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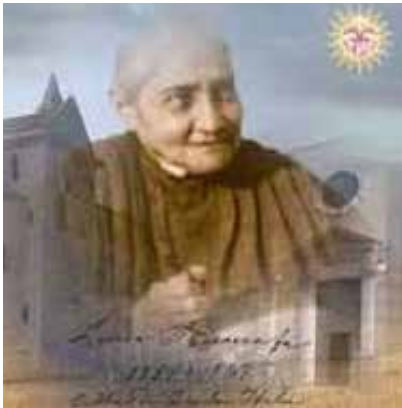
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HOUR OF GRACE

DECEMBER 8TH – 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

REQUEST OF BLESSED MOTHER

“With prayers and penance pray the 51st psalm with outstretched arms 3 times. During the Hour of Grace, many spiritual graces would be granted. The most hard-hearted sinners will be touched by the grace



of God.” The Blessed Virgin promised that whatever a person asked her for during this Hour of Grace (even in impossible cases) would be granted to them, if it was in accordance with the Will of the Eternal Father. Given to Luisa Piccarreta 1946 – Now a Servant of God

making the “Hour of Grace” either at home or in Church must put away all distractions (do not answer the telephone, or answer any doors or do anything but totally concentrate on your

union with God during this Special Hour of Grace.

3. Begin the Hour of Grace by praying three times the 51st Psalm with out-stretched arms.
4. The rest of the Hour of Grace may be spent in silent communication with God, meditating upon the Passion of Jesus saying the Holy Rosary, praising God in your own way or by using favorite prayers, singing hymns, meditating upon other Psalms, etc.

1. Day and time of Hour of Grace December 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception...to be started at 12 Noon and will continue until 1 p.m. (one full hour of prayer.)
2. During this hour the person

Rosa Mystica Prayer

Blessed Virgin Mary, Rosa Mystica (Mystical Rose) Most Pure Rose of the Most Sacred Mysteries, obtain the Mercy of God for us through the Sacred Heart of Jesus and grant us repentance, conversion, and healing through your Motherly Immaculate Heart. Amen.



~ PSALMS 51 ~

THE MISERERE: PRAYER OF REPENTANCE.

A PSALM OF DAVID WHEN NATHAN THE PROPHET CAME TO HIM AFTER HIS SIN WITH BATHSHEBA.



1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
2. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sins.
3. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
4. Against Thee. Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mayest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest.
5. Behold, I was sharpened in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.
6. Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
7. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8. Make me to hear joy and gladness that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.
9. Turn away Thy Face from my Sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
10. Create in me a clean heart. O God: and renew a right spirit within me.
11. Cast me not away from Thy Presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
12. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.
13. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.
14. Deliver me from blood guilt, O God, thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy justice.
15. O Lord open Thou my lips: and my mouth shall proclaim Thy praise.
16. For Thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it; Thou delightest not in burnt offering.
17. My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit and a heart contrite and humbled, O God, Thou wilt not despise.
18. Be bountiful, O Lord, to Zion in Thy kindness by rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.
19. Then shalt Thou be pleased with sacrifices of Righteousness, with burnt offerings and holocausts: then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

FATIMA AND EUCHARISTIC REPARATION

By Rev. James L. P. Miara

In 1916 the Angel of Peace of Portugal visited the three little shepherd children Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta and told them to pray and to make reparation for sin. During his third and final apparition in the Fall, he came holding a chalice and above it a Host from which a few drops of blood flowed into the chalice. Leaving the Host and chalice suspended in midair, he prostrated himself with his forehead to the ground and repeated three times a prayer which has become known as the "Angel's Prayer:" ***"O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly and I offer You the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And by the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners."*** One year later, during Our Lady's first apparition on May 13, the three children were moved spontaneously to pray together: ***"O most holy Trinity, I adore You! My God, my God, I love You in the most Blessed Sacrament!"*** Bishop Joao Pereira Venancio, the Second Bishop of the Diocese of Leiria-Fatima, said: "Fatima is reparation, reparation, reparation and especially Eucharistic Reparation." The two mentioned prayers are prayers of Eucharistic Reparation which should be recited frequently together with Eucharistic Holy Hours and Visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

Devotees of the Message of Our Lady of Fatima should be souls who are devoted to repairing the coldness, indifference, ingratitude and carelessness shown to Our Lord in the Sacrament of His Love, especially in these days of a



loss of Eucharistic faith. The last Encyclical issued by Pope John Paul II was titled *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* and focused on reinstating in the Church a "Eucharistic amazement" as he called it. Pope John Paul II knew that many Catholics lost faith in the Real Presence. Recent polls report that only 30% of Catholics believe that Jesus is truly present in His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. Why this decline in belief and change in attitude compared to bygone days when there was so much care and reverence surrounding the Eucharist? Silence in churches, devout genuflections before the tabernacle, the priest carefully purifying the vessels which contained the Blessed Sacrament, kneeling to receive Jesus on the tongue was the Catholic norm as compared to the attitude today which in many places is the opposite. A reason for the change in attitude toward the Blessed Sacrament on the part of so many lies, I believe, in the practice of receiving Holy Communion in the hand and at times the careless way Our Lord is being distributed.

There is a long history behind the practice of receiving Holy Communion in the hand.

Briefly put, Communion in the hand was illegally introduced into Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, and the United States. The Church adamantly opposed this disobedient and abusive practice from the very beginning. Pope Paul VI vehemently looked for a solution to this crisis. He considered two options, either close the door to all concessions, or allow the concession only where its use was already established. Unfortunately, the bishops did not help Pope Paul VI, but opened the doors even wider for abuse. Communion in the hand was introduced without authorization, the Pope persistently opposed allowing it but decided to grant an indult, but only where its use was firmly established so as not to call attention to the disobedience of those bishops among their flock. However, the practice continued to spread until today it has become the norm in many places in the Catholic world.

Pope St. Paul VI in his 1969 instruction *Memoriale Domini* stated: "It [Communion in the hand] carries certain dangers with it which may arise from the new manner of administering holy Communion: the danger of a loss of reverence for the

August sacrament of the altar, of profanation, of adulterating the true doctrine." This was a prophetic statement as all of it happened. Sadly, parishes report from time to time hosts being found in hymn books and on the floor under pews which is a result of receiving Communion in the hand.

In 1980, Pope St. John Paul II issued his Apostolic Letter *Dominicae Cena* where he stated that because of the practice of receiving Holy Communion in the hand there have been "cases of a deplorable lack of respect towards the eucharistic species have been reported, cases which are imputable not only to the individuals guilty of such behavior but also to the pastors of the church who have not been vigilant enough regarding the attitude of the faithful towards the Eucharist." He goes on to say: "To touch the sacred species and to distribute them with their own hands is a privilege of the ordained..." This is why a priest's hands are consecrated on the day of his ordination, so he can handle that which is Holy.

Our Blessed Lord said: "By their fruits you shall know them." It is evident that the practice of receiving Holy Communion in the hand has produced rotten fruit in the Church regarding the Holy Eucharist.

The Servant of God, Fr. John Hardon, S. J., in a conference he gave in Detroit in 1997 stated: "Whatever you can do to stop Communion in the hand will be blessed by God." If you are not doing so already, beginning to receive Jesus on the tongue will help bring this about. If you are receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, continue to do so and recite those two prayers of Eucharistic Reparation taught at Fatima to console Our Lord for the way he is being treated, and to help change hearts.

WHEN MARY SPEAKS

By Charles M. Urban, Sr.

When the Angel Spoke



A year before Mary appears to the three children, the angel of Peace appears and prepares the little shepherds to praise God by way of a most simple prayer of adoration: **“My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee...”** A second time during the previous year, the Angel of Portugal appears and beseeches them to **“Offer God sacrifice... as an act of reparation for the sins...accept and endure with submission whatever suffering the Lord sends you.”** Yet, on the third apparition, another angel appears bearing a chalice in his hand and a Host being suspended as drops of blood fell from the Host into the chalice. The angel left the chalice and prostrated himself and prayed this prayer three times: **“Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I adore Thee...I beg the conversion of poor sinners.”** Upon finishing the prayer, he took the chalice and the Host and gave the Host to Lucia and the contents of the chalice to Jacinta and Francisco saying: **“Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ...and console your God.”**

It is a distinctively and unique apparition. One would have thought that this angel would be letting the children know that Our Blessed Mother would soon be addressing them. Instead, he

is prostrated before the Blessed Sacrament praying in adoration to the Holy Trinity, the foremost element of our Catholic faith. **So it was when the Angel of the Lord spoke**

“The message of Our Lady of Fatima is for ALL mankind, and it is just as cogent and important in our day as when it was first given in 1917. Many people, the world over, have never even heard about Our Lady’s crucial apparition at Fatima, let alone her message. YOU, can become Mary’s Apostle by distributing this inexpensive little booklet!

Below is the source of the ‘complete’ prayers the Angels of Peace and Portugal, shared with the children. This small 30 page shirt pocket booklet can be purchased and distributed for less than .30 cents each, when purchased in quantities of 900, and shipped in the ‘lower’ USA for about \$252.00 for all. But, this small and powerfully written booklet is so concise that many prayers, Mary’s sayings, The Brown Scapular Consecration to Our Lady, Morning Offering, Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, The Fatima Prayers, including the Miracle of Tears, The Third Secret, etc. are contained for quick reference and reminder. You can contact at: <https://www.pilgrimvirginstatue.com/>

Source: Pilgrim Virgin Foundation, Our Lady of Fatima: **Our Mother Comes To Us**, Copyright © 2004, USA. (Reprinted in 2010...Over 3 million copies distributed...and more not counted.)

Is Mary, God’s Last Ditch Effort?

Mary is **NOT** God’s ‘last ditch effort’ for those who believe, but I am nearly convinced that for those who do not believe, or do not want to believe, She may well be. What is so difficult for



us to understand? Jesus came to redeem us by dying on the cross, for which He needed a human body to do so. If Mary had never said: **‘be it done unto me,’** there would not have been a savior, but because Mary accepted it, we have been saved through the cross of Christ. If He had not been born of the Virgin Mary, He would not have died, and if He had not died, He would not have resurrected, if He had not resurrected, there would not have been any salvation.

“So Christ’s birth to the Virgin Mary was no coincidence, it wasn’t random. She is as chosen as the Mother of Christ as the Jewish people are the Chosen People of God...so Jesus saves the world through His humanity... he has His humanity in virtue of Mary’s unique cooperation... just as His Divinity proceeds in its entirety from the Father, His humanity comes entirely from His Mother, Mary.” “Mary enables the Incarnation and salvation of the world...The virgin alone gives Jesus something He doesn’t already have: a human nature and its accompanying mortality... and freely consenting to the plan of God. (Lk 1:26-33 NAB)


Source: <http://shamelesspoper.com/the-virgin-marys-unique-role-in-the-salvation-of-the-world/>

When Mary Speaks

While the angel made the children aware of the Trinity of God and of the Real Presence in the Eucharist, Mary confirms the existence of **Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory**. To calm the children, during Her first apparition Our Lady says, **“Do not be afraid...I come from Heaven.”** When Lucia asked if she were going to Heaven, She responded, **“Yes, you will.”** Then asked if Francisco would also go to **Heaven:** She said, **“Also, but he must say many Rosaries.”** And Jacinta? **“Also.”** Lucia then asked if Amelia (Lucia’s deceased friend) was already in Heaven?



Our Lady responded, **“She will be in Purgatory until the end of the world.”** At this time many things were said between Mary and the children. But, one request Our Blessed Mother made seems to reoccur, not only in this apparition, but in several later ones as well and that is that she asks the children to, **“Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of war.”**

While speaking to Our Blessed Mother, Lucia asked if She would take them all to Heaven? She said, **“Yes, I will take Jacinta and Francisco soon, but you, Lucia, are to stay here some time longer. Jesus wishes to make use of you in order to make Me known and loved. He wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart. To whoever embraces this devotion, I promise salvation; those souls will be cherished by God, as flowers placed by Me to adorn His throne.”** **“...Don’t lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.”** 

WHEN MARY SPEAKS CONTINUED...

On the third visit, Our Lady asked, *"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say often to Jesus... 'O Jesus, it is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.'"*

As She spoke those words, She opened her hands, and rays of light penetrated the earth and they saw a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished...demons could be distinguished by their... likeness to frightful and unknown animals, black and transparent like burning coals...terrified, we looked up to Our Lady, who said to us... **"You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go..."**

And the final request She made that day was, "When you pray the **Rosary**, say after each mystery: *'O my Jesus, forgive us, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most needs.'*" **So it was when Mary spoke.**

During the last apparition and before the miracle of the sun, Mary informs Lucia the following, *"It is necessary that they amend their lives, and ask pardon for their sins. Let them offend God no more, for He is already much offended."*

Source: <http://www.cmri.org/fatima-message.shtml>

Call me a heretic, if you so wish, but it is my interpretation that when God chose Abram, He actually conversed with him. Being a bit more emphatic, He actually spoke to Abram. Surely, Moses must have been stunned at the 'burning bush' site when God spoke to him. Even Hagar, the maid servant of Sarai, called the Lord's messenger who spoke to her, "You are the God of Vision," she meant, "Have I really seen God and remained alive after my vision?" (Gn 16:13 NAB) In time, God made Himself aware through other humans such as

His prophets.

After death Mary was assumed into heaven, body and soul. Why is it so strange that Jesus would not want His mother to suffer the decay of her body after death? After all, Enoch walked with God...for God took him. (Gn 5:21-24 NAB) After living 365 years on earth, he was **transported**. In 2 Kings 2:11 we read, "...a flaming chariot and flaming horses came between them, and Elijah went up to **heaven** in a whirlwind."



What's Next???

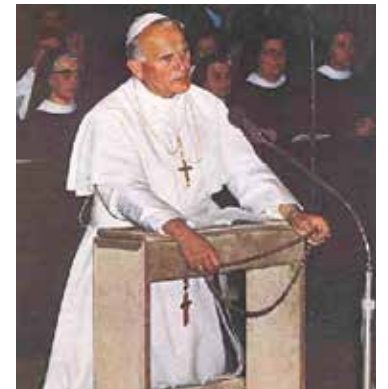
1. We may compare ourselves to a grain of sand as we measure our size to the size of our earth. We might realize our earth is but a grain of sand when we contrast its size to the size of our galaxy, the Milky Way. We might begin to see that our galaxy is but a grain of sand when compared against the universe, and one day realize the universe is infinite..
2. During the time of Moses, the King of Egypt saw how the Israelites grew in numbers, he told the midwives to 'kill the male child and let live the female babies'. Moses was spared and when he became of age, God used him to liberate the Israelite people who were used as slaves, and Moses then led the entire Israelite population out of slavery into the 'land of milk and honey'. (a land they could turn into a country)
3. During the time of Jesus, King Herod learned that a new king had been born of the Jews, he ordered all the male children 2 years of age or less, to be massacred. In time, Jesus grew to manhood, he liberated the Israelites from a life of sin to a life of grace, and created His church to extend redemption to sinful man through the sacrament of Reconciliation, and opened the gates of Heaven for **all** mankind.
4. To date, 66 million babies have been aborted in our country, and most likely, well over 1 billion babies have been aborted worldwide during the past 40 years. At Fatima, on September 13, 1917, Mary said: *"Continue to pray the Rosary in order to obtain the end of the war."* (WW I) Again, in September She added: *"The war is going to end; but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the pontificate of Pius XI. When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that he is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father."* (WW II) And, it did then, so what is going to happen now?
5. So it is that every time man rebels against God's original plans for it, the Lord makes a decisive entrance and He makes things happen and then change. First, through Moses, He liberated the Jewish people from a life of slavery to a life of freedom and provided a land for them...**Israel**. Second, when King Herod feared a new king was born in Israel, He

ordered the butchering of innocent lives, in time Jesus leads mankind from a life of slavery to sin to a life of grace through the forgiveness of sins to its destined home... **Heaven**. To accomplish this, Jesus left Peter in charge to direct, educate, grow, nurture, manage the apostles to go forth and to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the holy Spirit...that ALL people may come to the knowledge of God's love and offer them residence in the **New Israel**.

Why the Rosary?

Our Lady of Fatima appeared in Fatima...In every one of these six apparitions Our Lady said: **"Pray the Rosary."** Still there is a powerful means and intercessor before the throne of God who can help us to get to heaven and to help us in our prayer life and motivate us to focus our energies on God and God alone—the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Source: <https://catholicexchange.com/ten-reasons-to-pray-the-holy-rosary>



Pope St. John XXIII stated that the Rosary is a summary of the whole of the Gospel. They are truly based on the Bible, even the prayers of the **Our Father** and the **Hail Mary** have their foundation in the Gospels. Source: <https://catholicexchange.com/ten-reasons-to-pray-the-holy-rosary>

There are many mental exercises we can use to direct our minds to praying the Rosary such as: we can meditate on the life of Christ, when He was born, how He lived, suffered, and its outcomes. Also, we give praise and reaffirm the existence of the Holy Trinity each time we say the Glory Be and make the Sign of the Cross. With the words the Archangel Gabriel greeted Mary, we confirm and honor Our Blessed Mother. We respond to Mary's request to repeat at the end of each decade the following prayer, "*O my Jesus, forgive us, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven,*

especially those who are in most needs."

For me, there seems to be a **shrouded** and previously undetected purpose that has emerged which I have never attributed as a principal or dominant purpose for praying the rosary. This has been burning in my conscience for the past month. That is, what is the importance of saying the Apostle's Creed as an introduction to praying the Rosary? Well, glory and praise to God, honor and veneration to Our Blessed Mother for allowing me to realize the importance of reciting the

Creed during these trying days.

Aside from all the prayers named above, the Apostle's Creed reflects the most important truths and sound doctrine of our faith. Without enumerating each of them, one only needs to just say the Creed to oneself and its beliefs will bloom like a flower in early spring. As for me, I believe this is a spiritual message during these confusing and challenging times which will ward off the evil spirits. Below is a copy of the Creed and I will underline each tenet of our faith. The Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and

earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He arose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I **believe** in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

By Fr. Ludwig M. Oppl, ORC, Rector – Opus Sanctorum Angelorum

St. Michael is the patron of the People of God, Israel, in the Old Testament and the Church in the New Testament. Hence, he is the patron of faith and the humble servant of God, the Prince of the Heavenly Hosts. In his humility and faith St. Michael, "Who is like God!", is like the angelic "twin" of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the "humble handmaid of the Lord" (Lk 1:38) who is "blessed" because she "believed what was spoken to [her] by the Lord" (Lk 1:41)! Each of them has crushed the serpent's head in their humility and purity of faith. She is the great sign, the Woman clothed with the sun, the Mother of the SON, under whose banner Michael cast out the serpent in the beginning (Rev 12:1ff). The war is not over, though, for the dragon continues to make war with the rest of MARY's children, who keep the commandments of God and the testimony of JESUS (cf. Rev 12:17).

An angel of the LORD struck down 185,000 Assyrians on account of Sennacherib's blasphemous pride (2 Kgs 19:35). Also for David's sin of vane glory and pride, an angel struck Israel with the plague for three days, dispatching 70,000 individuals (perhaps 2% of the population.)

The first angel shrine in

Christian history was dedicated to St. Michael at a place called Chonas, near Collosae, on the flanks of Mount Cadmus. There--already in the 1st century--St. Michael blessed a spring, whose healing powers, brought relief to the sick and opened their eyes to faith in Christ.

In 590 Pope St. Gregory the Great led a procession through Rome to end a ravaging plague. Scarcely had the procession begun but that the plague ended; St. Michael appeared in the sky, sheathing his sword (cf. 1Chr 21). Again in 1631 St Michael consecrated a healing spring in Mexico, thus stemming an outbreak of a smallpox epidemic. Doing so, he confirmed their faith in CHRIST, our LORD. Surely, fostering the faith, defeating the enemies of the faith, healing disease, leading the souls of the deceased to heavenly glory are some principal tasks of St. Michael the Archangel.

In the present hour of widespread godlessness, the Church needs the help of St. Michael and all the holy angels. There is no political, no natural solution to the world's woes. When we speak of woes, many will think about the Covid-19 "pandemic." There have been great pandemics before. Twenty



million Europeans (33%) died from small pox, the flu and pneumonia in the ten years before the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Spanish flue after WWI claimed the lives of 675,000 Americans. Today, some 500,000 Americans have died from Covid-19. While this percentage is not high, it remains

a great loss, especially when it takes loved ones from our lives.

What concerns and saddens us even more is the great spiritual losses among the faithful. The last 20 years have seen about 52% of Catholic adults leave the Church. To lose one's faith is to have the longest journey to eternal life! The remainder is catechistically so weak, that about 69% of those, who still call themselves Catholics, do not believe JESUS to be truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. What is to become of sinners and the unfaithful?

We encourage you all to review your priorities and seek more time for prayer. The Angel of Portugal asked the children at Fatima, "What are you doing"—they were playing—"Pray! Pray very much! The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you. Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High" for the conversion and salvation of sinners! We encourage you to recite the Supplication of the Holy Angels daily. This is the Holy Year of St. Joseph, the "Terror of demons!" Pope Francis has enlarged this Litany by seven more invocations. You can find this litany on our website: www.opusangelorum.org/prayer-resources

ANGELS...

My mother died on December 3, 2020 from the Coronavirus. As I was going out the door to be with her during her final days, Mary Sue handed me the book of formation letters so I could begin my preparation for consecration to my Holy Guardian Angel. When I arrived in St. Louis my sister told me that she could “see” two angels at either the foot or head (I can’t recall now) of my mom’s bed in the hospital. By the grace of God, we were able to bring my mom home to care for her until she passed to her eternal reward. At one point we were praying and singing with her and she exclaimed, “I can see the angels! I’m coming!” Shortly after she took her last breath, the CD player in the room turned on by itself and played the “Salve Regina.” Maybe her Guardian Angel turned it on—a tribute to the Queen of Angels who helped us so much during those final days and to whom my mother was so devotedCarolyn

Guardian Angel story to share, please email the following: contact@opusangelourm.org

Several years ago, not five minutes after my husband was picked up to catch a plane flight, two young men of African descent, one well-dressed and the other not so well, were at my front door carrying an empty gallon milk carton with a cutout on the front of it. Talking through the locked screen door, with my police dog at my side, they told me they were collecting donations for their church that burned. Not thinking anything negative, I went to the kitchen, with my dog at my side, and got \$10 to give to them. As I neared the screen door, all of a sudden these two men stood at attention, looking almost frozen in place, as I opened the door to hand them the money. They immediately turned around walking very straight and slowly, but once they got to the middle of the driveway, they ran across the street to a waiting car and sped off. I truly believe they saw my Angel and St. Michael on each side of me. Making the Consecration years ago to the Holy Angels, They are always there protecting me.

.....Rose Marie

GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God’s love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide, Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

I would like to share with you my beautiful encounter which I feel was Heaven sent. Every day at 3:00 pm I invite all the angels and saints in Heaven and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory into my living room to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with me before a statue of Jesus and Our Blessed Mother. On this one particular Sunday, after lunch with my grown children, I began praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. As what happens many times when I’m praying, I seem to take a few cat naps in between. This particular Sunday I was very tired and three times fell asleep while praying. When I awoke the third time, I noticed my entire dining room area filled with the brightest golden light I have ever witnessed, but comfortable to look at.

As I kept looking I couldn’t imagine the sun would be so bright that I could not see any of the furniture in the dining room, just this very bright golden light. As I turned my head to look out the front picture window in the living room, no sun was showing through. As I turned my head back to look at this spectacular radiance, it was gone. I truly believe Angels and Saints, and the Holy Souls, were praying with me even through my catnaps. JESUS I TRUST IN YOU!

IN THE REVELATIONS OF ST. BRIDGET

In the revelations of St. Bridget: “One day when I was assisting at the Holy Sacrifice, I saw an immense number of Holy Angels descend and gather around the altar, contemplating the priest. They sang heavenly canticles that ravished my heart, Heaven itself seemed to be contemplating the great Sacrifice. And yet we poor mortals, blind and miserable creatures, assist at Mass with so little love, relish and respect!” Do Catholics ever think of this amazing truth, namely: that at Mass they are praying in the midst of thousands of God’s Angels?

PADRE PIO “SEND ME YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL”

Our angel is constantly with us during our entire life and never leaves us for an instant. He guides and protects us. Padre Pio encouraged people who asked him to pray for their suffering to “Send me your guardian angel,” asking God to bring good purposes out of the bad circumstances they experience. **“Your tears were collected by angels and were placed in a gold chalice. You will find them when you present yourself before God,”** Padre Pio once said



THE BROWN SCAPULAR



A glorious assurance of Salvation is Our Lady's Brown Scapular. However, the great mystery of our time is that the great majority of Catholics either ignore or have forgotten the Blessed Virgin Mary's promise: *"Take this Scapular, it shall be a sign of salvation a protection in danger and a pledge of peace. Whosoever dies wearing this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire."* Our Lady further said *"Wear it devoutly and perseveringly. It is my garment. To be clothed in it means you are continually thinking of me, and I in turn, am always thinking of you and helping you to secure eternal life."*

To obtain the fullest possible benefits from the Brown Scapular devotion, one must be validly enrolled in the Brown Scapular by a priest or Deacon. Once you have been officially enrolled, subsequent scapulars do not need to be blessed. The original blessing remains with you for life.

During the Scapular Anniversary celebration in Rome, Pope Pius XII told a very large audience to wear

the Brown Scapular as a sign of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady asked for this consecration in the last apparition at Fatima, when She appeared as Our Lady of Mount Carmel, holding the Brown Scapular out to the whole world. It was Her last loving appeal to souls to wear Her Scapular as a sign of Consecration to Her Immaculate Heart. Sixteen Popes have written about the Brown Scapular or indulgenced it. Next to the Rosary, it is the most highly indulgenced sacramental in the Church.

We should even give the Scapular to non-Catholics as Our Lady will bring conversions to those who will wear it, and say one Hail Mary each day.

The devils revealed to Francis of Yepes, the brother of St John of the Cross that three things especially tormented them. The first is the **NAME OF JESUS**, the second, the **NAME OF MARY; and third, THE BROWN SCAPULAR OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**. "Take off that habit," they cried to him, "which snatches too many souls from us. All those clothed in it die piously and escape us."

The scapular must be worn on the shoulders in such a manner that one part hangs in front of the body and the other in back. Worn in any other way, it carries no indulgence or promise."

SCAPULAR ACT OF CONSECRATION

O My Mother and loving Queen of Carmel, as I behold you in the skies of Fatima holding forth the great gift of your Scapular, my heart is overwhelmed. What return shall I make for so great of a gift, with your promise of Heaven and your own mantle to protect me and keep you near!

I desire in return, dear Mother and Queen, that my heart be

yours: yes, forever yours. Forsake me not my Mother! Remember that through your holy Scapular you have made me your special child. Help me to sanctify every act of my day with a sincere desire to please God under the protection of your Mantle and in the light shining from your sorrowful and Immaculate Heart.

THE SABBATINE PRIVILEGE

The Sabbatine Privilege is based on the Papal Bull issued on March 3, 1322 by Pope John XXII. This Privilege was approved and confirmed by many popes including St. Pius V. It essentially says that those who wear the Scapular and fulfill two other conditions can obtain early liberation from Purgatory, through the special intercession of the Virgin Mary. It promises **freedom from purgatory soon after death, especially on the first Saturday.**

The other two conditions are:

- 1) Observe chastity according to one's state in life, and

2) Recite the Little Office of Our Blessed Mother or the Holy Rosary.

Our Lady revealed to Venerable Dominic of Jesus and Mary: "Although many wear my Scapular, only a few fulfill conditions for the Sabbatine Privilege." A soul from Purgatory was asked by a Sister: "What is the average stay of the souls in Purgatory?" The Poor Soul answered: "From thirty to forty years!" Can you see the importance of making Our Lady's Privilege known—if you consider that the flames are the same as the fires of Hell!

MORNING OFFERING

O my God, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary (if applicable, here kiss your scapular as sign of your consecration to Mary, which carries a partial indulgence), I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus from all the altars throughout the world, joining with It the offering of my every thought, word, and action of this

day. O my Jesus, I desire today to gain every indulgence and merit I can and I offer them, together with myself, to Mary Immaculate, that she may best apply them in the interests of Thy Most Sacred Heart. Precious Blood of Jesus, save us! Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Amen.

Devotion to the Drops of Blood Lost by Our Lord Jesus Christ on His Way to Calvary

St. Elizabeth, Queen of Hungary, with St. Matilda and St. Bridget, wishing to know something of the Passion of Jesus Christ, offered fervent and special prayers upon which Our Lord revealed to them:

To all the faithful who shall recite for 3 years each day, 2 Our Fathers, 2 Hail Mary's and 2 Glory Be's in honor of the drops of Blood I lost, I will concede the following 5 graces.

(Blessed by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII in Rome April 5, 1890)

1. The plenary indulgence and remittance of your sins.
2. You will be free from the pains of Purgatory.
3. If you should die before completing the said 3 years, for you it will be the same as if you had completed them.
4. It will be upon your death the same as if you had shed all your blood for the Holy Faith.
5. I will descend from Heaven to take your soul and that of your relatives, until the fourth generation.

(Blessed by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII in Rome April 5, 1890)

Our Lady of Fatima Pray for us!

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PRAYING FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1030, after death, many souls need to undergo a period of "purification," so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. Purgatory, while a temporary stop for souls bound for glory and a testament to God's mercy and love, is a kind of suffering, our prayers and sacrifices can help these souls finally and fully enter into the presence of God.

Do you ever find yourself thinking about a deceased family member, friend who has died as you go through your day? Consider that an invitation to pray for that person. Offer a Hail Mary right then for their soul that they might be quickly brought into the light of God's face. As we know, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most efficacious way to ease the suffering of the souls in purgatory. Perhaps a Mass

offered for them on their birthday or a special day. After saying grace before a meal, we can include: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen"

St. Alphonsus Liguori writes: "The practice of recommending to God the souls in Purgatory, that He may mitigate the great pains which they suffer, and that He may soon bring them to His glory, is most pleasing to the Lord and most profitable to us. For these blessed souls are His eternal spouses, and most grateful are they to those who obtain their deliverance from prison, or even a mitigation of their torments. When, therefore, they arrive in Heaven, they will be sure to remember all who have prayed for them."

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