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You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself... (Mt 22: 37-39)

**Our Lady of Medjugorje's
Monthly Message of
September 25th, 2026:**

Dear children! May this time be a time of prayer for peace. I am calling you to renew in your families the prayer of the Rosary for my intentions, so that I may be able to multiply your prayers and intercede for you before the Most High, [for Him] to heed your prayers and to give you peace. I am with you and like never before I pray for you and with you, my little children. 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.



Our Lady of the Rosary

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Pray the Rosary Daily to Bind Satan, Obtain Peace

by Carl Malito from medjugorjedaily.com

"Do not be conformed to the present age," St. Paul warns us in Romans 12:2, "but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." Good advice, certainly, but how do we avoid being conformed to the present age, especially in the modern world when we are immersed in the flood of information that flows over us daily from our screens? There is a tidal wave of information that comes each day; some true, some false, most of it meaningless. How are we to sort through it all? How are we to avoid drifting along with the current of popular opinion? How to keep oil in our lamps? How do we remain tethered to Heaven in a world spinning wildly out of control? Clearly, we must make an effort to remain rooted in the Heavenly truths of our faith. There is no surer means available than the daily recitation of the Holy Rosary to help us remain anchored to Divinely revealed truth.

In times past, Bibles were not widely available and most people could not read. For centuries, the vast majority of humanity was illiterate. Many Christians learned the basic truths of the faith and the important events in the life of Jesus by learning the mysteries of salvation through the daily prayer of the Holy Rosary. There is no quicker and no surer way to learn the basics of the Christian faith than by the prayer of the Rosary, a prayer that both children and adults can master. The Rosary is the Bible in the form of a prayer. The mysteries of the Rosary present the history of salvation in outline form. Our meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary allows us to penetrate ever more deeply into what God has done and how He has accomplished these mysteries in human history through the agents of His creation.

This truth was confirmed at Lourdes where the Blessed Mother appeared in 1858 with a golden Rosary in her hands and prayed the Rosary with Bernadette at each appearance. Bernadette called the Rosary 'the sweet chain linking us to Heaven.' Describing the encounters, Bernadette once said, *"The Blessed Virgin held a beautiful rosary in her hands at Lourdes, and from her example I learned to love it. The Rosary is a sweet chain linking us to Heaven. It is the prayer of the simple and the great alike. I have found no surer way to maintain a spirit of recollection and peace of heart than to meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary. It is Our Lady's school, where her children learn the secrets of the Gospel through her eyes and heart."*

St. Pius X also described the Rosary as a chain that links Heaven and earth. He wrote: *"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the richest in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God. If you wish peace to reign in your homes, pray the family Rosary. If you wish for the conversion of sinners, offer the Rosary. It is the chain that links heaven and earth, binding hearts to the heart of the Immaculate. By this holy prayer, Mary protects the Church and her children, even in the darkest of times."*

Some might argue that the reading of the Holy Scripture can serve the same purpose. Others might suggest alternative forms of prayer: Lectio Divina, Centering Prayer, the Daily Office, and other forms of prayer and meditation. While all forms of Christian prayer are certainly important, useful and good, they lack one essential feature when compared to the Rosary. Those who engage

in these other forms of prayer will certainly benefit but they cannot be said to be obedient to the insistent call of Our Lady. At nearly every major apparition over the last two centuries, Our Lady has been pleading for us to pray the Rosary. At her final appearance at Fatima, on October 13th, 1917 she identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary and she stated that peace in the world was connected to the daily recitation of the Holy Rosary.

Remember the healing of Naaman in Second Kings. Naaman became angry when Elisha told him to go and wash himself in the river Jordan. But his men convinced him to do it by pointing out that if the prophet had asked him to do something dangerous or heroic, he would certainly have complied. Well, since the prophet was asking something simple of him, it made sense to just do it.

And in his obedience to the directive of the prophet, Naaman was healed of his leprosy. In a similar way, the Blessed Mother has been asking something simple of us to obtain peace in the world: the daily recitation of the Holy Rosary. Could it really be that simple? We should not underestimate the power of obedience. Naaman could not have known that plunging into the waters of the Jordan prefigured the life giving effects of baptism. We cannot possibly know all of the benefits and graces that will flow from complying with the humble request of the Blessed Mother to pray the Rosary daily.

Some might claim that the recitation of the Rosary is exactly the type of vain repetition that the Bible forbids. Anyone who has tried to learn a foreign language will attest that repetition is an effective means of learning. In addition, Our Lady has continuously called for us to pray with the heart and not just with the lips. On December 2nd of 2017, Our Lady of Medjugorje told us: ***"My children, give the gift of the rosary, the roses which I love so much. My roses are your prayers pronounced with the heart and not only recited with the lips."***

Our Lady also reminded us of the importance of the Rosary in our daily combat with Satan. On August 8th, 1985 she told us: ***"Today I call you especially now to advance against Satan by means of prayer. Satan wants to work still more now that you know he is at work. Dear children, put on the armor for battle and with the Rosary in your hand defeat him!"***

And finally, on Oct. 7th, 1983, Our Lady revealed the importance of the Rosary to Fr. Stefano in binding Satan in the End Times: ***"The prayer of my predilection is the Holy Rosary. For this reason, in my many apparitions I always ask that it be recited. I unite myself with those who say it; I request it from all with solicitude and maternal preoccupation. Why is the Holy Rosary so efficacious? Because it is a simple prayer, a humble one, and it forms you spiritually in littleness, in meekness, in simplicity of heart. Today, Satan is successfully conquering everything with the spirit of pride and of rebellion against God, and he is terrified by those who follow your heavenly Mother along the road of littleness and humility. While this prayer is despised by the great and the proud, it is recited with so much love and so much joy by my little ones, by the poor, by children, by the humble, the suffering, by the many, many faithful souls who have welcomed my invitation. Satan's pride will again be conquered by the humility of little ones, and the Red Dragon will find himself decisively humiliated and defeated when I bind him not by a great chain but by a very frail cord: the Holy Rosary."***



From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On August 25th, 2026, the visionary, Marija received the following monthly message:

Dear children! Today I am calling you: return to God, return to prayer, so that you may become carriers of peace. Pray, little children, for peace that is in danger; and may prayer begin to flow anew from your hearts and from your families, so that, in joy, you may feel the voice of Jesus in your hearts: 'Peace be with you.' Be, little children, carriers of peace and prayer for all those who do not pray. I am with you and I pray for you before my Son Jesus. Thank you for responding to my call.
(With ecclesiastical approval)

My sister's Guardian Angel.

September is dedicated to the Angels, so I would like to share a few instances here where they made themselves known. My religious sister Tamara recounts:

"From my earliest childhood, I have had a very strong relationship with my Guardian Angel. He was my playmate and my confidant; I lived in his presence. As I grew older, that relationship became more distant, yet the awareness of my Guardian Angel always remained very vivid within me. During my missions in Russia, I would 'hold his hand,' and on several occasions, he manifested himself in very tangible ways. Upon returning from a mission, I love to recount the Lord's wonders—here is one of them!"

One day, I was preparing for a humanitarian mission to Russia and had to drive our minibus alone to Autrey, in the Vosges in France, to meet up with the rest of the team. I also had to hitch up a trailer loaded with supplies destined for Russia. It was a cold winter morning... I had been keeping my trailer in the garden of a family friend in Meudon. Early that Monday morning, I looked for someone to help me hitch the trailer to the minibus, but everyone was heading off to their daily activities, and I found myself alone with an African teenager—about fifteen years old—who kindly offered to help. We did the best we could together, and then I set off...



Sister Emmanuel

Sometime later, I was driving on the highway in heavy traffic. Suddenly, other drivers signaled for me to pull over. Spotting a convenient embankment nearby, I parked there, though I didn't understand the situation. I can't say exactly how it all unfolded, but just as I was trying to compose myself, I saw a white van appear—seemingly landing right over my head—and pull up behind my car. A man in his thirties, wearing white overalls and exuding an air of trustworthiness, stepped out. Then, everything happened without a word being spoken, looking somewhat stern, he pointed to my trailer, which had actually detached from the minibus while driving and—fortunately—come to rest on the embankment. Had it veered into the traffic, it could have caused a major accident!

The man opened his vehicle's trunk, grabbed a toolbox, and took out a huge roll of white tape. Everything was white. He then retrieved my trailer and securely lashed it to the minibus with what looked like a massive bandage—all in no time and without saying a word. I watched him, speechless with astonishment; his face expressed kindness tinged with a touch of sternness. I said to him, "Thank you so much! It was the Lord who sent you!" He gave me a look that seemed to say, "You have no idea how right you are!" I briefly looked down at the work he had just finished. But when I looked up again, everything had vanished—the white van, the man, and his toolbox... there was absolutely nothing left.

That trailer stayed with us for years on the rough Russian roads of the 1990s, and years later, we actually had to saw through that patch of white tape to remove it."

As Don Bosco—that great Italian saint who also lived in the company of Angels—tells us: "Our Guardian Angel's desire to help us is far greater than our desire to be helped by him." It must be said that on that day, Sister Tamara's Guardian Angel really did outdo himself!

None of us are alone!

From the moment of our conception, the Creator has placed an Angel by our side. What a precious gift! We are the only person who that Angel is charged to look after. This Angel knows God's plan for us; he enlightens, protects, and defends us, and leads us to eternal life. From the immense richness of the lives of the saints, I have drawn a few examples to encourage us to strengthen our friendship with our own Angel and to put him to work—for he longs to help us!

Pope John XXIII recounts: "During a conversation I had with the illustrious Pontiff Pius XI, I heard him share a beautiful secret, confirming that the protection of one's Guardian Angel always brings joy, resolves difficulties, and diminishes obstacles. 'Whenever I have to speak with someone whom I know to be resistant to reason,' Pius XI confided to me, 'and when it is necessary to employ a certain form of persuasion, I ask my Guardian Angel to brief the Guardian Angel of the person I am about to meet on the whole matter. In this way, once

Sheen Gems: Selected Quotes from Bl. Fulton Sheen

"We become like that which we love. If we love what is base, we become base; but if we love what is noble, we become noble."

"Criticism of others is thus an oblique form of self-commendation. We think we make the picture hang straight on our wall by telling our neighbors that all his pictures are crooked."

"Sometimes the only way the good Lord can get into some hearts is to break them."

"If you don't behave as you believe, you will end by believing as you behave."

"When a man loves a woman, he has to become worthy of her. The higher her virtue, the more noble her character, the more devoted she is to truth, justice, goodness, the more a man has to aspire to be worthy of her. The history of civilization could actually be written in terms of the level of its women."

"There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be."

"Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."

"Too many people get credit for being good, when they are only being passive. They are too often praised for being broadminded when they are so broadminded they can never make up their minds about anything."

"Far better it is for you to say: 'I am a sinner,' than to say: 'I have no need of religion.' The empty can be filled, but the self-intoxicated have no room for God."

"The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction."

"America, it is said, is suffering from intolerance — it is not. It is suffering from tolerance. Tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos. Our country is not nearly so overrun with the bigoted as it is overrun with the broadminded."

"Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast. The other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache."

"Very few people believe in the devil these days, which suits the devil very well. He is always helping to circulate the news of his own death. The essence of God is existence, and He defines Himself as: 'I am Who am.' The essence of the devil is the lie, and he defines himself as: 'I am who am not.' Satan has very little trouble with those who do not believe in him; they are already on his side."

"Nothing ever happens in the world that does not happen first inside human hearts."

"Why are those who are notoriously undisciplined and unmoral also most contemptuous of religion and morality? They are trying to solace their own unhappy lives by pulling the happy down to their own abysmal depths."

"Broadmindedness, when it means indifference to right and wrong, eventually ends in a hatred of what is right."

"If you do not worship God, you worship something, and nine times out of ten it will be yourself. You have a duty to worship God, not because He will be imperfect and unhappy if you do not, but because you will be imperfect and unhappy."

"There are ultimately only two possible adjustments to life; one is to suit our lives to principles; the other is to suit principles to our lives. If we do not live as we think, we soon begin to think as we live. The method of adjusting moral principles to the way men live is just a perversion of the order of things."

"The danger today is in believing there are no sick people, there is only a sick society."

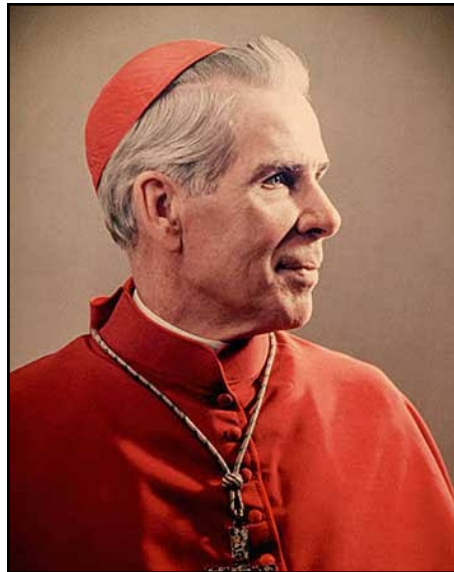
"Christianity, unlike any other religion in the world, begins with catastrophe and defeat. Sunshine religions and psychological inspirations collapse in calamity and wither in adversity. But the Life of the Founder of Christianity, having begun with the Cross, ends with the empty tomb and victory."

"The principle of democracy is a recognition of the sovereign, inalienable rights of man as a gift from God, the Source of law."

"If I were not a Catholic, and were looking for the true Church in the world today, I would look for the one Church which did not get along well with the world; in other words, I would look for the Church which the world hates. My reason for doing this would be, that if Christ is in any one of the churches of the world today, He must still be hated as He was when He was on earth in the flesh. If you would find Christ today, then find the Church that does not get along with the world. Look for the Church that is hated by the world, as Christ was hated by the world..."

"Tolerance is an attitude of reasoned patience toward evil ... a forbearance that restrains us from showing anger or inflicting punishment. Tolerance applies only to persons ... never to truth. Tolerance applies to the erring, intolerance to the error ... Architects are as intolerant about sand as foundations for skyscrapers as doctors are intolerant about germs in the laboratory. Tolerance does not apply to truth or principles. About these things we must be intolerant, and for this kind of intolerance, so much needed to rouse us from sentimental gush, I make a plea. Intolerance of this kind is the foundation of all stability."

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Fulton Sheen Beatified on September 24th,

From an Interview with Vicka Ivankovic on September 17th, 2026

Transcribed from a YouTube video and from spiritdaily.com

Fr. Livio: What was it like being in the Holy Land where Our Lady actually lived?

Vicka: I have been to the Holy Land about 10 times. It was a deeply special emotion. Our Lady was visibly happy when we were there. It was Her homeland and She imparted a very special joy and grace during those apparitions. I visited Brazil about five times. I've also traveled extensively across Europe, Spain, France, Germany, Austria and many times to the United States.

Fr. Livio: Four or five times in the past, Our Lady asked you to make a special sacrifice by refraining from seeing her in the daily apparitions for a full month. Why did she ask this and how did you feel about it?

Vicka: I never ask questions to her about why. My role is simply to obey, listen and spend that month praying even more intensely.

Fr. Livio: Did it sadden you to go a month without seeing her?

Vicka: Not at all, Fr. Livio. Whatever Our Lady asks is never a source of sadness for me. It is a joy. I must listen to her wishes and thank her for the grace.

Fr. Livio: This also shows that the apparitions are genuine and depend entirely on Our Lady's initiative, not on your own desires.

Vicka: Absolutely, we are merely small servants available for whatever she needs.

You also met Pope John Paul II, didn't you?

Vicka: Yes, Saint John Paul II. During the war, I travelled to Rome with war widows, orphans and wounded soldiers. He received us warmly inside St. Peter's Basilica near the altar and gave us a special personal greeting.

Fr. Livio: Have you ever wondered why these apparitions in Medjugorje have lasted longer than any other apparition in the 2,000-year history of the Church?

Vicka: Once, a long time ago, I actually asked Our Lady how much longer She would remain with us. She replied, Are you already tired of me? Since that day, I promised myself I would never ask that question again.

Fr. Livio: The visionaries have described the permanent sign that Our Lady will leave on Apparition Hill. Have you seen this sign in a vision?

Vicka: No, I haven't seen the sign myself. But I know that Our Lady has said about it, that it will be beautiful, permanent, indestructible and will remain on the hill until the end of the world.

Fr. Livio: However, you were physically taken by Our Lady to see heaven, purgatory and hell, right? Yes, that is true. We are only taking a brief walk here on earth.

Vicka: One afternoon, Jakov and I were at Jakov's house when Our Lady appeared and said, Come with me now. Jakov said to her, Our Lady, please take Vika. She has many brothers and sisters, but I am an only child. He thought we were dying and would never return. Our Lady took my right hand and Jakov's left hand. The ceiling of the room opened up and in an instant we were transported to heaven. We saw a vast space filled with a brilliant light that doesn't exist on earth. We saw people who all appeared perfect, neither thin nor fat. They wore robes in three colors, gray, yellow and red. Our Lady didn't explain the meaning of the colors,

but she said, *'Look at how happy and joyful these souls are.'* The joy in heaven is indescribable and never ends.

In purgatory, you don't see distinct people, but rather a thick, heavy mist where souls are suffering. Our Lady urged us to pray constantly for the souls in purgatory because our prayers can help lift them into heaven. In hell, we first saw a massive fire. People who entered the fire came out transformed into terrifying, animal-like creatures. You could hear constant blasphemies, screams and cursing. Our Lady told us that those in hell went there by their own free will. People who live on earth entirely against God's will begin living a kind of hell. There is a vast fire where souls are transformed into hideous forms while shrieking terrible blasphemies. Our Lady emphasized that no one is sent to hell against their choice. Souls go there entirely through their own free choice. Many people foolishly believe that life simply ends at physical death. Our Lady says that that is a massive mistake. Life continues beyond the grave.

Fr. Livio: What should we say to Christians or priests who deny the existence of hell?

Vicka: They can deny it all they want, but hell is real, eternal, and irreversible. Once a soul is there, they never leave. That is why we must pray earnestly while on earth to reach heaven. Only those who explicitly reject God and choose evil end up in hell.

Fr. Livio: Given the current state of the world, with growing threats to peace, wars, and widespread loss of faith, how does Our Lady view our future?

Vicka: Her concern is evident. Yet even amid her concern, she always maintains a smile of radiant hope. When she sees the peace of the world being destroyed, she reminds us that human words and political debates accomplish nothing. The only true weapon we have is prayer from the heart. Peace must first begin within our own hearts and families before it can spread to the world. Our Lady asks for peace in our hearts, peace in our families, and peace in our communities. If we pray for global peace while harboring anger and conflict within our own hearts, those prayers are empty.

Fr. Livio: Some visionaries, like Mariana, know the exact dates when the ten secrets will begin. Do you know the dates?

Vicka: No, I do not know the dates, only the contents of the secrets. I do know that through prayer and fasting, the 7th secret was mitigated. Our Lady encourages us to continue praying so that other hard secrets might be mitigated or lifted as well. There is still time. This is still a time of grace.

So, Our Lady wants us to look to the future with genuine hope?

Vicka: Always. She asks us to live her messages, prayer, peace, conversion, confession, and fasting. She wants us to open our hearts and souls to God. When we are with God, there is always hope.

Fr. Livio: What advice do you give to parents whose children have strayed from the faith or parents struggling with lukewarm or rebellious children?

Vicka: Do not force them. Forcing children into religion causes more harm than good. Set a joyful, loving example of faith in the home. Pray for them quietly and give them space. You will accomplish far more through personal example and quiet intercession than through constant nagging or arguments...



Padre Livio and Vicka

(Diary of Sister Emmanuel continued from page 3)

an understanding has been reached between the two higher spirits, the conversation proceeds under the best possible conditions and is greatly facilitated."

Saint John of the Cross testifies in his maxims on the spiritual life: "The Angels are our shepherds; not only do they carry our messages to God, but they also bring us His... Through their secret inspirations, the Angels grant the soul a higher knowledge of God. They thus inflame it with a more ardent love for Him; they even go so far as to leave it utterly wounded by love."

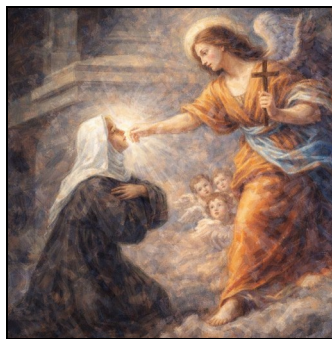
Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus was deeply attuned to the Angels. Thanks to her excellent and holy parents, she maintained a close relationship with the Angels, and she wrote a poem that bears witness to her trust and reverence for them: "To my Guardian Angel: Glorious guardian of my soul, you who shine in the beautiful heavens like a gentle, pure flame beside the throne of the Eternal—you descend to earth for my sake, illuminating me with your splendor! Beautiful Angel, you become my brother, my friend, my comforter! Knowing my great weakness, you guide me by the hand, and I see you tenderly remove the stone from my path. Your gentle voice ever calls me to look only toward the heavens. The more humble and little you see me to be, the more radiant your brow becomes. O you who traverse the vastness of space swifter than lightning, I beg you: fly in my stead to those who are dear to me! With your wing, dry their tears; sing of how good Jesus is, and softly whisper my name..."

"During my brief life, I wish to save my fellow sinners. O beautiful Angel of my homeland, grant me your holy zeal! I have nothing but my sacrifices and my austere poverty. Present them, along with your heavenly delights, to the Trinity..."

Saint Philip Neri, the apostle of joy, encountered an Angel disguised as a poor beggar. Just as he was about to give the man the little money he possessed, the Angel revealed his true identity. He explained that he had wished to test Philip's generosity; he smiled at him and then vanished.

Saint Padre Pio affectionately called his Guardian Angel "my little childhood companion." In letters to his spiritual directors, he recounted frequent encounters with these Angels, who gave him a foretaste of heavenly bliss and helped him withstand the attacks of the Evil One. Faced with so many supernatural phenomena, his confessor decided to test the veracity of these accounts by sending him letters written in Greek and French—languages the Italian Capuchin did not know. Upon receiving them, the saint understood everything and replied to his confessor: "You know, my Guardian Angel explained it all to me."

In her Diary, Saint Faustina Kowalska recounts numerous visions of Angels. She regularly sees her Guardian Angel by her side—in the garden, in the kitchen, or on the train—and receives tangible help from him during difficult times. One day, her Angel even showed her the place reserved for her in Heaven for fulfilling God's will...



Saint Angela of Foligno, a 13th-century mystic, left behind many writings recounting her visions of heavenly creatures. One day, during Mass, she heard a voice say to her: "At this moment, the Son of God, in His humanity and divinity, is present on the altar, surrounded by a multitude of Angels." The saint declared: "Their presence brought me such joy, and their words filled my soul with such happiness, that I never would have believed the most holy Angels were capable of bestowing such delights upon souls."

Closer to our own time, Father Matteo La Grua (1914–2012)—a spiritual father of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, an exorcist and a renowned miracle-worker—evangelized a large part of Sicily. He celebrated Mass with profound fervor, and on more than one occasion, those close to him heard the singing of Angels during his celebrations. This magnificent polyphony—heavenly songs impossible for humans to produce—was even recorded.

Dearest Gospa, O blessed Queen of the Angels, send us, above all, your Angels of peace in these perilous times! Help us pray to them fervently for our families and for all our needs! Do not let us leave idle these heavenly companions who are capable of great miracles for each of us, under their protection! Dearest Gospa, I beg you, speak to my Guardian Angel...



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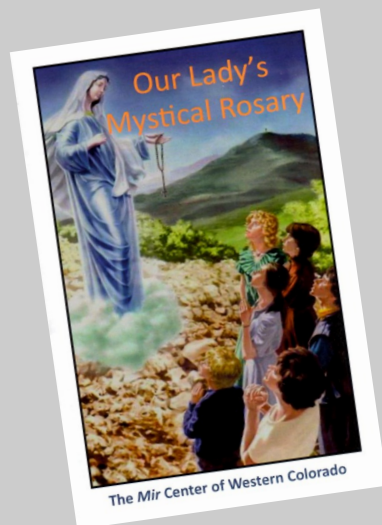
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“The world would hate His followers, not because of evil in their lives, but precisely because of the absence of evil or rather their goodness. Goodness does not cause hatred, but it gives occasion for hatred to manifest itself. The holier and purer a life, the more it would attract malignity and hate. Mediocrity alone survives.”

“The modern world, which denies personal guilt and admits only social crimes, which has no place for personal repentance but only public reforms, has divorced Christ from His Cross; the Bridegroom and Bride have been pulled apart. What God hath joined together, men have torn asunder. As a result, to the left is the Cross; to the right is Christ. Each has awaited new partners who will pick them up in a kind of second and adulterous union. Communism comes along and picks up the meaningless Cross; Western post-Christian civilization chooses the unscarred Christ.”

“Communism has chosen the Cross in the sense that it has brought back to an egoistic world a sense of discipline, self-abnegation, surrender, hard work, study, and dedication to supra-individual goals. But the Cross without Christ is sacrifice without love. Hence, Communism has produced a society that is authoritarian, cruel, oppressive of human freedom, filled with concentration camps, firing squads, and brain-washings.”

“The Western post-Christian civilization has picked up the Christ without His Cross. But a Christ without a sacrifice that reconciles the world to God is a cheap, feminized, colorless, itinerant preacher who deserves to be popular for His great Sermon on the Mount, but also merits unpopularity for what He said about His Divinity on the one hand, and divorce, judgment, and hell on the other. This sentimental Christ is patched together with a thousand commonplaces, sustained sometimes by academic etymologists who cannot see the Word for the letters, or distorted beyond personal recognition by a dogmatic principle that anything which is Divine must necessarily be a myth. Without His Cross, He becomes nothing more than a sultry precursor of democracy or a humanitarian who taught brotherhood without tears.”

“Curiously enough, it is a fear of how grace will change and improve them that keeps many souls away from God. They want God to take them as they are and let them stay that way. They want Him to take away their love of riches, but not their riches—to purge them of the disgust of sin, but not of the pleasure of sin. Some of them equate goodness with indifference to evil and think that God is good if He is broad-minded or tolerant about evil. Like the onlookers at the Cross, they want God on their terms, not His, and they shout, “Come down, and we will believe.” But the things they ask are the marks of a false religion: it promises salvation without a cross, abandonment without sacrifice, Christ without his nails...”

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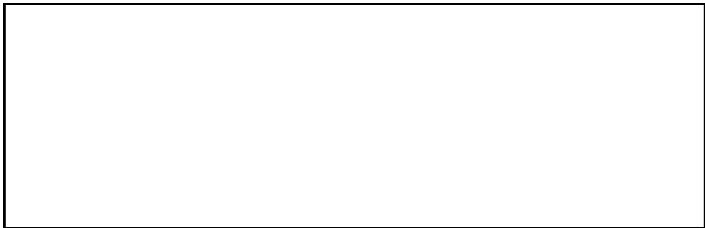
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October

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 St. Therese of Lisieux	2 Guardian Angels	3
4 St. Francis of Assisi	5 St. Faustina	6	7 Our Lady of the Rosary	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque	17
18	19	20	21	22 St. John Paul II	23	24
25	26	27	28 Sts. Simon and Jude	29	30	31

Upcoming events:

- + The Holy Guardian Angels, October 2nd
- + Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7th
- + All Saints Day, November 1st
- + All Souls Day, November 2nd



Our Lady's Five-Point Program
*Conversion
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