIRGIN BROUGHT FORTH HER SON WITHOUT RECEIVING ANY INJURY. THE RAY TAKES NAUGHT FROM THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE STAR, NOR THE SON FROM HIS MOTHER'S VIRGINAL INTEGRITY. THIS IS THE NOBLE STAR RISEN OUT OF JACOB, WHOSE RAY ILLUMINES THE WHOLE WORLD, WHOSE SPLENDOR SHINES IN THE HEAVENS, PENETRATES THE ABYSS, AND, TRAVERSING THE WHOLE EARTH, GIVES WARMTH RATHER TO SOULS THAN TO BODIES, CHERISHING VIRTUES, WITHERING VICES.

MARY IS THAT BRIGHT AND INCOMPARABLE STAR, WHOM WE NEED TO SEE RAISED ABOVE THIS VAST SEA, SHINING BY HER MERITS, AND GIVING US LIGHT BY HER EXAMPLE.

"ALL OF YOU, WHO SEE YOURSELVES AMID THE TIDES OF THE WORLD, TOSSED BY STORMS AND TEMPESTS RATHER THAN WALKING ON THE LAND, DO NOT TURN YOUR EYES AWAY FROM THIS SHINING STAR, UNLESS YOU WANT TO BE OVERWHELMED BY THE HURRICANE.

IF TEMPTATION STORMS, OR YOU FALL UPON THE ROCKS OF TRIBULATION, LOOK TO THE STAR: CALL UPON MARY! IF YOU ARE TOSSED BY THE WAVES OF PRIDE OR AMBITION, DETRACTION OR ENVY, LOOK TO THE STAR, CALL UPON MARY.

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FEASTS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

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| 3 GREGORY THE GREAT, MEMORIAL | 21 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY |
| 7 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY | 23 PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, MEMORIAL |
| 8 NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, FEAST | 26 COSMAS AND DAMIAN, OPT. MEM. |
| 9 PETER CLAVER (USA), MEMORIAL | 27 VINCENT DE PAUL, MEMORIAL |
| 12 MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY, OPT. MEM. | 28 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY |
| 13 JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, MEMORIAL | 29 MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS, FEAST |
| 14 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, FEAST | 30 JEROME, MEMORIAL |
| 15 OUR LADY OF SORROWS, MEMORIAL | |
| 16 CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN, MEMORIAL | |
| 17 ROBERT BELLARMINI, HILDEGARD OF BINGEN; EMBER WEDNESDAY, OPT. MEM. | THE COMMEMORATIONS OF ST. MATTHEW (SEPTEMBER 21) AND STS. WENCESLAUS AND LAWRENCE RUIZ AND COMPANIONS (SEPTEMBER 28) FALL ON A SUNDAY AND ARE SUPERSEDED BY THE SUNDAY LITURGY. □ |
| 19 JANUARIUS; EMBER FRIDAY, OPT. MEM. | |
| 20 ANDREW KIM TAEGON, PAUL CHONG HASANG AND COMPANIONS; EMBER SATURDAY, MEMORIAL | |

OUR CENACLE CORNER

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

Miracles Attributed to Carlo Acutis

GOD TOUCHED ME

Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.

Tell everyone about the amazing things he does. — 1 Chronicles 16:24

"Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. — Malachi 3:7

COMING HOME FROM THE BOOK: MY LIFE'S JOURNEY A COLLECTION OF POEMS

By Connie dela Rosa, a Devotee

*The Editorial Staff dedicates this poem to all devotees of The Spiritual Army of God the Father,
in memory of our deceased sister in Christ, **NONA MANANSAN ALAPAG***

WHEN GOD CALLS US HOME
WE KNOW NOT THE DAY NOR THE HOUR,
NOR THE PLACE, OR WHOM WE'RE WITH,
WE JUST KNOW WE'VE STOPPED BREATHING,
GONE FROM THIS LIFE FOREVER!

NO ONE CAN REALLY SAY, "I'M PREPARED,
TAKE ME NOW, LORD."
'COZ EVERYONE WANTS TO HANG ON TO DEAR LIFE
AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE,
FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE!

BUT WHAT HAD WE DONE WITH OUR LIVES,
DID WE LIVE EACH DAY WITH THANKFULNESS OR JOY
KNOWING IT COULD BE OUR LAST?
OR DID WE SQUANDER OUR TIME USELESSLY AWAY
INDULGING ON THINGS THAT SATISFY OUR SENSES!

IF JESUS SAYS YOU'RE COMING HOME SOON,
WHAT WILL YOU DO OR NOT DO?
WILL YOU DO IT FOR JESUS NOW,
OR WILL YOU WAIT FOR TOMORROW?

REMEMBER, TOMORROW IS NOT PROMISED
SO DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO FOR JESUS — NOW!

FORGIVE THOSE WHO HAVE WRONGED YOU,
WRITE THAT LONG-AWAITED LETTER
TO YOUR MOM OR DAD
BETTER YET, CALL OR SEE THEM NOW.
GIVE RESTITUTION TO THOSE YOU'VE TREATED UNJUSTLY
BE TRULY REMORSEFUL AND CONTRITE IN SPIRIT!

HAVING DONE SO, ONE CAN FINALLY SAY,
JESUS, I'M READY
PLEASE TAKE ME HOME NOW! □



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HOLY NAME OF MARY

IF ANGER OR AVARICE OR THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH DASH AGAINST THE SHIP OF YOUR SOUL, TURN YOUR EYES TO MARY.

IF TROUBLED BY THE ENORMITY OF YOUR CRIMES, ASHAMED OF YOUR GUILTY CONSCIENCE, TERRIFIED BY DREAD OF THE JUDGMENT, YOU BEGIN TO SINK INTO THE GULF OF SADNESS OR THE ABYSS OF DESPAIR, THINK OF MARY.

IN DANGERS, IN ANGUISH, IN DOUBT, THINK OF MARY, CALL UPON MARY. LET HER NAME BE EVEN ON YOUR LIPS, EVER IN YOUR HEART; AND THE BETTER TO OBTAIN THE HELP OF HER PRAYERS, IMITATE THE EXAMPLE OF HER LIFE:

"FOLLOWING HER, THOU STRAYEST NOT; INVOKING HER, THOU DESPAIREST NOT; THINKING OF HER, THOU WANDEREST NOT; UPHELD BY HER, THOU FALLEST NOT; SHIELDED BY HER, THOU FEAREST NOT; GUIDED BY HER, THOU GROWEST NOT WEARY; FAVORED BY HER, THOU REACHEST THE GOAL. AND THUS DOST THOU EXPERIENCE IN THYSELF HOW GOOD IS THAT SAYING:

'AND THE VIRGIN'S NAME WAS MARY.'" □

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MIRACLES ATTRIBUTED TO CARLO ACUTIS

THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED ON JULY 2, 2022, AND A CO-WORKER OF THE GIRL'S MOTHER IMMEDIATELY BEGAN TO PRAY TO BLESSED CARLO. SIX DAYS LATER, THE MOM WENT TO ASSISI TO PRAY AT BLESSED CARLO'S TOMB. THAT SAME DAY, THE GIRL BEGAN TO BREATHE ON HER OWN. WITHIN 10 DAYS, SHE WAS DISCHARGED FROM ICU; THE NEXT MONTH, SHE WAS DISCHARGED FROM REHAB AFTER ONLY A WEEK, DUE TO HER RECOVERY.

CARLO ACUTIS WILL BECOME THE FIRST MILLENNIAL SAINT, AND MANY HAVE HIM PEGGED AS BECOMING THE PATRON SAINT OF THE INTERNET. CARLO LIVED A HOLY LIFE AND WAS DESCRIBED BY POPE FRANCIS AS A "YOUNG MAN IN LOVE WITH THE EUCHARIST." "HE DID NOT REST IN COMFORTABLE IMMOBILITY. HE GRASPED THE NEEDS OF HIS TIME, BECAUSE HE SAW THE FACE OF CHRIST IN THE WEAKEST," EXPRESSED THE POPE, ADDING THAT CARLO'S EXAMPLE SHOWS YOUNG PEOPLE "TRUE HAPPINESS IS FOUND IN PUTTING GOD IN THE FIRST PLACE AND SERVING HIM IN OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS." □



"When you pray and your heart is full of anger the prayer doesn't reach the throne of my Father. That prayer is blocked by the enemy and he nurtures it until the day he will be able to use those prayers against you. Close your eyes and open your heart to accept forgiveness with all your heart and your mind. My children do you wonder why those prayers are not answered? Those prayers we did not receive and they are in the files of the evil one waiting to be answered by him through anger and hate.

Remember when these prayer offerings are given to Me you must clear your hearts of anger, if not leave those offerings on the table and go to your brother or sister and get reconciled. If you cannot do this, then open your eyes and see what the enemy can do to those prayers my children."

*Jesus of Nazareth
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SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED

MIRACLES ATTRIBUTED TO CARLO ACUTIS

WWW.CATHOLIC.ORG/NEWS/HF/FAITH/STORY
WWW.ALETEIA.ORG/2024/05/23/CARLO-ACUTIS

CARLO ACUTIS WAS BEATIFIED ON OCTOBER 10, 2020 AND WILL BE CANONIZED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2025. HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A REMARKABLE BOY OF FAITH LIVING IN MODERN TIMES.

THIS MIRACLE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO HIS INTERCESSION:

AS A SYMPTOM FROM HIS CONDITION, MATTHEUS WAS FREQUENTLY VOMITING. HIS DISORDER CAUSES THE PANCREAS TO CONSTRICT THE DUODENUM AND PREVENTS FOOD FROM LEAVING THE STOMACH. HE WAS RESTRICTED TO A LIQUID DIET, WHICH CAUSED HIM TO BECOME VERY UNDERWEIGHT AND SMALL FOR HIS AGE. AT NEARLY FOUR-YEARS-OLD, MATTHEUS WEIGHTED ONLY 20 POUNDS. HE WAS NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE FOR LONG. HIS DOCTORS DECIDED HE NEEDED SURGERY, BUT GIVEN HIS WEIGHT AND SIZE, THEY FEARED HE WOULD NOT BE STRONG ENOUGH FOR THE SURGERY. MATTHEUS' FAMILY KNEW ONLY A MIRACLE COULD SAVE THEIR BOY.

MEANWHILE, FATHER MARCELO TENORIO, A FRIEND OF MATTHEUS' FAMILY, OBTAINED A RELIC FROM CARLO ACUTIS' MOTHER AND INVITED CATHOLICS TO A MASS IN HIS PARISH AND ENCOURAGED THEM TO ASK FOR CARLO'S INTERCESSION FOR ANY HEALING THEY MIGHT NEED. MATTHEUS' MOTHER HEARD OF THE PRAYER SERVICE AND PRAYED TO THIS YOUNG SERVANT OF GOD FOR A CURE FOR HER SON.

ON OCTOBER 12, 2013, MATTHEUS WAS TAKEN TO RECEIVE A BLESSING WITH CARLO'S RELIC. THE YOUNG BOY TOUCHED THE CLOTH AND ASKED TO "STOP THROWING UP," ACCORDING TO ALETEIA. AFTER THAT DAY, MATTHEUS WAS ABLE TO EAT SOLID FOOD ONCE AGAIN, AND NEVER VOMITED, ACCORDING TO HIS FAMILY. DOCTORS PERFORMED SEVERAL TESTS ON MATTHEUS AND DISCOVERED HE WAS COMPLETELY CURED OF THE DISEASE.

AFTER DUE INVESTIGATION, MATTHEUS MIRACLE WITH CARLO ACUTIS' INTERCESSION WAS OFFICIALLY APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 22, 2020, AND IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT CARLO'S CAUSE WOULD ADVANCE.

THE VATICAN'S DICASTERY FOR SAINTS' CAUSES HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ANOTHER MIRACLE HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE INTERCESSION OF CARLO ACUTIS (1991-2006), MEANING, HE WILL BE CANONIZED. THE MIRACLE INVOLVED THE HEALING OF A YOUNG WOMAN, 21, FROM COSTA RICA, STUDYING IN FLORENCE, ITALY, WHO FELL FROM HER BICYCLE IN JULY OF 2022. SHE INCURRED A SEVERE HEAD INJURY. SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, WHERE HER SKULL WAS OPENED TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON THE BRAIN, BUT HER SITUATION WAS CRITICAL.

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Upcoming Events

1ST FRIDAY DEVOTION DEDICATED TO THE HOLY SOULS

SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

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

IN LOS ANGELES: VIA ZOOM
AT 8:30 PM

1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION 1ST SUNDAY DEVOTION

SEPTEMBER 6, 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

1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION

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

1ST SUNDAY DEVOTION

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

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

2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

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

IN LOS ANGELES: VIA ZOOM
AT 9:00 AM