



1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION NEWSLETTER

November 2017

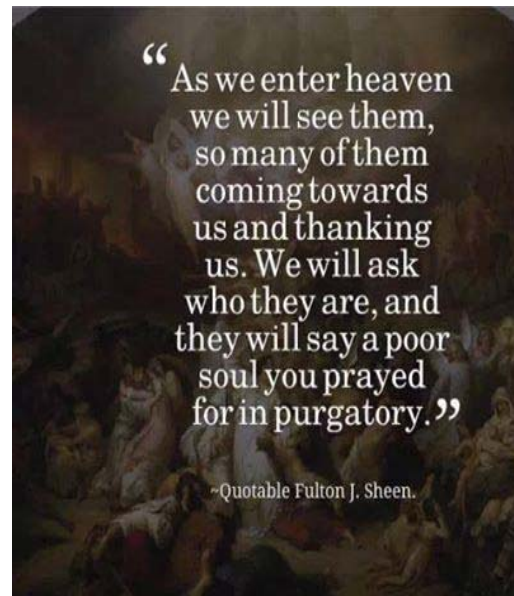
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WHAT TO DO TO HELP THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.
2 Maccabees, 12:46

November 2nd, the Holy Mother Church celebrates ALL the blessed souls who have passed on to Eternity. The Poor Souls are purified in the fire of God's Divine Love and languish in a spiritual state known as "Purgatory". As they can no longer help themselves through prayer, penance, and good works, the Church encourages us to assist them by offering prayers and sacrifices on their behalf to lessen their time of purification. Below is a list of how we may assist the poor souls in purgatory alleviate their sufferings:



- Attend masses on their behalf and/or have masses offered for their relief or release. Your local parishes are distributing envelopes for your mass requests.
- Pray for them using traditional prayers for the Dead, the Holy Rosary, or offer the Stations of the Cross. Sprinkle Holy Water frequently with the intent of granting the Poor Souls' relief.
- Perform charitable works on their behalf (e.g. visit a sick person, give to charity, or perform volunteer work).
- Offer sacrifices or voluntary penances, big or small, on their behalf (fasting is especially effective).
- Last, but not the least, encourage others to pray for the poor souls. ☐

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OVERVIEW FOR THE MONTH

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The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory, whose feast is celebrated on November 2. The entire month of November falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time and is represented by the liturgical color green.

During November, as in all of Ordinary Time (Time After Pentecost), the Liturgy signifies and expresses the regenerated life from the coming of the Holy Spirit, which is to be spent on the model of Christ's Life and under the direction of His Spirit. As we come to the end

of the Church year we are asked to consider the end times, our own as well as the world's. The culmination of the liturgical year is the Feast of Christ the King. "This feast asserts the supreme authority of Christ over human beings and their institutions.... Beyond it we see Advent dawning with its perspective of the Lord's coming in glory."— The Liturgy and Time, A.G. Mortimort ☐

FEASTS FOR NOVEMBER

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

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| 1 All Saints, Solemnity | 19 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday |
| 2 All Souls, Feast | 21 Presentation of Mary, Memorial |
| 3 Martin de Porres, Opt. Mem. | 22 Cecilia, Memorial |
| 4 Charles Borromeo, Memorial | 23 Clement I; Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro (USA); Thanksgiving Day, Opt. Mem. |
| 5 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday | 24 Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Memorial |
| 9 Lateran Basilica, Feast | 25 Catherine of Alexandria, Opt. Mem. |
| 10 Leo the Great, Memorial | 26 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe , Solemnity |
| 11 Martin of Tours; Veterans Day (USA), Memorial | 30 Andrew, Feast |
| 12 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday | |
| 13 Frances Xavier Cabrini, Memorial | |
| 15 Albert the Great, Opt. Mem. | |
| 16 Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, Opt. Mem. | |
| 17 Elizabeth of Hungary, Memorial | |
| 18 Churches of Peter and Paul; Rose Philippine Duchesne (USA), Opt. Mem. | |

The feast of St. Josaphat (November 12) is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.. ☐

OUR CENACLE CORNER

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

THE FAITH AND TRUST WE HAVE FOR GOD

The lingering enemies of Faith and Trust:

- Doubt
- Procrastination
- Denial

THE BOOK OF EXODUS
THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

by Rodney Kissinger, S.J.

One of the most fundamental and most consoling truths of Catholicism is the Communion of Saints. Anyone who does not appreciate the streams of grace, love and vitality that are constantly flowing through the Communion of Saints does not understand Catholicism.

The basic fact of creation is that it is all of one piece, nothing exists alone. If you go to Epcot at Disney World you will see an exhibit called The Land. Its theme is symbiosis. No plant or animal, no matter how small can exist alone. Particularly is this true of man who is made in the image of God. God also is a community, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three distinct persons, each sharing equally in the divine nature, perfect unity in diversity.

The basic fact of redemption is the same. Jesus died for all. He wants all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

The first two words of the prayer he taught his disciples, Our Father, defines this interdependence very simply and clearly. God is our Father and we are his children, brothers and sisters of the same family of God. God loves each one of us personally and intimately but as members of his family. Paul compares the Mystical Body of Jesus to the human body in which each part is essential and all work together for the good of the whole. In Christianity to believe is to belong.

This is also the basic fact of our experience. We do not exist alone. A fact that is quite obvious in the beginning and the end of life. And in between the entrance and the exit there is more of the same. Assisted living is a fact of our whole lives. It is through our relationships with other people that we identify ourselves and grow into the unique person we have the potential to become. Not even death can destroy this solidarity, this union, this interdependence.

The Communion of Saints is composed of three branches: the Church Triumphant, those who have finished the race and are already enjoying the Kingdom, the Church Suffering who have finished the race and are undergoing further growth and purification, and the Church Militant,

those who have not finished the race and are fighting to keep the faith. There is a constant interchange between these three branches.

We celebrate the Communion of Saints every day in the Mass. In the Mass we honor the saints, pray for the souls in purgatory and pray for one another. Because of the

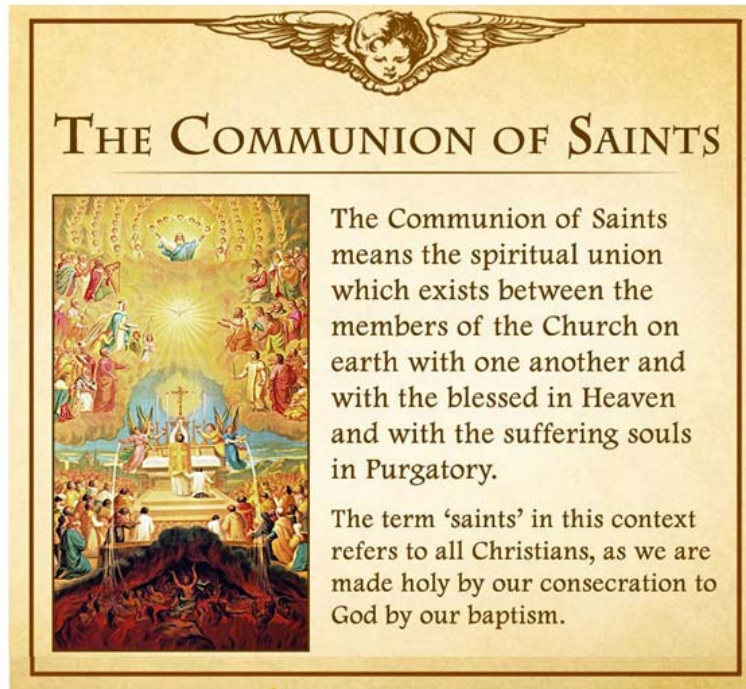
different time zones in the world several Masses are offered every minute of the day. As members of the Communion of Saints we participate in and benefit from every one of these Masses. And long after we are gone and everyone else has forgotten about us the Church will still be praying for us.

Shakespeare tells us that life is a stage and we are all players on this stage of life. We all have our parts to play, our entrances and exits. And then at the end of the play all of the players assemble on stage to receive flowers, applause and perhaps a

standing ovation. So it is with the Communion of Saints. We are all players in the drama of life. We all have our parts to play, our entrances and exits. And then at the end, at the General Resurrection we all assemble to hear our Lord say, "Come ye blessed of my Father and receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

The Communion of Saints is diametrically opposed to the culture in which we live, a rat race of rugged individualism, do-it-yourself, stand on your own two feet, I'm #1 and survival of the fittest. No wonder loneliness is the most universal complaint today. How strange it is that loneliness is so common today when we are concerned about over-population and have the greatest means of communication the world has ever seen.

Catholics are never alone and find in the Communion of Saints the greatest support group in the world. Streams of grace are continually flowing and there is no action, no matter how private, that does not affect the whole body. What a wonderful world it would be if the Communion of Saints was not just an abstract truth we profess in the Creed on Sunday, but a living reality that permeates our lives every day. □



HOMILY ON THANKSGIVING

By Fr. Rodney Kissinger, S.J.
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"Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" (Luke 17: 17-18) Ingratitude has been called "the most unkindest cut of all." Yes, it is so easy to fall in love with the gift and forget all about the Giver; to admire a painting and never think of the painter; to enjoy music and never know the heart from which it came; to accept and love ourselves and not to care for the One from whom we came.

We like to think of ourselves as doers and achievers but the basic fact of life is that we are primarily receivers and transmitters not achievers. We all started out as zero, zip, nada. We did not ask to be. We did nothing to get here. My very existence is a gift of God. What am I anyway but a conglomeration of the gifts of God? What do I have that I have not received? Our most basic relationship with God therefore should be one of gratitude.

On another level I really did not start out as zero, zip, nada. In fact, I did not start out at all. I existed for all eternity. I existed in the mind of God as one of an infinite number of possible beings, beings that possibly could be. Out of this infinite number of possible beings God freely chose to create me.

My parents did not want me. They may have wanted a child but they did not know who I would be. But God knew exactly who I would be, and he wanted me. "You have not chosen me, I have chosen you." So from all eternity my most basic relationship with God is one of gratitude. "Lord, give me a grateful heart."

To remember and give thanks. God gave us a memory so that we can remember and give thanks. The memory enables us to bring forth from the storeroom of the past the wonderful moments of success, love and happiness, so that we can re-live, re-enjoy them and be grateful. "Lord, give me a grateful heart."

To remember and give thanks. That is what the Bible is all about. The Bible is the written history of many of the wonderful gifts God has given us from the very creation of the world and the promise of even greater gifts in the future. In the beginning the memory of these gifts was handed on orally to each succeeding generation and then

under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit written down so that all could remember and give thanks. "Lord, give me a grateful heart."

To remember and give thanks. That is what the Mass is all about. The Mass is the perfect act of thanksgiving that Jesus commanded us to, "Do this in memory of me." It is the perfect sacrifice Malachi foretold which would be offered up from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof. "Lord, give me a grateful heart."

To remember and give thanks. That is why we have a National Thanksgiving Day. We live in a country of plenty in a world of want, a land of religious and political freedom in a world of ethnic cleansing and zero tolerance, a land at peace in a world at war. Yet we have to set aside one day a year to remind us to give thanks to God. "Lord, give me a grateful heart."

To remember and give thanks. And in so doing we grow in the love of God. It is in gratitude for the gifts that we grow in the love of the Giver. As we say in the preface at Mass, "Our act of thanksgiving adds nothing to your greatness but makes us grow in grace through Jesus Christ, or Lord."

Gifts are the language of love, the more one loves the more one gives. Never has this language of gift-giving been spoken to me as God has spoken it to me. If God would not give me one gift more I should be grateful. But the best gift is yet to come. God will continue to look over me with His Divine Providence and then at the end of my life he will give me the greatest gift of all the gift of the Giver to be known, loved and possessed forever.

"Lord, give me a grateful heart," so that I may always remember and give thanks, and in so doing I may grow in the love of You. □

Fr. Rodney Kissinger, S.J. has been a Jesuit for over 75 years and a priest for over 64 years. His seasoned spirituality is the fruit of more than 60 years of making and giving the Spiritual Exercises in all of its formats to priests, religious and laity. It is presented not in the jargon of academia but in a language that everyone can understand. He is neither "old breed" nor "new breed," he is just "half breed." Having studied both the old theology and the new theology he is convinced that the continuity is so great that you cannot understand the new until you have mastered the old.



GOD TOUCHED ME

A TRUE CONVERSION

By Bernadette (Texas)

www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com

Since I was young, I have chosen to rage at every suffering, at every moment. I reacted with jealousy and pride. I have been impatient to the point of rage and hate, constantly. I hated myself and had a warped idea of what Love is. I received the Blessed Sacrament so many times when in a state of mortal sin, which of course is a deliberate sin of a grave matter in full knowledge of what I was doing. So many mortal sins damaged my soul!

Anger permeated my life and I committed murder in my heart a thousand times, cutting me off from Christ. I cannot say it was my only sin, there were so many others. I was cut off in the most mortal way by my sins. Through my own free will, I let hatefulness stay inside me.

Prayer for me was intermittent and only for my own desires. I could not commit to the Most Holy Rosary, to Our Lord. I prayed half-heartedly for others and even when I did, it was not every day. I hardly ever meditated on the mysteries of the Rosary, and I never kept Our Lady company while meditating.

For years and years on end I did not receive the Sacrament of Penance. Because I relied on my own intuition, abilities and belief system, I failed to persevere. Complete trust in the Divine Providence of God is what I was not aiming for...maybe in word, but not in true intent and deed. I loved myself more than God. I thought that I could give Him less than my all.

A little before Christmas (22nd) of 2011, I had taken the day off work to get ready for a Christmas trip to my fiancé's home and then my home. I was not preparing, but instead reading on the Internet and stumbled across a video on Fatima and Our Lady's prophecies and apparitions.

I was moved to read on and thus, to start saying the Rosary every day with her help. I cannot impart to you in words the Graces that Our Lady, our Eternal Advocate, afforded for me. Then, coupled with receiving the Sacrament of Penance this week, God has now graced me

with the strength to temper my patience, to offer my sufferings, to defuse my anger... in fact; the anger is all but gone. This is a MIRACLE because I HAVE STRUGGLED WITH THIS MY ENTIRE LIFE...I HAVE NEVER CONQUERED IT! NOT ONCE.

This I cannot say was my own doing, but the will of God and Our Lady's appeals for me. The anger and hatefulness cannot live in my soul while my devotion to her and my reliance on Our Lord grows. I have an abhorrence for sin that I never had before, the thirst for prayer all the time, for penance, for Grace, for the Sacraments...I want to Adore the Lord all the time now in my actions AND prayers, and I am saddened by mine and the WORLD'S separation from Him (though not enough by far) through sin; the world fades away while the Lord and promise of eternal life grows stronger in my soul.

Upon waking I think about Him, thinking that instead of doing this or that, why am I not praying? Why am I not adoring Him?

Adoring the Most Blessed Sacrament? Laying my life at His feet? Why am I not praying for souls? The deep desire to pray for souls, to help people find this Grace through devotion to the Most Holy Rosary and her Immaculate Heart has pervaded my existence. She is the Gracious Advocate of my life. I have experienced the miracle of conversion.

This day and every day I offer my sufferings in atonement for sins and in prayer for the salvation of souls. So two prayers I offer in PRAYER and HOPE that YOU will start praying the Most Holy Rosary today and the Fatima prayers. □



SPIRITUAL ARMY NEWS DISPATCH

NEW LOOK OF OUR CENACLE

Every 1st Saturday of the month, the Army conducts a cenacle attended by devotees in Los Angeles, and live video streaming via Skype in Las Vegas, NV and other areas. This cenacle is conducted as one of the devotees' steps to improve their spiritual awareness phase. The lecturer/facilitator shares his insight on the scriptural verse or topic at hand, then open forum starts. The rule is that everyone works within his or her comfort level and is welcome to pass.

Starting September, 2017, a co-facilitator is assigned to give insights regarding a particular Scriptural topic. The facilitator guides so that the goals and directions of the cenacle are implemented.

So now, devotees, be ready to be chosen as a co-facilitator so that each one can have the opportunity to share their different perspectives and insights and broaden them because of the interaction. More information is retained when there is active involvement, and thus, enhance our biblical literacy. Application and accountability bring understanding that moves God's word from the intellect to our hearts. With this, our spiritual lives could change, and therefore, change the lives of those around us as well. ☐

THE ARMY PARTICIPATES IN THE CHURCH FESTIVAL

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Las Vegas, NV held its 15th Annual Festival on Sunday, October 22, 2017. The Spiritual Army of God the Father helped make this festival a success. Donations of lots of raw pork and chicken barbecue on sticks and loads of "lumpia" rolls were provided to the Filipino booth. Because of this, the name of The Spiritual Army of God the Father will be listed in the church's weekly bulletins following the festival date. Bronze sponsorship was awarded with the specific title recognition of "Bronze Member." Our ministry's name was in a "group" banner with all bronze sponsors' names or business names. This banner was placed near the main event gate where 9000+ people entered and exited. ☐

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KEEPING YOU IN OUR
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017
CONVENT OF THE SISTER DISCIPLES
OF THE DIVINE MASTER
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IN LAS VEGAS

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SEEKING INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS THROUGH THE BIBLE

CRYING OUT TO GOD ALMIGHTY

By Son Helper

We are like thermostats set on a specific temperature and the wind always at our backs. In other words, we enjoy a level path, sustained contentment and favorable conditions.

Adversity disrupts our controlled environment. We rise and fall on the doctor's reports, sink and soar on the response to our resumes. Afflictions barge into our well-appointed world, overturning our carefully crafted plans. But the intrusion of difficulty cultivates a ripe climate of spiritual growth.

When bad things happen, we cry out to GOD. The psalms in particular are redundant with pleas and petitions for God's help. Crying out to God admits our helplessness and weakness, and confesses our dependence on Him alone. As nothing else does, adversity causes us to realize our need for God. In so doing, we learn to listen. Spiritual ears that became dull in contentment and ease, are suddenly sensitized to God's Word in a time of crisis.



Our Lord, never failing to listen, leans on His throne and opens His ears to wailing and groping creation pleading for a stand-alone audience.

Prayer. Lord, as I turn myself on you with mercy, open your heart, my Lord, to my plea of recompense. My life is in agony and with how many times I have encountered this misery, it is the same number of times I never learn to admit my fault. I ask you, my God, to open my heart and understand this trial not from someone's point of view but from my own understanding and humble acceptance; in Jesus' name! Amen. □

*I am your Mother Mary.
As more conflict arises my children,
this is the time that each and every one must offer
not only Prayers but sacrifices for those tribulations to come.
More conflict of self-interest, desire for more power and treachery.
The very reason of man's fallen nature that angered ALMIGHTY GOD.
The sky will spew darkness, waves of water and movements of earth on every corner.
Darkness, darkness, darkness.*

Pray my children unceasingly like you're about to face God Almighty!

*Mary, Your Lady of the Rosary
10072017*

THANK YOU

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

Psalm 106:2

THE 800 OUR FATHER DEVOTION

The Spiritual Army of God the Father acknowledges with thanks our generous November sponsors of the 800 Our Father 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.

Las Vegas, Nevada

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Felix & Carmi Caro | Denise Gier

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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 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.

I thank all devotees of The Spiritual Army of God the Father, my friends and families, for all their prayers during my illness. Every morning, your prayers enabled me to touch the picture of God The Father and thank Him for the life He gives me each day. I ask the Holy Spirit to guide me to serve The Eternal Father and I thank Jesus for opening the gates of Heaven for us. All this I accomplish with the help of your prayers.

- Gary Sheets

Thank you, God, for each day that I wake up to; for making me realize my mistakes immediately. I adore, love and trust You.

- Fed

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 – November 18, 2017

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 Heart 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. Fall and winter schedule starting November will start at 2:00 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

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*Please call (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 Wednesday of the month after the 7:30 AM Mass (*except during the Holy Week*)
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.