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Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son..." (Jn 19: 25-26)

**Our Lady of Medjugorje's
Monthly Message of
March 25th, 2025:**

Dear children, in this time of grace when you are called to conversion, I am encouraging you, little children: offer me your prayers, sufferings and tears for conversion of hearts that are far from the Heart of my Son Jesus. Pray with me, because, little children, without God you do not have a future or eternal life. I love you, but I cannot help you without you; therefore, say 'yes' to God. Thank you for having responded to my call." (With Ecclesiastical approval)

On the 25th of each month, Our Lady gives a message through the visionary Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti for the villagers in the parish of Medjugorje and for all those who choose to follow her on the path to holiness.



Woman, Behold Your Son



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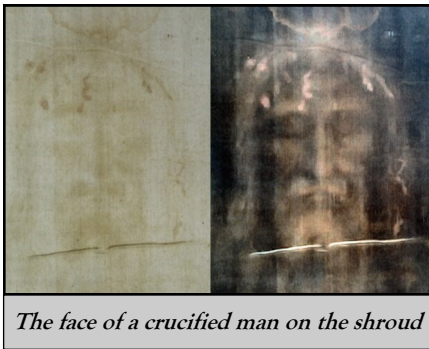
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Study Claims Bloodstains on Shroud of Turin Consistent with Torture of Christ

by Tyler Arnold catholicnewsagency.com

A new study from an Italian researcher that analyzes the blood on the Shroud of Turin argues that the stains are consistent with the torture and crucifixion of Jesus Christ as described in the Gospels. Giulio Fanti — a professor of mechanical and thermal measurements at the University of Padua — claims that a macroscopic and microscopic analysis of the bloodstains accurately reflects “the physical conditions relating to Jesus Christ” that are “consistent with the description of Jesus Christ in the holy Bible and, in particular, within the four canonical Gospels.”



The face of a crucified man on the shroud

Fanti has authored more than 50 studies on the Shroud of Turin and has published books on the subject as well. The shroud, a burial cloth that many believe was used to wrap the body of Christ after his death on the cross, has been the subject of significant academic debate in the past few decades, with some defending its authenticity

and others asserting that it is a medieval forgery. The shroud is imprinted with the body and face of a man wearing a crown of thorns and is covered in bloodstains. It is held in the Chapel of the Holy Shroud in Turin, Italy, where many Catholics venerate it as a holy relic of Christ's crucifixion. The Vatican does not have an official position on its authenticity.

According to Fanti's study, the bloodstains on the side and the front of the shroud show blood flowing in three different directions: vertical with the body in an upright position, inclined at a 45-degree angle, and horizontal with the corpse resting on its side. Fanti asserts that “the single rivulets show a sudden change of their direction; it is probable that the blood flows streamed when the corpse was moved.”

The study adds that the three distinct colors of blood suggest three “different types of blood,” which are “postmortem blood leakage” from moving the body, the less evident ones that appear to be “pre-mortem bloodstains” that likely occurred “when Jesus was still nailed to the cross,” and “leaks of blood serum.” It adds that the stains appear to show scourge marks consistent with the scourging at the pillar and that the quantity of blood matches the amount of blood that would have resulted from the wounds described in the Gospels.

Additionally, nanoparticles found in the blood “recognized as creatinine” are consistent with “the very heavy torture suffered by Jesus,” according to the study. It adds that “the high level of urea hypothesized” in some of the blood “implies renal ... malfunction or blockage, which is a condition compatible with intense flagellation ... in the area of the kidneys, causing microcytic anemia.” “This microcytic anemia, also increased by prolonged fasting, suggests the extreme difficulties Jesus had in exchanging oxygen, which most likely resulted in extremely labored breathing,” the study continued...

Mirjana's Annual Apparition of March 18th

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Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo

The visionary Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo had daily apparitions from June 24th 1981 to December 25th 1982. During the last daily apparition, Our Lady gave her the 10th secret, and told her that she would appear to her once a year, on the 18th of March. It has been this way through the years. This year the apparition lasted from 13:30 to 13:35.

“Dear children! With motherly love I implore you: give me your hands folded in prayer, give me your hearts cleansed in confession and I will lead you to my Son. Because, my children, only my Son, with His light, can illuminate the darkness; only He, with His Word, can remove suffering. Therefore, do not be afraid to walk with me, because I am leading you to my Son - salvation. Thank you.” (With ecclesiastical approval.)

Fr. Livio's Commentary on the Message of March 18th

The message of the Queen of Peace, given to us through the Seer Mirjana, is a great light in this moment of darkness and a reason for hope in a world where there is very little to hope for. Our Lady addresses herself as a Mother who needs her children and prays to them to give her everything she needs. What does Our Lady need to help us at this moment when, beyond the bombastic words, men do not want peace, do not want God and do not want the salvation that comes from faith and from the Cross? First of all, the Mother asks us for our joined hands. What does it mean? It means that prayer at this time is the most

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From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

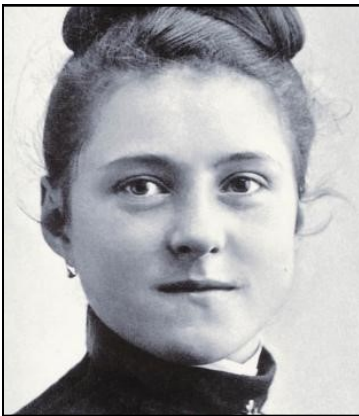
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On February 25th, 2025, the visionary, Marija, received the following monthly message:

Dear children, may this springtime be an encouragement for personal conversion for you, that with your lives you may pray and love God above all, for all those who are in need. Little children, be my hands of peace and prayer; be love for all those who do not love, do not pray and do not want peace. Thank you for having responded to my call. (With ecclesiastical approval.)

St Thérèse's guests

In her book, *The Story of a Soul*, Little Thérèse of Lisieux shares some wonderful messages about her love for Jesus and her way of pleasing Him. One of her discoveries, although very original, can be imitated by anyone, and can open up new perspectives in the way we receive Jesus during Mass.



St. Therese of Lisieux

At the age of 11, Thérèse was preparing for her first Holy Communion. Feeling very small and too weak to receive God Himself into her heart at the event, she had the brilliant idea of sending out invitations! On several occasions, we see her gathering within herself a kind of "heavenly welcoming committee" that would allow Jesus to feel very happy to come to her and meet his dearest friends. Humility and audacity comingle in Thérèse's prayer:

"Finding nothing within me that could attract the gaze of God, I offered myself to all the saints so they would lend me their merits. I begged the Blessed Virgin to present me as her daughter to Jesus, and the angels and saints to offer, in my place, everything that I should have offered." And why not ask the entire Heavenly Court to share her joy?

"Feeling so poor and without any merit, I begged all the saints in Heaven to come to my aid, and they came to protect me and celebrate me on the day of my First Communion. I invoked the angels and the archangels, begging them to purify my heart and make it worthy to receive the God of Heaven."



Sister Emmanuel

When the long-awaited day of her First Communion arrived on May 8th, 1884, it is no surprise that she then received an immense favor that would light up her entire life: "Ah! How sweet it was, Jesus' first kiss to my soul! It was a kiss of love, I felt loved, and I also said, 'I love you, I give myself to you forever'. There were no demands, no struggles, no sacrifices; for a long time now, Jesus and poor little Thérèse had looked at each other and understood each other... On that day, it was no longer a gaze but a fusion, it was no longer two, Thérèse had disappeared like a drop of water in the ocean. Jesus remained alone, he was the master, the King." (Manuscript A).

Thérèse reminds us here that the culminating moment of our union with Jesus is that of Holy Communion. Let us take advantage of this magnificent example to experience our own communions differently, to prepare for them with love, and to strive to make our heavenly host happy! Before her First Communion, Thérèse made an impressive number of small sacrifices: In three months, she made 818 sacrifices and 2,773 acts of virtue (recorded in her notebook).

Since one of the conditions for obtaining a plenary indulgence during the Jubilee Year is Mass with sacramental communion (in a state of grace), I thank Thérèse for showing us here what the best path is. That's right! Well, all of those heavenly friends of Thérèse are indeed our friends too!

March 18th

On March 18, the visionary, Mirjana, will receive her annual apparition of the Blessed Mother. As is the case for Jakov and Ivanka, Mirjana no longer receives daily apparitions. The Mother of God told her that March 18th would be an important date in the future. We do not know what this is about, but let's not forget that, more than once, Mary has told us: "***I am preparing you for the New Time.***" This message is still a mystery, but it will become clear in time. This will be "***a time of peace that my Heart is looking forward to,***" she said on June 25, 1995. Good news, that leaves no room for fear!

The Feast of St. Joseph

On March 19, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, undoubtedly the greatest saint because, in Heaven as on earth, Jesus and Mary obey him. How did God forge his heart so well? Here are 2 major aspects of his holiness that can inspire our reconciliation efforts.

He always forgave! Through the mystics, we see that he had to forgive his own family members very early on. Before the birth of Jesus, he may have wondered how the Father, who is so good, could make him travel such a long journey, on foot and on a donkey, in the cold, with his pregnant wife?! He forgave the people of Bethlehem who did not welcome him when he was looking for a decent place for the birth of Jesus. Imagine the humiliation he must have experienced when all he could offer his wife, who was exhausted by the trip, was a squalid cave!

This hour, That Woman

by Carl A. Malito

In John's gospel, a recurring theme is the 'hour' that has not yet come. In John 2:4, Jesus, says to his mother, at the wedding at Cana: "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come," indicating he is not ready to begin His public ministry. And later, in John 7:30: "Then they tried to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come." And in John 8:20, "He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come." The hour referred to is the hour of darkness, of course, and it points to His coming passion and His death on the cross. Jesus knows what lies in front of Him and his entire life and ministry can be seen as preparation for that hour.

So when Jesus says to his disciples, after Andrew and Philip tell him that some Greeks wanted to see him in John: 12:23: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." and in John: 12:27, "Now my soul is troubled....what should I say 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour," we realize that His hour has finally come. He will soon be arrested, handed over to sinful men who will do with Him what they will. They will put Him to a shameful and painful death.

As Jesus carries His cross up to Calvary the next day for the crucifixion, we recall an episode from Genesis when God told Abraham to "take his son, his only son up on a mountain and offer him as a sacrifice," As Isaac climbed, he said "Father...the fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a sacrifice?" And Abraham replied, "God Himself will provide." Abraham, Isaac and a mountain for sacrifice point toward another mountain and another sacrifice: Calvary.

We breathe a sigh of relief when Abraham is told not to harm the boy and offers up a ram caught in a thicket in his place as a substitute. God did provide. But Abraham's faith was severely tested and because he passed the test, he is rewarded with descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky.

The entire sacrificial system of the Old Testament is built upon this notion of substituted sacrifice. Whether it was a sheep or a goat or grain, or pigeons, they learned to offer something up in atonement for their sins. But the offering had to be something dear to them, something unblemished, something undefiled, to remind them of the cost of sin. It couldn't be a diseased lamb or spoiled crops but rather the best they had to offer, the 'first fruits'.

We are aware that when the hour came for Jesus' sacrifice, He offered Himself willingly. He tells us that no one takes his life from him, He lays it down and he can take it up again. And we see the connection and the reason. This sacrifice on Calvary is the sacrifice of God's Son, His only son. Once again, God has provided the lamb of sacrifice. This Son is the

Son that the Father loves and He is certainly the best the Father has to offer. And once again, Jesus is a substituted sacrifice. He is being offered not for what He did, but for what we have done. It is unclear if the ram in Genesis had consented to the sacrifice but it is abundantly clear that Jesus has consented to His own self offering.

Now we know that Abraham and Isaac went up the mountain together but there is no mention of Sarah. I would imagine that if Sarah had gone up the mountain with them, the events would have unfolded quite differently. But Isaac had two parents... and so does Jesus. God, the Father of Jesus is watching the events on Calvary unfold from heaven but His mother is there at the foot of the cross, watching her Son, her only Son, die a pitiful, excruciating death. Of all of the people that were there that day in the angry mob, Mary knows deep in her heart that Her Son is innocent. We were relieved when Isaac was not harmed and the ram was offered up in his place. But the sacrifice of Mary's Son will go through to completion, until her Son has breathed his last breath. If Abraham was rewarded for His intention, how much more will Mary be rewarded for her complete submission to the will of the Father, a submission that called for her Son to be slain in front of her?

We have to ask ourselves why. Why is Mary at the foot of the cross to witness her Son's execution? We believe that nothing is impossible for God. Certainly, the atoning sacrifice of Christ would have been just as efficacious if Mary, like Joseph, had died before this hour. Or, Jesus could have sent her away. He could have commanded her to return to Nazareth before the Passover. Always obedient, Mary would have gone. But

God, who notes even the fall of a sparrow, has arranged for Mary to be there at the foot of the cross to witness the pitiful, humiliating death of her Son. For what purpose?

Could it be that Mary is being tested as Abraham was? Could it be that the episode in Genesis with Abraham and Isaac points not only towards the love of God the Father for His only Son but also towards the love of Mary for her only Son. Remember it was not just Adam who sinned but Adam and Eve. Many of the early Christian writers describe Mary as the new Eve. Here are just three examples:

St. Justin Martyr, 2nd century: "Jesus became man by the Virgin, in order that the disobedience which proceeded from the serpent might receive its destruction in the same manner in which it derived its origin. For Eve, who was a virgin and undefiled, having conceived the word of the serpent, brought forth disobedience and death. But the Virgin Mary received faith and joy, when the angel Gabriel announced the good tidings to her that the Spirit of the Lord would come upon her, and the power of the Highest would overshadow her."



Death through Eve but life through Mary

Exorcist Monsignor Stephen Rossetti in Medjugorje

From Marytv.tv *Fruit of Medjugorje* episode 590 (edited for clarity and length)

(From a Homily delivered at the English Mass) Not long ago a woman came to me and asked why do I need to go to mass. I'm a good person. She was sincere. Why do I need to go. As we begin the Lenten journey it shows us very clearly that one of the themes is that unless our holiness surpasses the scribes and the Pharisees you'll not enter the kingdom. Today's readings are even more challenging: love your enemies, be perfect as your heavenly father is perfect and you might say, why. Well, its not enough to be good. We need to be perfect. So some people will try to wordsmith that and try to alter the interpretation and say that's not really what Jesus meant. Actually, Jesus really did mean that. Be perfect as your heavenly father is perfect.

Now, why is that. Well, you may know that our exorcism team is here and I'm an exorcist as well. One of the things you learn is that the evil one can not stand anything holy. A little holy water, or hold up a crucifix or hold up a relic and the evil one starts screaming and why is that. Because evil, darkness can't stand anything good. The darkness can't stand in the light and it causes them enormous pain.

If you look at the lives of the saints there is a commonality of them all and they would all say very clearly that "I am a great sinner". They all thought of themselves as the greatest sinner and I remember doing a workshop with a bunch of priests and one of them said this St Patrick thing that he was a great sinner is just a pious exaggeration. But it is not actually a pious exaggeration. The saints, as they move closer to God, realize how imperfect and sinful they are. In the light of perfect holiness, you see the darkness. And so we hear in today's gospel be perfect as your heavenly father is perfect and you will not stand in God's presence until you are perfect. And you say I can't do that. My spouse will tell me that I'm never going to be perfect. Well its true you and I of ourselves will never be perfect. We are not good enough to enter into the kingdom. Well then, how do we do that.

I love the story of the rich man and Lazarus. Remember the rich man died and there is a great chasm between him and Lazarus and he says there is a chasm here and it will never be crossed. Its true, the chasm from our sinfulness to the kingdom we will never cross over by ourselves. You can't do it. You can't jump that far. But there is a way.

One of the titles of the pope is Pontius Maximus. There are several translations of that but one of the best ones, it means the great bridge builder. The pope was the great bridge builder between human beings and God as a reflection of who Jesus is: the bridge. Jesus is the bridge that crosses the chasm between our sinfulness and God's holiness.

And so in this Lenten season we begin with an important awareness of how sinful we are and that we can't do it by ourselves. But Jesus can. Jesus is the bridge. He is the way. And so as St. Paul said, it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me. And so in this Eucharist today we hear his word we take

in and receive his body and blood and we can say with St. Paul it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me. He is our way to the Father.

(From an interview on Marytv.tv) I'm back now in Medjugorje for the first time in 40 years. I was here in the early 80's, I think it was '84 or '85. I came three times in the 80's. And its very interesting, back then there were just houses and St. James Church. That was it. There was nothing in the main street. No shops, no stores. We stayed in people's houses. And the kids were young. It is interesting to meet the visionaries now and see how much older they are. I met Ivan and had a good chat with him, and Ivanka and others. We're all getting older. They were so young before they were just kids.



Msgr. Stephen Rossetti, exorcist and pilgrim

Back in those days, the kids were having their apparitions in the sacristy. They would invite the priests in and I was very fortunate to be with them, the whole group of them as they were having the reported apparitions of Our Lady. And it's interesting back then the miracles that were taking place. It was striking back then the miracles. For example, I was standing next to a middle aged man, the middle of the day, the Sun was out, it was bright. He was looking up at the sun, just staring at the sun. I tried that and I couldn't do it. For him the sun was dancing. Another miracle of Medjugorje was, and still is, the conversions. They needed priests and visiting priests, we would sit in chairs outside the church and hear confessions and the conversions were really quite remarkable.

I'm not a person who typically has miracles but my rosary turned gold. I still have that rosary. It turned gold. I think there was a special grace that I received. This is an image I associate with Medjugorje, (*holds up picture of the Blessed Virgin*) many people do and I have it on my mouse pad and on my phone. This image for me has been very moving. I look at it and meditate on it and it just seems to me that Our Lady is looking back at me. And I feel very much her presence. Our Lady seems to be alive here and you feel her presence here.

It's great to be back. I was a little concerned. I hadn't been here for forty years. That's a long time. I was a little afraid that it would be too built up, that it wouldn't be the same. Cause I was here in the early days. But the reality is it feels the same. The reality is you feel that presence of Our Lady here. You feel the power of God's grace working. Walking up apparition Hill, being at the Holy Hour, being at the Mass. It's quite moving. And I would say there is still the powerful presence of Mary and, of course, Jesus here.

Sometimes people ask is this an authentic place of Marian apparition. We know the Holy See has just permitted pilgrimages. But for me there are some wonderful signs that something powerful is happening here. By there fruits you will know them. One is conversions. Lots of conversions here. Another, vocations. I have a priest friend who said, I got my vocation to the priesthood here. Another thing you see is the power of the faith in this community. It is really a powerful believing community. I was praying over people today and many people who came up to be blessed were people who live here. The town's people are

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He forgave Herod, the despot king, whose Machiavellian plan forced him to flee to Egypt in the night to save Jesus from being massacred. He could have revolted often, and been tempted by the demon. But he always embraced the humiliations in order to grow in humility. He received so many punches! He was often misunderstood and despised by the people of Nazareth; but he always forgave, pursuing his path under God's gaze.



He is the Peacemaker! He forgave many customers who, knowing his immense goodness, did not pay him for the perfect carpentry work he did for them. Under these conditions, how could this head of a family put bread on the table for Mary and Jesus? As a matter of fact, he did receive enough to feed his household. Joseph is the man of Providence; he will come to the aid of those who invoke him in their needs. He will help us cleanse our hearts of any resentment and grudge towards those who hurt us.

He always and immediately submitted to what he received from God, in his dreams through his guardian angel. He wouldn't ever argue, even if he didn't understand everything. Following his example, let's not wait to understand God's plan before submitting to it, we would miss so many graces!

The power of St Joseph today in heaven is unparalleled! Jesus said to Blessed Alessandria da Costa: "Ask me whatever you want in the name of the one who, on earth, was my adoptive father. Ask, and tell everyone to make their requests to me in his name: He can get from me in Heaven what all the saints together do not obtain."

On the occasion of his feast, let us confidently invoke him! His prayer will rain down streams of blessings upon our suffering world. We need this more than ever! See the Litany to St Joseph on our website, a very powerful prayer!

Releasing a priest from Purgatory?

Among the works of mercy recommended for this Jubilee Year, I propose to have a Mass celebrated for the release of a priest from Purgatory, because priests suffer there a lot. A priest thus released will have at heart to powerfully help his fellow priests on earth, those who have engaged on the paths of sin and spiritual death, praying that they return wholeheartedly to Christ and His Word. In this way we can do immense good to the Church and to the world!

Dearest Gospa, we cannot imagine what the world would be without you and your maternal interventions on behalf of us sinners. Thank you so very much! You never tire of loving us and proving it to us in a thousand ways. We beg you, put in us the Fire of love that burns your heart!

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necessary thing, because only God can save us from the power of evil that has invaded the world. In this historical context in which man has removed God and put himself in his place, the gesture of joining hands means recognizing him, adoring him and entrusting oneself to him.

Let us therefore join our hands in this time of desert, fasting and penance and ask the Lord to have mercy on us, to make the scales fall from our eyes and to help us to see the abyss of impiety into which we are falling. Let us bend our knees and let our hearts break with sorrow because we, with our sins, nailed to the wood the spotless Lamb who, with his blood, washed our souls. With the Sacrament of Confession we purify our hearts, prisoners of evil and dwellings of demons, not limiting ourselves to an external varnish, but eradicating the vices that have deep roots, the malodorous filth that disfigures us, the malice that pollutes, the hatred that sows death. After we have applied ourselves to this radical renewal, Our Lady can guide us to her Son so that he may heal us, give us eyes to see, ears to hear, tongues to praise, hands to give and above all hearts to love.

We should know, but the Mother reminds us once again, that there is no other salvation but her Son for this world that persecutes, denies and banishes him, while the Prince of this world is acclaimed on the throne. Only He, who is the Light of the world, can enlighten the multitudes who wander here and there aimlessly and who end up falling into the pits they have dug. Only he, with his healing Word, who healed bodies, raised them from the dead and gave consolation and joy to souls, can alleviate suffering and even take it away, transforming it into joy. Finally, Our Lady invites us to follow her without fear, without doubts, without calculations and without reservations, as unfortunately not a few have done in the time of her long presence among us and continue to do so, despite the authoritative *Nihil Obstat* given by the Church. In fact, who else could lead us to her Son who is our salvation?

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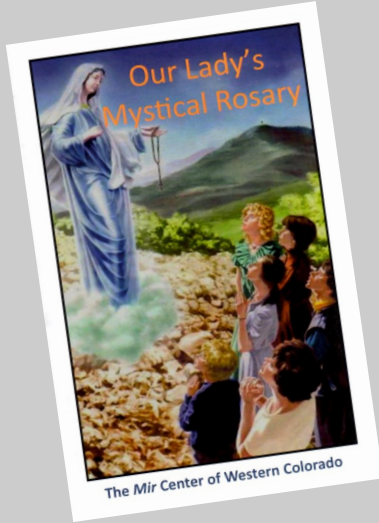
very much on fire. It is an enclave of Catholicism. The faith is strong here; conversions, vocations, very strong faith. When you are in the church of St James for the Holy Hour, the church is packed. It is full of people. And you could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit.

I am the chief exorcist for the archdiocese of Washington and I have been doing exorcisms for about 18 years. One thing you learn is the power of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All exorcists love the Virgin Mary. It's universal. She is a very potent force in an exorcism. That phrase in Genesis is often applied to Mary and it fits, that she will crush Satan's head. And she does. Probably the toughest case I had, about two weeks before it ended, I commanded the demons in Jesus name when will you leave and how will you leave. And God forced them to tell the truth. They said two weeks. And how? They said she will come. We knew exactly who they meant. And when that time came in two weeks, she did come. It was a very powerful moment. She didn't say anything. She just moved closer and closer and Lucifer was screaming and the other demons fled the room. And the Lord made Lucifer experience being cast out by Mary. It is very humbling for Lucifer who thinks himself far superior to human beings. The Lord uses the Virgin Mary, with her humility and her purity to humble and render a just judgement against Lucifer. She is the antithesis of his arrogance; her purity, humility and obedience. We invoke her in every session. She is our protectress...

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St. Irenaeus of Lyon, 2nd century: "What is joined together could not otherwise be put asunder than by inversion of the process by which these bonds of union had arisen; so that the former ties be cancelled by the latter—the knot of Eve's disobedience was loosed by the obedience of Mary. For what the virgin Eve had bound fast through unbelief, this did the virgin Mary set free through faith..."

St. Jerome nicely summarized this concept in the 4th century: "Death came through Eve, but life has come through Mary."

But there is something more. In heaven, the blessed celebrate the marriage supper of the lamb. It is the union of heaven and earth, a restoration of the Kingdom which is personified in Jesus but also a restoration of God's family. But how can there be a wedding feast without a bride? How can a marriage take place if the bride is absent? Mary is at the foot of the cross to share in the suffering of her Son but also to assist at the nuptials of God and man.

Most parents will say that it is much more painful to watch their child suffer than to suffer themselves. Mary is there at the cross by Divine arrangement. The sword prophesied by Simeon at the Presentation in Luke 2:35 is piercing her heart profoundly but she has been preparing for this hour for 33 years. The nuptials that are being consummated that day are bonds of love, certainly but also a testimony of two hearts united in sacrifice. When the Blessed Virgin offered her infant Son to the service of God in the temple, she offered him without reserve. Now, in this hour, she consents to the immolation of her Son for the benefit of the rest of her children: you and I.

We begin to understand why Jesus refers to His mother as "Woman" at this critical moment as He bequeaths John to Mary. He has not forgotten her name. He is leaving no doubt that she is the "Woman" of Genesis 3:15. She is the one who, with Him, will crush the head of the serpent by her obedience and love. Because of her great faith, she believed when all seemed lost, when darkness covered the earth, that He would rise again as He had foretold. But, she is also the "Woman" described in Revelation 12:1, the one who wears the crown of 12 stars which represent Israel, and the Church, and a recreated humanity redeemed by her Son. At the wedding feast at Cana, he performed his first miracle at her request. Now, at the hour of his death, his bride is the Church, yes, and each and every one of us individually, yes, but first and foremost, the bride is His mother, who stood by Him in His darkest hour. The fury of Satan was unleashed against Jesus and Mary that day and neither one succumbed to the full force of evil. At *that* hour, *this* Woman stood with her divine Son and gave birth to a new humanity. We are born of her tears. The Woman who stood closest to Him in His agony and humiliation will stand closest to Him in His triumph and His glory.

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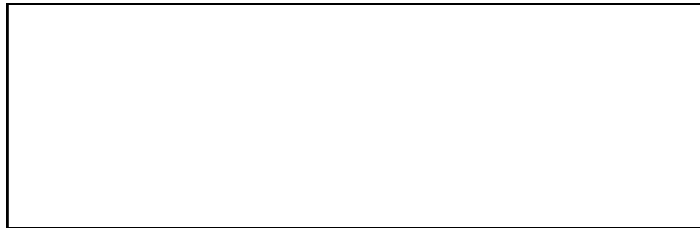
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		1 Medjugorje prayer group 7:00pm St Francis	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15 Medjugorje prayer group 7:00pm St Francis	16	17 Holy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter Sunday	21	22 Medjugorje prayer group 7:00pm St Francis	23	24	25	26
27 Divine Mercy Sunday	28	29 Medjugorje Prayer group 7:00pm St Francis	30			

Upcoming events:

- + **Good Friday, April 18th**
- + **Easter Sunday, April 20th**
- + **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th**



Our Lady's Five-Point Program
 *Conversion
 *Prayer
 *Fasting
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