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When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son." He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her onto his home. (Jn. 19: 26-27)

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

Dear children! my little children, my beloved ones; you are chosen because you have responded, you have put into practice my instructions and love God above all else. Therefore, little children, pray with all your heart that my words may be realized. Fast, sacrifice yourselves, love out of love for God Who created you, and be, little children, my extended hands to this world that has not come to know the God of love. 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 Sorrows

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WDJD: What Did Jesus Do?

by Carl A Malito

What would Jesus do? A few years ago, it was common to see wrist bracelets with the letters, "WWJD" to encourage young people to consider what Jesus would do if faced with a similar set of circumstances. In this modern era of spiritual confusion with many hearts growing cold, it seems like a good time to review what Jesus actually did do while He was here on earth with us preaching and teaching. And we'll use Jesus' own words to help us understand what He did.

He died for us: Lets start with the central purpose of His mission. By His passion, death, and resurrection He came to ransom us from sin and death. We are told, the wages of sin is death. There is no forgiveness of sins without the shedding of blood. As Scott Hahn writes, "Jesus paid a debt that He didn't owe because we owed a debt that we couldn't pay." And Jesus went to His crucifixion willingly: "*No one takes my life from me. I lay it down and I can take it up again.*" *Jn 10:18*.

He Makes all things new: By dying and rising, Jesus hit the reset on God's creation: "*Behold, I make all things new.*" *Rev 21: 5*. God's Paradise has been lost through the sin of Adam and Eve. The multitude of sins since then have made this world look increasingly unlike paradise. But nothing is impossible for God. Through Christ, the Kingdom of God is being restored.

He founded a Church: In order to accomplish this, He chose apostles, formed them into the Church and gave them a mission. "*As the Father has sent me so I send you.*" *Jn 20:21* Gathering the twelve is the first thing Jesus did as He began His public ministry. The twelve apostles were not some haphazard random selection of bystanders. No, clearly they were a deliberate choice by Jesus. He spent the night in prayer before choosing them and despite their flaws and shortcomings, He molded them into the early church, to continue His mission after His ascension into heaven. His last words to them: *Go and baptize all nations and teach them all that I have told you.* *Mt 28:19-20*.

He appointed Peter: "*Upon this rock I will build my church.*" *Mt 16:18* He appointed one of the twelve, Peter as the head of the church. There is debate about what Peter's confession of faith meant. Some try to avoid the obvious meaning. But even if they quibble about what seems plainly obvious, there is still the matter of the keys. Jesus did not have twelve sets of keys made and give a set to each of the apostles. Jesus gave the keys to Peter as a symbol of His authority and then reaffirmed his authority when He told Peter to strengthen his brethren. In Great Britain, there are many ministers, each with an important role. But there is only one Prime Minister. And Jesus chose Peter as 'Prime Minister' not because he was the best or the brightest but because Jesus saw something in him that could be brought to fruition and reveal God's power.

He foretold His death and resurrection: "*The Son of Man is to be handed over and put to death and raised on the third day.*" *Lk 24:7* He didn't just mention His death once. He described it over and over as if we wanted there to be no misunderstanding. He wanted His followers to know that He was not blindly stumbling into a trap. He was boldly going to His death because that was His mission, the mission of the messiah.

He identified Himself as God: To those who claim Jesus never claimed to be God, we point out that Jesus said, "*The Father and I are one.*" *Jn 10:30*. When Philip asked Jesus, let us see the Father, Jesus, told him, "*If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.*" *Jn 14:9* He identified Himself as the alpha and the omega, a phrase used only to describe God the creator of all things. And at His trial when asked directly if He was the Son of God, He calmly replied, "*I AM.*" *Mk 14: 61-64* This led the high priest to tear his garments, cry blasphemy and declare what further need have we for witnesses? A suitable reaction from him except that in this case, Jesus is merely stating a truth that only God can utter.

He established a New Covenant: "*This is the blood of the new covenant.*" *Mt 26:28*. The new covenant described by Jeremiah is explicitly established by Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus only used the term once and He did so in the context of the Passover meal. We should pay very close attention to what He is doing when He says it.

He gave us a new commandment: Just before He died, He gave us a new commandment. Jesus told us: "*Love one another as I have loved you.*" *Jn 13:34*. A new commandment? This would be an unthinkable act for any rabbi of the law or priest of the temple – but Jesus is not just a teacher or a priest, He is God in the flesh.

He instructed us in how to worship in spirit and in truth: He taught us the acceptable form of worship, the worship that is pleasing to the Father when He said, "*Take this all of you and eat this is my body. Take this all of you and drink, this is my blood.*"

Mt 26:26. And earlier, He had said, "*Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you.*" *Jn 6:53*. This is the worship we should be engaged in as we await His return. And He said, "*Do this in memory of Me.*" *Lk 22:19*. He didn't tell us how often to do it and so we do it frequently; daily in many churches and multiple times on the weekend.

He taught us how to have sins forgiven: On the evening of the Resurrection, Jesus appeared behind locked doors. He breathed on the apostles and said "*Receive the Holy Spirit. Who's sins you forgive are forgiven. Who's sin's you hold fast are held fast.*" *Jn 20:23*. Humans today are no better than they were in bible times, There must be some way of dealing with sin until Christ returns. The priest, in the person of Christ has the power to forgive sins through the ministry of the Church. If someone doesn't want to confess their sins to a priest, so be it. But, Jesus has a word of caution for them: They will die in their sins.

Last but not least, He gave us His Mother: "*Behold, your mother*" *Jn 19:27*. During His last moments on earth, Jesus was concerned not for Himself but for His Mother, and John. He was also concerned for us. He did not want to leave us orphans. From that time, the beloved disciple took Mary into his home and we should do the same. We should take Mary into our hearts and into our homes if we want to remain faithful disciples like John.



From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

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

Dear children, In this time of grace, when the Most High permits me to love you and lead you on the way of holiness, Satan wants to entangle you with the cord of peacelessness and hatred. Do not permit him to prevail, but, little children, fight for the holiness of every life. Thank you for responding to my call.” (With ecclesiastical approval)

Let us enter into the heart of St Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower!

Who doesn't know “Little Thérèse,” declared by Pope Pius XI as “the greatest saint of modern times”? And yet, she never did anything extraordinary like St Teresa of Avila or St John of the Cross did. But she achieved the extraordinary by pouring the maximum amount of love into the simplest and most insignificant acts of daily life, something within everyone's reach. Not feeling capable of heroic deeds and knowing herself to be loved to the extreme by God, she conceived in her heart a very simple way to walk with certainty on the path to holiness and throw herself into the arms of God with the same confidence as the great saints.

“I have no desire, except to love Jesus madly” she says.



During her short life, the Holy Spirit inspired her with a path, her famous “little way,” so short and so straight, intended for little souls who cannot climb the steep staircase of perfection...

“What a sweet joy to think that the Good Lord is just, that is to say, that He takes our weaknesses into account, that He knows perfectly the fragility of our nature. What then should I be afraid of?...”

“I understand so well that only love can make us pleasing to the

Good Lord, that this love is the only good I aspire to. Jesus delights to show me the only path that leads to this divine furnace, this path is the abandonment of the little child who falls asleep without fear in his father's arms...” Whoever is little, let him come to me!” (Prov 9:4)

“Therefore, I came! and this is what I found: ‘As a mother caresses her child, so I will comfort you; I will carry you in my



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bosom and rock you on my knees!’ (Is 66:12-13) Ah! Never have more tender, more melodious words come to delight my soul; the elevator that will lift me to Heaven is your arms, O Jesus! For this, I have no need to grow; on the contrary, I must remain small, becoming smaller and smaller more and more so. O my God, you have exceeded my expectations, and I want to ‘sing your mercies.’” (Ps 89:2)

Thérèse had nothing left to do but abandon herself to the Lord, in that childlike spirit that is her unique characteristic. It is in this divine word that she discovered her little path, this marvelous shortcut to holiness and to Heaven. “Abandonment alone guides me; I have no other compass,” she said.

Why talk about her today? To talk about her is to speak about love, it is to put ourselves in the school of love, as Our Lady has been teaching us for 44 years. She taught us how to truly love, and we need it so much! Are we not like those persons thirsting for love who do not see the well of living water offered to them?

Speaking of the signs of the times, Our Lady asks us: ***“Do you not recognize that everything around you, everything that happens, comes from the fact that there is no love?”*** (Oct 2, 2014) Echoing these words of Jesus: “In the latter times, love will grow cold among many.” (Mt 24:12)

Pray for those who do not know the love of God

According to the visionary Mirjana Soldo, Mary calls us to pray above all ***“for those who do not yet know the love of God.”*** Thérèse had already understood this and she gave her life for it: “Jesus made me a fisher of souls,” she said, “I felt a great desire to work for the conversion of sinners... In a word, I felt charity entering my heart, the need to forget myself in order to please (God and others), and since then, I have been happy.”

On the Feast of the Holy Trinity (June 9, 1895), Thérèse waded into deep waters... “I received the grace to understand more than ever how much Jesus desires to be loved. I thought of the souls who offer themselves as victims to God's Justice. This offering seemed great and generous to me, but I was far from feeling inclined to make it. “Oh my God,” I cried deep in my heart, “will it be only your Justice that will receive souls immolating themselves as victims? Does not your merciful love also need them? On all sides it is misunderstood, rejected... Oh my God! Will your despised Love remain in your heart? It seems to me that if you find souls offering themselves as Victims of holocausts to your Love, you would quickly consume them, it seems to me that you would be happy not to repress the floods of infinite ten-

(Diary of Sister Emmanuel continued on page 6)



St. Therese as Joan of Arc

Irish Priest Witnessed Medjugorje Miracle

from downnews.co.uk by Jim Masson

Passionist priest Fr Aidan was on hand to see a miraculous health transformation in Medjugorje. Fr Aidan explained that he had organized a trip to Medjugorje as he has done several times in the past and found that he had two spare places. He said: "It was a last minute thing and literally whoever was to take up the spare places would have to drop everything and get to the airport in a hurry."

"I called in to my cousin's home on the way to the airport in Antrim. My cousin Oonagh Agnew said she would love to go and within 10 minutes had packed and said her good-byes and was on her way to the airport. Oonagh has been badly crippled for many years and used crutches and was in a wheelchair at one stage due to back issues. She has a very strong faith."

"What she experienced in Medjugorje was indeed miraculous. She can now walk freely with no pain. When I saw the transformation in her I must say I was personally overwhelmed – she is clearly healed. But I've been cautious in saying that to Oonagh. She should still keep in touch with her doctors and get checked up."

"I'm just amazed that this has happened to my cousin Oonagh and she may well have not managed to get on the trip at the last minute had she not been so determined and so believing in the miracles that have happened at Medjugorje over the years."

He added: "There have been quite a few miracles that have happened over the years that people for different reasons have been reserved to talk about. I was deeply touched by her experience. This was very close to home, as Oonagh is my cousin."

"It was incredible that she managed to climb up to the cross on top of the Mountain on crutches. It was very slippery and the ground was very rough. She was absolutely determined to get there. And the journey back from the cross was equally hard and painful. But the next day she continued on her pilgrimage, praying and going to confession."

"I walked up with her on Sunday when she was on her crutches but by Tuesday afternoon she was like a mountain goat – this was a total transformation. I'm delighted for her. Her faith is very strong."

Oonagh is convinced that she is healed permanently such is the effect of the miracle on her. It has removed her pain, and she is mobile again. Her local parish priest too was taken aback by her transformation and invited her to speak to the parishioners in the Glenarm and Carnlough parish at mass.

The Miracle At Medjugorje – Oonagh's Testimony

Oonagh Agnew from Carnlough without her crutches bounced onto the altar and her health and vitality radiated through her speech celebrating her strong faith. Addressing the parishioners she said: "I have experienced a great blessing. For 16 years I was badly crippled and used crutches. I even found coming to mass difficult sitting on the hard seats. The pain was constant. I was taking morphine tablets daily."

"But despite that, I prayed every day. My faith was strong. When Fr Aidan arrived for a cup of tea on route to the airport, he said 'I've asked everyone and can't find anyone who wants to go' I said 'You didn't ask me!' And I jumped at the chance to go and was packed in 10 minutes. My son Peter too decided to go and we left my husband Arthur for a few days for the trip. When I arrived on Thursday a lady said to me that it would be nice if we had a sign from God and I agreed."

"The following morning I woke up early and stood at the window facing Cross Mountain having a cigarette at 4am. Suddenly the cross started to glow. I called Peter to come and look and he said the mountain was blue and then the lights pulsed but I could not see that part, only he could."

"That Thursday morning I climbed the mountain with my crutches. The pain was terrible and I was almost crying. But I was determined to get to the top even if I had to crawl. I prayed constantly and people must have thought I was crazy. But I made it up to the cross and the way back was even worse. When I got to the bottom again I got into a taxi and arriving at the hotel Peter had to carry me up to my room I was in so much pain."

"Next day I did not go to early mass and went to join the queue for confessions in the evening. I was standing there for over 40 minutes. The priest (Fr Leon) came out of the confessional and said to me 'Stop swearing!' I didn't think I was. Later Peter my son said I should ask Fr Leon for a blessing. Before I did, he came over to me."

"Fr Leon whispered into my ear, 'All will be ok.' I was speechless. Then he added referring to my crutches, 'You don't need them anymore.' I gave them to Peter and stood there for 20 minutes on my own."

"Gradually I could sense feeling in my foot then eventually my whole leg came back with full feeling. And I had no pain. I went for a short walk for 10 minutes and was astonished I could walk freely again. I was still in shock but I thanked God and the Blessed Mother."

"Next morning Fr Aidan, myself and another three parishioners were going up the mountain to give our thanks and I helped an elderly lady all the way up and down again such was my transformation. I felt great and I was just like a mountain goat. With no pain and full mobility."

"It's my mission now to tell people about my experience. This indeed was a miracle. It took the Catholic Church 30 years to acknowledge the miracle at Knock. My task is to let others know about how God works in mysterious ways through miracles. "My faith has never been stronger. I thank Fr Aidan, God and the Blessed Lady of Medjugorje."



Oonagh travelled to Medjugorje at the last minute and was healed there in early August



Fr. Aidan witnessed the miracle

'A Voice Told Me Not to Be Afraid': Another Lourdes' Miracle

By Solene Tardie, from catholicnewsagency.com

Antonia Raco, a 67-year-old Italian woman long affected by an incurable neurodegenerative illness, was officially introduced to the press on July 25 in Lourdes, where her healing was recognized as the 72nd miracle attributed to the intercession of the Virgin Mary since the apparitions of 1858.

Diagnosed in 2006 with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) — a progressive and fatal condition — Raco experienced a recovery that defied medical explanation.

First announced by the Sanctuary of Lourdes on April 16, the recognition marked the culmination of 16 years of medical, canonical, and pastoral inquiry. Raco, a mother and active parishioner from Basilicata in southern Italy, had been living with the disease for several years when she traveled to Lourdes in 2009.

"I had wanted to go to Lourdes since I was a child," she recalled. That wish came true that summer, when she and her husband, Antonio, traveled to the shrine with the Italian pilgrimage association Unitalsi. The experience, however, was not exactly as she had once imagined: She arrived in a wheelchair, already struggling to breathe and swallow.

On the second day, sanctuary volunteers brought her to the baths. "We prayed together. That's when I heard a beautiful young female voice say three times: 'Don't be afraid!'" she recounted during the press conference in Lourdes, held in the presence of religious and medical authorities.

Raco wore the white veil and uniform of the Hospitallers of Lourdes — the volunteer caregivers she now joins each year, assisting the sick with the same compassion once shown to her. "At that moment, I burst into tears and prayed for the intentions I had brought with me." She described a sudden, sharp pain in her legs during immersion, as though "they were taken away from me." She did not disclose what had happened to anyone during her stay and returned home in a wheelchair.

It was there, in her living room with her husband, that she again heard the same voice urging her, "Tell him! Call him!" Obeying the voice, she called out to her husband, who had just stepped into the kitchen. "Something has happened," she told him. In that moment, she stood unaided for the first time in years. Overcome with emotion, the couple embraced, crying together as they realized she was cured.

Though overjoyed, Raco was initially unsure of how to speak about her experience. She eventually confided in a parish priest in her diocese of Tursi-Lagonegro in Basilicata, who urged her to undergo medical evaluation. Soon after, the local archbishop who had accompanied the pilgrimage that year, Francesco Nolè, visited her and, after hearing her story, told her: "Antonietta, the Lord has entered your home and given you a gift — but it is not for you alone. It is for all of us."

The road to recognition took more than a decade of thorough medical evaluation and expert review. "There is no cure for ALS," noted Professor Vincenzo Silani, a leading neurologist involved in the investigation. He was among those who confirmed both the diagnosis and the inexplicability of Raco's recovery. "Patients are doomed to get a little worse every day."

Dr. Alessandro de Franciscis, the permanent doctor at the Lourdes Sanctuary, reminded the audience that the Church considers a healing miraculous only if it is sudden, complete, lasting, medically inexplicable, and not attributable to treatment or gradual recovery. These criteria, which continue to guide the Church's discernment today, were first established by Cardinal Prospero Lambertini, later Pope Benedict XIV.

Debate within the International Medical Committee of Lourdes was initially inconclusive when the case was first presented in 2019. But a new international consensus on the diagnosis of ALS, published in 2020, provided the framework for reassessment. In 2023, Silani reevaluated Raco in Milan and confirmed the definitive cure. Finally, in November 2024, a secret vote was held among 21 members of the International Medical Committee of Lourdes.

Following the positive medical vote, the case was referred to the current bishop of Raco's home diocese, Vincenzo Carmine Orofino, who formally recognized the miracle on April 16 of this year. Bishop Jean-Marc Micas of Tarbes and Lourdes, who participated in the scientific process without

voting, praised the rigor and transparency of the medical discussions. "What impressed me most," he said, "was the freedom of the experts. They are not there to defend a cause but to seek the truth."

He also reminded the participants that miracles never impose faith. "Even the Resurrection did not force anyone to believe," he said. "A miracle is a sign — a gift to be received in the light of faith." Closing the press briefing, the rector of the sanctuary, Father Michel Daubanes, expressed deep emotion and gratitude as he recalled the honor of announcing the miracle during the 6 p.m. rosary on Holy Thursday, April 17, just minutes before it was proclaimed at the cathedral of Tursi-Lagonegro. "We often say: If I saw a miracle, I would believe. But the truth is: If I believe, I can see miracles," he reflected. "This healing is not just a story from the past. It is a living testimony that continues to bear fruit."



Antonia Raco, healed of ALS in Lourdes



The grotto where Our Lady first appeared to Berndette in 1858

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derness that are in You... If your Justice loves to be satisfied, that which extends only on earth, how much more does your Merciful Love desire to set souls ablaze, since your Mercy rises up to the Heavens... O my Jesus! May I be that happy victim! Consume your holocaust by the fire of your Divine Love!"

Similarly, in Medjugorje, Our Lady seeks us and calls us: **"Dear children, I need you. I need hearts that are ready for an immeasurable love. Hearts that are not weighed down by vanities. Hearts that are ready to love as my Son loved, that are ready to sacrifice themselves as my Son sacrificed Himself. I need you!"** (July 2, 2009)

On June 11, 1895, with Mother Agnès' (Pauline) permission, Thérèse led her sister Geneviève (Céline) with her, and together they recited the Act of Offering to Merciful Love before the Statue of the Blessed Mother who had smiled at her one day, when she was sick. How many souls did she bring back to the Lord through this total offering of herself?

Plunged into the fire of God's love

A little-known event then occurred three days later. "Well," she recounts, "I was beginning my Way of the Cross and suddenly I was seized by such a violent love for God that I can only explain it by saying that it was as if I had been plunged entirely into fire. Oh, what fire and what sweetness at the same time! I was burning with love and if I had felt that for one more minute, one second longer, I would not have been able to bear this ardor without dying. I understood then what the saints say about these states that they have experienced so often. For me, I only experienced it once and for one moment, then I immediately fell back into my usual dryness."



The incorrupt body of St. Thérèse

This is how, with everyday words, Thérèse describes this "wound of love," this remarkable grace she received from the Lord, a fire that secretly engulfed her heart and of which she would speak again to Mother Agnès shortly before her death: "My dear Mother, you who allowed me to offer myself thus to the

Good Lord, you know the rivers, or rather the oceans of grace that have flooded my soul... Ah! Since that happy day, it seems to me that Love penetrates and surrounds me, it seems to me that at every moment this Merciful Love renews me, purifies my soul and leaves no trace of sin there, so I cannot fear purgatory..."

I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth

A future for us! Thérèse is imitable in her little way, and many choose her as their spiritual mother. But she is not imitable in this "wound of love," since it is a pure and free intervention of God, totally unexpected. St. Francis of Assisi is imitable in his love of poverty, but he is not imitable in the stigmata he received on Monte Verna, a pure intervention of God. Carlo Acutis is imitable in his marvelous faithfulness to Christ in a world that is rejecting Him, but he is not imitable in

the fact that he received inner locutions from his Guardian Angel.

Today, these "oceans of graces" that flooded Thérèse's soul are for us—that is the good news! It is important to emphasize this. Her treasure is for us! This wound of love that mysteriously transformed Thérèse and made her even more fruitful in graces is for us, for the Church and all humanity! This is the gift always offered to each of us by this great saint! "I want to spend my Heaven doing good on earth," she said. Until the end of the world, Thérèse will never cease to send down to earth her "rain of roses," those graces she intends for all those who pray to her with confidence: peace, healings, liberations, consolations, conversions, reconciliations... These are the roses she has promised to send us.

In Medjugorje, Our Lady always invites us to follow the example of the saints. So let us take advantage of the special graces they have received! Let us not forget that we are all called to holiness and that God dispenses a flood of graces to all those who seek Him with all their heart and who work ardently to please him. **"Dear children,"** Mary tells us, **"I am always among you because with my infinite love, I desire to show you the door of Heaven. I wish to tell you how it opens: through goodness, mercy, love, and peace—through my Son."** (June 2, 2012)



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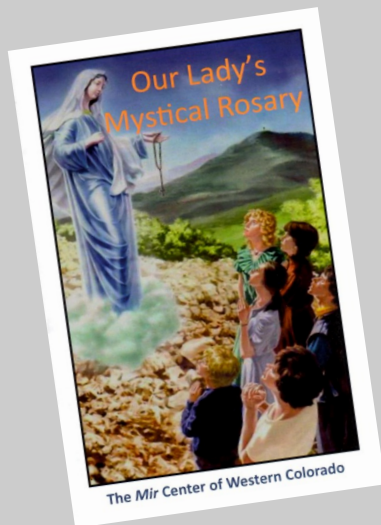
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Both of them experienced the revelation of God on the mountain, experienced God's closeness and received a mission from the Lord. Likewise, when Jesus goes to pray, this is often described with the words: He went up into the mountain... he went into the mountain... The mountain signifies a place where a person surrenders to God in prayer, to the experience of God's presence. Thus Jesus takes the disciples with him and is transfigured before them. His face and clothes shine with an indescribable radiance, a cloud covers them and the Father's voice is heard. The disciples thus become witnesses of the glory of Jesus that he has in heaven with the Father. This must have been an unexpected and indescribable experience for them – to see the glory of God – and they were beyond themselves. They were not only amazed by the glory, but they were also terrified because they saw and heard something they had never imagined before,"



"But, there is also the Mount of Olives and Calvary, where glory is visible in an even more intricate form. Jesus humiliated, crucified, dying on the cross. Both Mount Tabor and Mount Calvary signify the glory of God. Two faces of the same reality. On one, glory and brilliance, on the other, everyone turns away from him. Do I have the courage to go to both mountains with the Lord? Surely both will await me in life. Both glory and humiliation," said Fr. Zvonimir, explaining that a mountain signifies a place of prayer, a place where we come into God's presence, so every church is a mountain - because it lifts us out of our everyday lives and opens us to the experience of God's presence. We can say that the Eucharist is also a mountain, an event of transfiguration. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine are transformed into the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Every altar in the church is raised to symbolize this mountain of transfiguration. We have also heard the voice of God in the readings that are announced to us - because every time the word of God is announced in the liturgy, God himself speaks to the gathered community. And every time we remember the death of Christ and celebrate the resurrection we also await his glorious coming..." Fr. Zvonimir called for regular coming to "this mountain, to the church, to celebrate the Eucharist so that we may witness this transfiguration, so that we may witness the love of God for us sinners."

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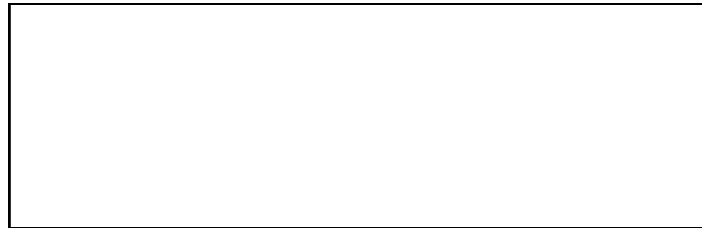
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7	8 Birthday of the Blessed Virgin	9 Medjugorje prayer group 7:00pm St Francis	10	11	12 Holy Name of Mary	13
14 The Triumph of the Cross	15 Our Lady of Sorrows	16 Medjugorje prayer group 7:00pm St Francis	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Medjugorje prayer group 7:00pm St Francis	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Medjugorje Prayer group 7:00pm St Francis				

Upcoming events:

- + **The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8th (celebrated)**
- + **The Triumph of the Cross, September 14th**
- + **Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15th**



Our Lady's Five-Point Program
*Conversion
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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.

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