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As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12: 12-13)

**Our Lady of Medjugorje's
Monthly Message of
April 25th, 2024:**

Dear children! I am with you to tell you that I love you and to encourage you to prayer; because Satan is strong and every day his strength is stronger through those who have chosen death and hatred. You, little children, be prayer and my extended hands of love for all those who are in darkness and seek the light of our God. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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.



Mother of the Church

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How the Interventions of the Blessed Virgin Changed the World and Saved the Church

from forosdelavirgen.org

Five hundred years ago, the world was fighting against hunger and disease. The Muslims had occupied Spain for centuries, and were in control of the Holy Land. Columbus had discovered America, inhabited by thousands of pagan indigenous people who did not know God and made sacrifices to pagan entities. A poisonous confusion within the Church corroded the faith of Christians, characterized by internal corruption and the presence of two popes, one in Rome and the other in Avignon. And Luther launched the Protestant schism, dividing Christendom and opening his Christianity to the influence of the world.

It was a time very similar to ours, from which it seemed difficult to escape. But then we saw the forces of sin retreat before the presence of Our Lady. Five hundred years ago there was a revival of faith and an unprecedented growth of Catholicism, through the Blessed Virgin, a growth for which we should pray for in our time.

The story begins in the year 711, when Islamic forces arrived in Spain from Africa and conquered much of the Iberian Peninsula as far as France. The Muslims, known as Moors or Saracens, reigned over most of Spain for more than five centuries. But everything changed around the year 1212, when Christian armies began to invoke the name and image of the Virgin Mary on the battlefield.

The many miraculous successes recorded led King Alfonso VIII to take Mary as his patron, fighting under a banner bearing Mary's image. The Reconquista had begun through a revival of faith through Mary! It was at that same time that Our Lady gave the Rosary to the Spanish holy man Saint Dominic in the south of France. With the Rosary, the Dominicans defeated the Albigensians, and their successes reached the crusaders of Spain. And it served to give more vigor to the Spanish Christians in the fight against the Muslim invaders.

And then they paid homage to Our Lady through splendid paintings, hymns, military banners, and prayers. As they established themselves in the country, the Spanish kings made it clear that they were Marian kings under a Marian monarchy, starting with Ferdinand III and then his son Alfonso X, both proclaimed saints. They knew well who was behind their successes and they honored her. Every time they were victorious, the mosques in the conquered cities were converted into churches and were named after Our Lady.

Stories from the time tell how Our Lady freed chained prisoners and saved those who saw imminent death at the hands of the Moors. One story tells of a commander who, at the end of the day, saw that the sun would set before he could win the battle. And kneeling, he prayed that Our Lady would "stop the day," so that he and his men could emerge victorious. And it happened, as with Joshua against the Amorites, that the sun miraculously stood still. Many miraculous things happened during this period.

Around 1326, in a newly liberated area of central Spain known as Extremadura, a shepherd had an apparition of the most beautiful woman dressed in dazzling white, who told him that she wanted him to unearth an image of herself where she indicated, and to build a church in the place. A priest unearthed a box and it contained the image of Our Lady, along with a scroll bearing details of its provenance and illustrious history. It was a miraculous image painted by Saint Luke, which Pope Gregory the Great had given to the bishop of Seville, Saint Leandro, in the sixth century.



And when the city was attacked by the Moors in the year 711, the Christians buried it near what was known as the Guadalupe River. This image was honored under the name of Guadalupe, and more miracles abounded, from one victory after another against the Moors, to the point that in June 1492, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella went on a pilgrimage of thanksgiving for their victory in Granada, the last Saracen resistance in Spain.

Finally, under the banner of Mary, Christianity had retaken Spain after 781 years of Islamic occupation. And riding the wave of their successes, the royalty of Spain expanded their evangelical zeal by financing Christopher Columbus's expedition to the new world. On October 12 of that same year, 1492, Columbus

made landfall on the island of Guanahani, in the Bahamas, in the so-called Discovery of America.

And four decades later, between December 9 and 12, 1531, Our Lady appeared in what is now Mexico, to the Indian convert Juan Diego; miraculously healed his uncle; produced the miracle of her image stamped on Juan's tilma; and revealed to him her name: Saint Mary of Guadalupe. Many believe that what Mary said was mistranslated by the Spanish, that she actually said "Coatlallope," which means "she who treads on snakes." But it seems plausible to think that María said "Coatlallope" to associate the Spanish and Mexican apparitions, because Mary also placed symbols of Christian traditions in her image stamped on Juan Diego's tilma, to speak to the Aztecs in their language, allowing their explosive conversion.

On December 12, 1531, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was imprinted on the tilma of the Indian Juan Diego. And ever since, scientists have struggled to explain, unsuccessfully, how the image got there and its extraordinary attributes. For example, the material of the tilma has maintained its chemical and structural integrity for five centuries, when replicas with the same chemical and structural composition last only fifteen years before decomposing. The tilma does not appear to be painted, but rather the colors float above the fabric.

And Mary's eyes have the qualities of a living eye, and images of several people present at the moment Juan Diego opened the tilma can be seen in them. These and other miracles

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From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On March 25th, 2024, the visionary, Marija, received the following monthly message:

“Dear children! In this time of grace, pray with me for the good to win in you and around you. In a special way, little children, pray united with Jesus on His Way of the Cross. Into your prayers put this humanity which wanders without God and without His love. Be prayer, be light, and be witnesses to all those whom you meet, little children, so that the merciful God may have mercy toward you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Thank God for everything

A woman knocked on my door. She was a sorry sight. All her features were drooping. Her eyes, her cheeks, her mouth, everything was drooping. She began to list all her misfortunes. Her husband, her job, her children, her health, her finances... it seemed like everything was falling apart in her life, and her suffering was endless. She seemed to be locked up in the prison of misfortune that kept repeating. The more she struggled, the more she was hurting herself. She felt hopeless.

There was no way I would let her go back home while she was in that state. So, I suggested she follow a very strict ‘diet’ program for 24 hours. Not an alimentary diet, but a different kind of ‘diet’ in two steps, very demanding at first glance, but both mandatory:



a) First, she had to stop complaining. Blocking out all lamentation is not an easy thing to do! Complaining is sometimes the instinctive and uncontrolled reaction of a dissatisfied heart and often an unconscious habit. Though it may not be easy, it is nevertheless possible, provided we make a firm decision, because all of us have received freedom - a great gift from God - to choose good and renounce evil.

b) Then, with every negative thought about a painful part of her life, she had to bless God and thank Him. To thank Him even without understanding why she was thanking Him. She had to say only prayers or praise and thanksgiving for 24 hours. I warned her that this would be a real struggle, hand-to-hand combat with herself. But she willingly accepted, and I was very moved by her trust.



Sister Emmanuel

The next day, she knocked on my door again. I barely recognized her! She was smiling, and her facial features had all moved up a notch, like after cosmetic surgery. The ‘diet’ program had paid off. She decided to keep thanking God for everything. The message had hit home!

But beware: This is not about thanking God for evil, because God does not want evil. It is about thanking God because He alone has the power to change evil into good, to use evil and bring about good. In reality, we thank Him for the divine way in which He will use this evil that hurts us to draw a greater good from it.

God can bring good from evil

The most beautiful example: The most horrific evil that has ever existed on earth is having crucified the Author of life, Jesus, the Son of God. At that moment, Satan thought he had won the victory. But it was quite the opposite, because God changed this terrible evil into something so good! For it is by the death of Christ that death was conquered on its own ground, and the gates of eternal life were opened to us. If such an evil could be transformed into an immense good, how much more will our own trials be swallowed up in Christ's victory! And if we offer them with love, they will bear beautiful fruits of light and glory. We never go wrong when we thank God for everything that happens to us! I love these words of St Therese, the Little Flower of Lisieux: “The secret of happiness is to find everything wonderful that God sends us.”

And these words from Saint John Paul II upon his return from the Gemelli Clinic, in Rome, after the assassination attempt on him on May 13th, 1981. During a meal, he asked a few bishops that he had invited: “What do you think? Who is behind this attempt?” Each of them had their own opinion, but at the end, he himself stated: “It is Satan!”. Then he added that even Satan could be an instrument in God's plans. Among the many fruits of this assassination attempt, three of them seem remarkable to me.



i) It was during his stay at the Gemelli clinic that John Paul II saw the documents about Fatima, in particular Mary's requests and the secrets she entrusted to the three little shepherds. Indeed, Mgr. Paolo Hnilica, who had forged strong bonds with the visionary, Lucia, brought these private documents to the Holy Father, who had not yet read them. However, it was after reading them that John Paul II decided to consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and this was performed on March 25, 1984, in St Peter's Square.

ii) A notorious event was broadcast sometime later around the world: The meeting of the Holy Father with his ‘killer’ Mehmet

Maureen Healed of Liver Cancer in Medjugorje

from marytv.tv and spiritofmedjugorje.org

This is written to give testimony to the love and mercy that God has for each of us, and to give all Glory to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and to give honor and thanksgiving to Our Lady of Medjugorje for intercession to Jesus for my healing.

In April 2022, I was surprisingly diagnosed with advanced cancer of the liver with too many tumors to count, and was offered no hope. They had no treatment, ruled out transplant surgery and I was given prognosis of only three months to live. It was then that my husband and I were inspired to call it our Journey of Hope since no hope was offered. We immediately called our Rosary group members and our family and friends to ask for prayers. It was Good Friday, 2022.

One cancer center out of four offered me experimental immunotherapy. After two treatments, my body overreacted and multiple hospitalizations in June and July put me near death. In July, the cancer metastasized to my spine. Doctors again offered no hope though I reminded them of the Divine Physician being in charge. They told my husband to put me in a nursing home with hospice.

When I left the hospital in July, I went home. I could not walk other than on my heels using two canes. My nerves were damaged and I had massive edema, and was put into congestive heart failure and I was blind in my right eye. We were praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosaries daily. There were so many Rosary groups praying for me and my family, it had spread from USA to the Philippines, England, Ireland, and even underground China! It was overwhelming and so wonderful. It was like a giant blanket of prayers that covered us and strengthened us. One Rosary group sent me the Surrender Prayer Novena which I began to pray nonstop. It took me four times to pray the Novena before I surrendered my will to God's Divine Mercy.

In late August 2022, my Journey of Hope continued while going to confession. The priest listened and suggested to me that I had spent plenty of time with doctors, and maybe I needed to spend more time with God. I asked him to repeat it three times.

Two days later, my friend Julie Rasp asked us what was next. Doctors had no plans. She then asked us to go on her Medjugorje pilgrimage which was leaving in two weeks. It included Fr. Dan Powell, our pastor, who had been spiritually administering to us these past months with Communion, Confession and Anointing.

We left September 12, 2022 on our Journey of Hope which took us to Medjugorje. My husband's prayer petition was for a miracle and mine was to Our Lady for peace in my heart concerning our daughters. I asked her to take care of their hearts if God's will be to take me.

After a couple of days, I went alone to early evening Confession walking with my two canes, knowing that if I fell, a kind person from the village or pilgrim would help me get back up. The Irish priest I had for Confession listened and told me to find Father Leon and he would know what to do. I responded, "Who is Fr. Leon and how do I find him?" He told me not to worry and that I would find him. I informed Fr. Dan of my Confession and asked him about Fr. Leon. He was surprised I did not know him, but realized I was staying outside for Mass and would not have seen him. He celebrated Mass the next day with Fr. Leon and would talk to Fr. Leon about me.



Maureen and Michael on their pilgrimage of thanksgiving in 2023

"Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him" (Jms 5:14). I met Fr. Leon after his talk outside the yellow hall. Fr. Dan introduced me and Fr. Leon (who was a physician before he became a priest) asked about my cancer. I told him, "An Irish priest sent me to you, and he also told me you would know what to do." Fr. Leon realized it was Fr. Mike who sent me. Fr. Leon asked if he could pray over me and I said, "Yes."

As Fr. Leon prayed with his hands on my head, I immediately felt this intense heat from my head going down to my spine. I closed my eyes and knew the Lord was doing something and began thanking him for what was happening. Fr. Leon blessed me and we parted. Walking with my two canes I leaned against the yellow building waiting for my husband. With my mask on, I began to smell a beautiful fragrance of roses which overpowered to the point that I took my mask off. Breathing fresh air, I looked around and saw no plants or bushes, just concrete. I put my mask back on, and the intense beautiful fragrance of roses returned. I started crying and thanking Our Lady of Medjugorje for Her intercession to Her Son.

The next morning, I felt very strong in my legs upon waking and the severe edema was completely gone. My husband helped me up in the room, and I could walk without my canes! We thanked God for this tremendous change, I could now walk and had peace in my heart.

When we got home to America, I had an appointment with my family doctor. The doctor was shocked to see me with no leg edema and no canes. He asked me what happened. I reminded him I went on pilgrimage and believed God had healed me through the intercession of His Mother Mary. He then went

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to see my lab work which was just done when I had returned from my pilgrimage. His jaw dropped and he started telling me my tumor marker was 1.3 (less than 3 is normal).

When I was diagnosed it was 8,000. He also told me the rest of my liver enzymes were perfectly normal. I was pleasantly stunned and amazed at God's mercy and love. He turned to me and said something happened to my body and I needed to get MRIs. He sent me to the Oncologist who ordered an MRI of my abdomen and spine. The resulting abdominal MRI showed all tumors gone except for one which was 3cm, but had been 8cm before. The resulting spinal MRI showed no tumors. We were overjoyed and amazed. The Oncologist had the cancer surgeon come to evaluate the 3cm tumor. The surgeon said he would order a surveillance scan in three months, as he could not understand the results of the recent scans and lab work.

At the three-month MRI, the scans showed all tumors were gone!!! We were so happy, and amazed at the results which cannot be explained by medical science. But as we know, nothing is impossible with God. Jesus is our Hope, Our Lady is the Mother of Hope. All thanksgiving to His Divine Mercy and Our Lady's loving answer to all the prayers that went up for our family.

My husband and I were praying and both of us felt that God's plan for us would be to promote the Divine Mercy devotion as well as give thanks to Our Lady of Medjugorje's intervention by sharing our Journey of Hope. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Surrender Novena teach us to trust in Him and His plan for us all. We returned in September 2023 to Medjugorje as a Thanksgiving pilgrimage to Our Lord and Our Lady. We ask all who hear about our Journey of Hope to thank God and Our Lady, for we cannot thank Jesus and Our Lady enough for this healing. Along with the Rosary please pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for all those in need of Hope.

Fr.. Leon's Comments on Maureen's Healing

from marytv.tv and spiritofmedjugorje.org

I'm Fr. Leon Pereira. I'm the chaplain here in Medjugorje for the English-speaking pilgrims. I met Maureen FitzGerald here a year ago, September 2022. I was giving a talk in the hall. When I came out, I was being mobbed by people, and suddenly they parted and Maureen came up with her husband, Michael. She was very emaciated. She didn't look great, she looked a bit yellow, she looked cachectic, and she didn't look like she was very long for this world. When you have cancer and you're riddled with it - she obviously had that look.

She told me about...what the cancer was, and also said that two priests had told her to come and find me. So after a short conversation, I worked it out. She meant Fr. Michael Fitzgerald [same name as Maureen's husband, but no relation], who is a lovely priest from Cork who has been living here in Medjugorje for the past couple of years. And Fr. Dan Powell, her pastor, as well, directed her to me. So when she came up and she said she had been asked to find me, my first thought was, "I don't know why." So I prayed over her. I asked her if she wanted to be prayed over. I laid my hands on her and I prayed, and when I prayed, the first thing is, I started to imagine all the tumors, where she told me the tumors were, sort of evaporating from her body. But at the same time, I thought - I actually did think - "Oh no, what will happen if she's cured? Because that'll be the end of my life!" So I said explicitly to the Lord, "Please, through the intercession of Our Lady of Medjugorje, let Maureen be cured as a proof to them that Our Lady is truly appearing here in Medjugorje." I said that explicitly. So I prayed over her.

Then a couple of days later, I was back towards the house where I live with the Franciscans, and Maureen just appeared with her husband and she looked better. She was walking a lot

better and I said, "Shall I pray with you again?" And so I did. And I said the same thing again explicitly. "As a proof to them that Our Lady is truly appearing here in Medjugorje..." I've never seen Maureen before in my life before that visit last year. And after that, I didn't think I would hear from her. I do remember the look in her husband's eyes - Michael's eyes - I do remember feeling very moved, seeing what he was carrying, the burden he was carrying...



Fr Leon Pereira

A few months later, I got an email from Fr. Dan Powell, saying, "Do you remember this lady, Maureen?" And, of course, I did. He told me that she was well, she was cured, that her blood results were normal, and the tumors had shrunk or disappeared. And then shortly after, I had an e-mail from Maureen herself, with a lot more details. And I encouraged her to send all this medical data to the Bishop here, the Apostolic Visitor, Archbishop Aldo Cavalli. So she told me this morning that she did that yesterday. I think she had a meeting with the Bishop and handed over all the medical documentation to him and told him the story as well.

It is wonderful, it is absolutely wonderful to see her well, on her feet! I have to admit when I saw her this year, I didn't actually recognize her. When she said, "Do you know who I am, Father?", I only knew because her pastor was standing nearby. But I didn't recognize her; the contrast was so complete, so different. It's all God's work. He's healed her, but through the intercession of Our Lady of Medjugorje, because that's explicitly what I asked for, that it should be a proof to them that Our Lady truly is here.

And I think that Maureen also feels that motherly presence of Our Lady, motherly love and care over her and her family. So we praise God for this. It's a wonderful gift. Praise God!

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Ali Agca, and the historical dialogue between these two very different men (December 27th, 1983). An overwhelming testimony of Christian forgiveness in a world so torn apart by hatred and violence.

iii) The surprise of the surgeon who operated on the Holy Father, as there was something he could not explain: it seemed to him that an invisible hand had diverted the bullet that was aiming to kill the Pope. And since this attempt took place on May 13th, the anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima, the diagnosis was clear: the Blessed Virgin of Fatima undoubtedly wanted to protect her faithful servant by diverting the bullet.

A priest with no equal!

In recent times, many have become familiar with the "Padre Pio of Naples", Don Dolindo Ruotolo, who returned to the Father in 1970, two years after Padre Pio. He is working hard from Heaven, relieving, soothing, even healing a large number of people from anxiety, fear and anguish in the face of life's trials. He works for free at your home, silently. And in these days, Heaven wants to give everyone the grace to be healed from fear. I have a Canadian friend, a devout Catholic, who suffered many terrible injustices in her work. Every day, she faced the hatred of a nasty work colleague who made her a scapegoat. It was like a scourging! This had been going on for years. Faced with the knowledge that this situation would not change, she fought courageously so as not to break down, and not to return evil for evil. On the contrary, she prayed for that person every day and kept on forgiving her.



Don Dolindo Ruotolo

When I told her about Don Dolindo and his famous prayer of abandonment, she decided to practice it intensely. Every day, she presented her "enemy" to the Lord, and surrendered this impossible situation into His hands, asking him to take care of it Himself. In short, she let her cause fall into God's hands, as if to say to Him: "This is YOUR problem!" Don Dolindo himself has a remarkable story, because from his own childhood he suffered terrible persecutions and numerous hardships. How did he manage to keep his head above water and always stay happy? The Holy Spirit inspired him with this simple and incredibly effective prayer:

"Jesus, I surrender myself to You, You take care of it!" That is certainly easy to say, but for us who want to control everything, it is about letting Jesus take care of the situation without wanting to manage it by ourselves, and being less agitated about whatever is troubling us. If the situation is beyond us and completely escapes our power, God alone, through his secret Providence, holds the solution. But we must let him act! Let's take the example of a surgeon operating on a difficult case that requires a great deal of concentration. Thank God the patient is asleep! If he were agitated and giving his own advice, it would be a disaster. Let's go back to my Canadian friend. She did everything in her power: she prayed, forgave, remained silent, offered it up... she left to the Lord's care the essential part that was not under her control. She multiplied her acts of abandonment with the prayer of Don Dolindo, she put all her trust, faith and love into it. It didn't take long for the result to appear: the executive board of the company asked the malevolent person to leave her position, and the replacement was an honest and sen-

sitive woman. My friend can now successfully work with her. A wonderful air of peace began to blow over this office.

A great gift to be seized. In his will, Don Dolindo declared: "When I am dead, come to me, knock on my grave 3 times, and I will answer you!" What good news! But in prayer, I pointed out to Don Dolindo that this would be difficult for people who live far away from Italy. But knowing he is very broad-minded, I suggested to him that he

grant the same graces to all those who would want to benefit from this, regardless of the distance that separates them from the city of Naples. How could this happen? Very simple: they will just have to knock 3 times on a photograph of his tomb! 'The Saint of trust' will not be able to resist such an act of trust on the part of his distant brothers and sisters! Here is what I suggested to him, and now it is up to each person to decide what they must do!



When you can't do it, abandon yourself anyway

A word from the Venerable Marthe Robin. One day, a young couple went to visit Marthe in France because they wanted some advice to help them out of a difficult bind. Marthe said to them: "For this to happen, you must abandon yourself to God!" "But Marthe," they replied, "we are not able to abandon ourselves!" And Marthe replied, "When you cannot abandon yourself, you have to abandon yourself anyway." She was talking from her own experience! Why did she say that? Because It is the path of the Blessed Mother and all of the Saints!

Easter Message of Aldo Cavalli

From medjugorje.hr.

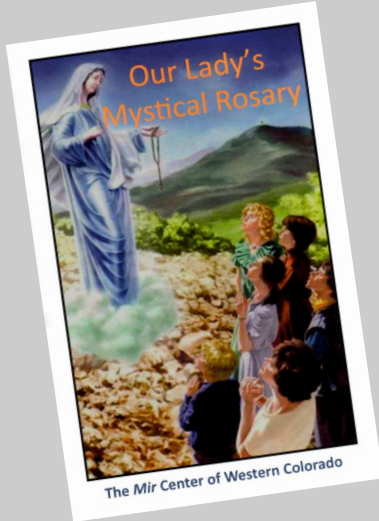
Two events completely changed the life of the apostles and the Church: the resurrection of Jesus - Jesus is alive! It was the Easter cry: Jesus is alive! And then, the coming of the Holy Spirit. These two events together formed the Church. The two events together gave life, vitality, creativity, strength to the whole Church, to the apostles. He is alive, He is alive forever. In the Gospel according to John, He, the living Jesus, appears to the apostles, tells them the profound word, which is specific to this holy place Medjugorje: "Peace be with you!" Jesus is alive, alive forever, God gives peace. At the same time, Jesus breathed on the apostles and said to them: "Receive, the Holy Spirit."

In the Holy Spirit and with the living Jesus, the apostles reviewed the life of Jesus with them. They reviewed Jesus within the whole history of the Old Covenant and the Old Testament. They saw the cross of Jesus and the Gospel of John as the glory of God. The glory of God means His living and true presence. They understood the value of the cross, where Jesus nailed all our sins and by dying made sin die. In the Holy Spirit they understood the value of the Eucharist, of the Last Supper. They understood the true, living, real presence of the Lord, in his Word and in the Eucharist. They understood that it is in the Holy Spirit that the Church was born. And with them was Mary, the Mother of Jesus. From there they set out to announce the Gospel to the whole world. Poor and illiterate, without any value, with the living Jesus, the Risen One, and in the Holy Spirit, they went into the whole world. And in a few years, the life of the living Lord, the life of the Holy Spirit had been spread in many parts of the world...

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have been the notable source of conversion to Catholicism of nine million or more Aztecs and then of the entire continent. And forty years later, in 1571, an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe del Tepeyac sailed on the Christian flagship of the Battle of Lepanto. King Philip II of Spain had given it to his half-brother, John of Austria, supreme commander of the Christian fleet at Lepanto, who placed it on the flagship. Meanwhile, Pius V had implored all of Christianity to pray the Rosary in that year, so that Our Lady would give victory to the Christians against the Muslim attack.

And according to countless testimonies, the Virgin of Guadalupe played an important role, because she appeared in the sky during the battle, inspiring the Christian soldiers and terrifying the Muslims. And at the same historical time, the Council of Trent managed to contain the advance of Protestantism in what is known as the counter-reformation. The authority of the Catholic Church was reaffirmed. The internal life of the Church was reformed, corruption was fought, and the education of the clergy was promoted. And there was an important Catholic cultural flowering. At the center of this revival of faith are the words that Our Lady said to the Indian Juan Diego in 1531, which should resonate in our hearts: **“Do not be afraid, am I not here, who am your mother?”** Today, more than ever, we should remember those words because her intervention changed history in a radical way for centuries. And we hope she will do it again in our time, because she promised that in the end, her Immaculate Heart will triumph.

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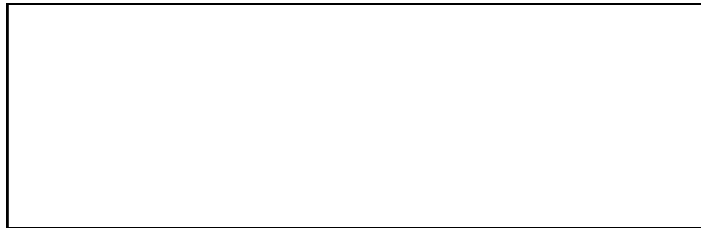
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Upcoming events:

- + **The Ascension of the Lord, May 9th/12th**
- + **Pentecost Sunday, May 19th**
- + **Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, May 20th**
- + **The Most Holy Trinity, May 26th**



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Our primary goal, our main focus, is to bring Jesus Christ to the world and to bring the world to Jesus Christ. To accomplish this task, the MIR Center of Western Colorado was established to provide accurate information about the messages and events originating from Marian apparitions occurring in Medjugorje and elsewhere. We are committed to living and sharing the messages of Medjugorje and helping others to live the messages as well. By living the messages of Medjugorje, which are in essence the message of the Gospel, we hope to spread peace into our families, into our communities, and into our world. As a nonprofit organization, we intend to use any and all funds raised or donations received to aid in spreading the messages of Our Lady to all who will listen. With regard to the apparitions occurring in the world today we humbly submit to the final authority of the Catholic Church.

MISSION STATEMENT