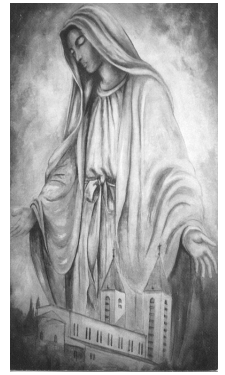


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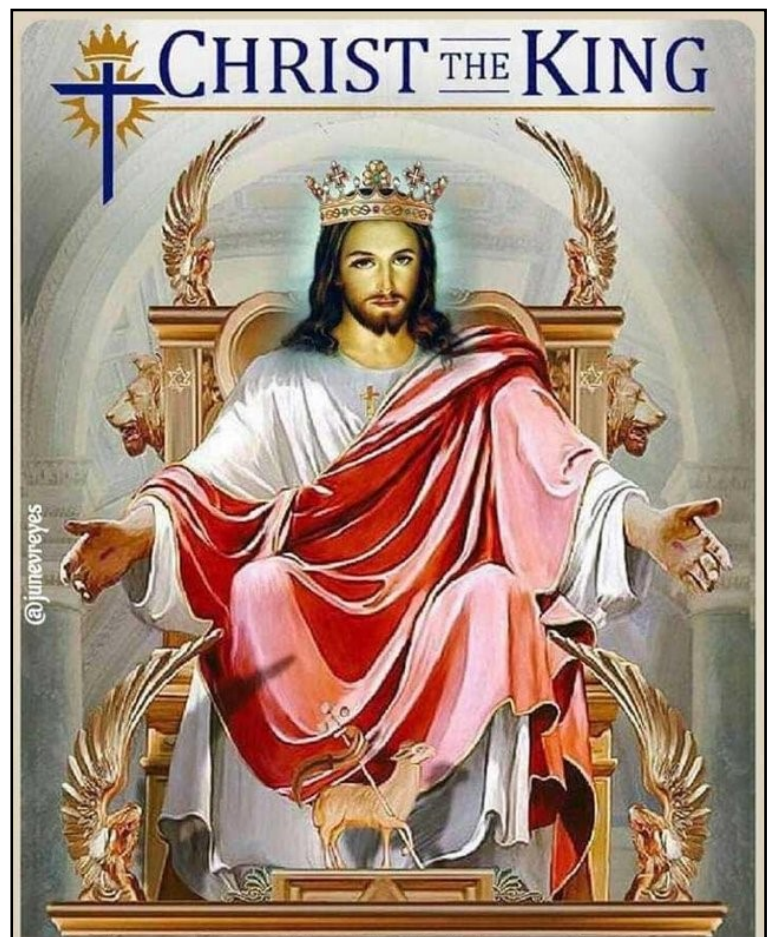
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*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. (Col 1: 15-17)*

Our Lady of Medjugorje's  
Monthly Message of  
October 25th, 2019:

*Dear children! Today I call you to prayer. May prayer be a balm to your soul, because the fruit of prayer is joy, giving and witnessing God to others - through your lives. Little children, in complete surrender to God, He will take care of everything and will bless you; and your sacrifices will have meaning. I am with you and bless all of you with my motherly blessing. 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.



Jesus Christ the King

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## When Jesus Stepped out of a Picture to Heal a Man

By Michael Brown, from *SpiritDaily.com*

Ugo Festa was born in Vicenza, Italy, in 1951. He was struck down at an early age with multiple sclerosis, his health gradually — relentlessly — deteriorating.

This led to many other problems in his young life.

By the age of 39, he was suffering not only from multiple sclerosis but muscular dystrophy and epilepsy.

Early in 1990, Festa's spine contorted and he was having seizures daily — continually attending doctors who could do nothing for him. Ugo decided there was nothing left to try but prayer.

On the 28th of April 1990, he went with a pilgrimage to Rome. In his unfortunate situation, he was introduced to Mother Teresa, who was in Rome at the time with a group he got to know. Ugo was invited along with this group to a retreat at the shrine of Divine Mercy in Trent, but he refused. On leaving, one of the group, a nun, gave him five copies of the Divine Image Picture and a Divine Mercy medal. The following day the 29th April 1990, Ugo wore the medal and carried in his arms the Images to be blessed to the papal audience at the Vatican. At the bottom of the steps to St. Peter's the Holy Father passed by. Ugo asked him to bless his Divine Mercy pictures. After blessing the pictures the Pope asked him how he was.



*Ugo Festa with Divine Mercy image*

Ugo told the Holy Father — John Paul II — he felt very despondent and was at a crisis in his life. The Holy Father said “How could you have a crisis with Jesus the Divine Mercy in your arms? Entrust yourself to him and pray for my Sister Faustina to intercede.” With this advice Ugo changed his mind and decided he would go to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Trent after all.

At the side altar in the Villa O'Santissima Villazzano in Trent, there is a shrine to the Divine Mercy with a life-sized icon of the Divine Image. On the fourth day of praying in front of this icon, Ugo suddenly noticed the arms of the Image stretched out to him and tremendous warmth flowed through his body. He found himself standing on his feet with his arms outstretched to the Lord and he heard himself loudly praising Jesus the Divine Mercy. He saw Jesus coming down to him, his white garment blowing as if in a breeze, and he thought, “My God, this is the man from Galilee coming to me.”



*Ugo meeting with Pope after the miracle*

Then he heard Jesus say in a clear voice, “Rise up and walk.” And Ugo Festa began to walk!

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## The Suffering of the Souls in Purgatory As revealed to Maria Valtorta

from *Mysticpost.com*

Jesus speaks: “I want to explain to you what Purgatory is and in what it consists. And I explain it Myself, with a form that will clash with so many who believe themselves to be trustees of knowledge of the Beyond — and are not. The souls immersed in those flames suffer only from love.



Not undeserving of possessing the Light, but not yet worthy of entering immediately into that Kingdom of Light, these souls, upon presenting themselves to God, become clothed with the Light. It is a brief, anticipated bliss, which makes them certain of their salvation, and makes known to them what their eternity will be. It makes them experience what they had committed toward their soul; thus defrauding it of years of the blessed possession of God. Immersed thereafter in the Place of Purgation, they are clothed with the expiatory flames.

In this matter, those who talk of ‘Purgatory’ speak rightly. But where they are not right is in wanting to apply various names to those flames. These flames are a conflagration of Love. They purify by enkindling souls with love. They give Love because, when the soul has reached in them that love which it did not reach on earth, it is liberated and joined to Love in Heaven.

This seems to you a different doctrine than what is known — true? But reflect. What does God, One and Triune, want for the souls created by Him? The Good. He Who wants the Good for a creature, what sentiments does He have for that creature? Sentiments of Love.

What are the first and the second commandments, the two most important? Those of which I have said there are no greater, and in which are the keys for reaching Eternal Life? They are a commandment of love: ‘Love God with all your strength, love your neighbor as yourself.’

Through My own mouth and by the prophets and the saints, what have I said to you an infinite number of times? That Charity is the greatest of absolutions. Charity consumes the faults and the weaknesses of man, because he who loves lives in God, and by living in God he sins little; and if he sins he at once repents, and for him who is repentant there is the forgiveness of the Most High.

What is lacking to souls? Love. If they had loved much, they would have committed few and light sins, connected with your weakness and imperfections. But they would never have reached a conscious obstinacy in faults, even venial ones. If they would have striven not to grieve their Love, Love also, seeing their good will, would have absolved them even of the venial transgressions they committed.

How does one repair, even on earth, a fault? By expiating it — even if only with difficulty — through the means with which it was committed. He who has damaged something, by restoring whatever he has taken away with his insolence. He who has calumniated, by retracting the calumny, and so on.

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## From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On October 2nd, 2019, Mirjana received her monthly apparition at the Blue Cross, surrounded by a large crowd of pilgrims. After the apparition, she conveyed this message:

***"Dear children! The will and the love of the Heavenly Father make it so that I am among you, to—with a motherly love—help you have faith grow in your heart, for you to be able to truly comprehend the purpose of earthly life and the greatness of the heavenly one. My children, the earthly life is the way to eternity, to truth, and to life—to my Son. I desire to lead you on that way. You, my children—you who always thirst for more love, truth, and faith—need to know that there is only one spring from which you can drink. It is trust in the Heavenly Father; it is trust in His love. Abandon yourselves completely to His will and do not be afraid. Everything that is best for you, everything that leads you to eternal life, will be given to you. You will comprehend that the purpose of life is not always to want and take, but to love and give. You will have true peace and true love. You will be apostles of love. By your example, you will make it so that those children who do not know my Son and His love will come to desire to know Him. My children, apostles of my love, adore my Son with me and love Him above all. Always strive to live in His truth. Thank you."***

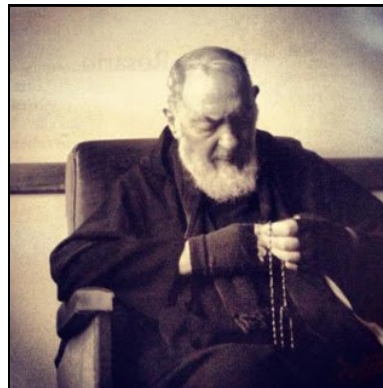


Sister Emmanuel

### ***We become what we contemplate!***

Why, on Christian radio stations, is the Rosary prayer the show with the largest audience? Why, in CD sales charts, is the Rosary the best-seller? Why did the great thaumaturge Padre Pio always have the Rosary in his hand? Why did Mother Teresa of Calcutta's Rosary open all the doors for her? Why does the Woman Who Crushes the Serpent's Head recommend the Rosary so much? Why was the Rosary the favorite prayer of St. John Paul II? Why does Satan tremble at the simple name of Mary in the Rosary? Why is the Rosary the prayer of the New Times?

Because the Rosary is the prayer of Mary herself! As she said in Medjugorje: ***"Dear children, when I was on earth, I was praying the Rosary constantly!"*** How did she do that in her time, when the Rosary did not exist? She revealed the secret: ***"When I was on earth, I constantly had my eyes fixed on the life of Jesus, my Son, and that is what the Rosary is!"*** (Message to Jelena Vasilj, for the prayer group).



It opens up all the horizons of contemplation and its fruits. The more we lovingly plunge into the life of Jesus revealed in the Gospel, and also in to the lives of the Saints, the more we are absorbed into what he is and what he has. We grow in likeness to Jesus, just as Mary did, day by day, by contemplating him constantly. Yes, in the Rosary, we become what we contemplate! Each Rosary prayed with the heart increases this resemblance. And if, with Mary, we contemplate Jesus in the Mysteries of his life, we enrich our hearts and souls in such a way that the enemy runs away. The mere name of Mary in the Ave Maria is an unbearable torture for Satan, for it is she, Mary, who was appointed by God to crush his head. We, as her descendants, can do this, if we stand with her. ***"Sin will reign,"*** she said last summer, ***"but if you are mine, you will win!"*** (July 25, 2019). Pope Francis invited all the faithful to recite the Rosary every day in October, and to end it with prayers to St. Michael the Archangel, followed by the traditional hymn to Mary, Sub Tuum Praesidium, in order to protect the Church from the demon in these times of crisis.

### ***Family memory***

During the Second World War, my father was arrested by the Gestapo for his activities in the Resistance. He spent three years in a cell with 10 other resistance fighters in concentration camps in Germany. As a great lover of Our Lady, he prayed the

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## When an Agnostic Doctor Touched the Blessed Virgin Mary

By Michael Brown from spiritdaily.com

It's an astonishing story. It involves an agnostic psychologist who went to a remote village in what was then Communist Yugoslavia — the Hercegovinan sector — to evaluate what on earth was transpiring with six children there who claimed that five days before, on June 24, 1981, they had begun seeing the Virgin Mary.

She was certain, was Dr. Darinka Glamuzina, a pediatrician with psychiatric training, that it was a psychological circumstance — if not a simple game orchestrated by the youngsters who each day were falling to their knees on a stony hillside in perfect synchronization, their eyes fixed on an invisible something (or as they insisted, someone).

And so it was, that Monday, June 30, 1981 in Bijakovići — a village in the parish of Medjugorje — that Dr. Glamuzina, working in nearby Citluk, arrived, at the behest of Communist authorities, to evaluate what was transpiring — alerted initially to the circumstance by an ambulance driver who worked at her clinic and had driven the children there.

"I had a Catholic education when I was very young, but then I went to school and was on the faculty of a college in Zagreb and thought I knew everything because I read so many books," she told Spirit Daily. "I was twenty-five at the time. I had education in psychology at that time and I was agnostic. Very skeptical."

"When I heard about it, it was very funny to me and I did not believe. I knew it was a primitive territory, Medjugorje, and I thought it was some sort of mass hysteria because they were primitive."

The children had been brought to the clinic for evaluation by another medical professional, Dr. Ante Vujevic, who would later announce that he could no longer call himself a nonbeliever. But at this point, skepticism — if not outright rejection of such a claim — still ruled the thoughts of Dr. Glamuzina, however.

"I got very excited," she says. "The manager of the clinic said to me to go with them the next day to Medjugorje as a medical worker, that as medical workers we should be in Medjugorje to observe what was going on. I agreed and we went to Medjugorje. "My desire was to question them. I remember everything clearly because of the emotions I had at that time. I questioned them on how old they were, what grade of education they were in, what sort of students they were."

"I asked about the apparitions of Our Lady and the answers they gave me were so clear and intelligible (though some of them were below-average students). I was impressed with the shortness of their answers and the speed at which they were giving the answers. And that they were so convinced. It was unbelievable, how convinced they were. I was very impressed. I found out that what they knew they really knew. The youngest, Jakov Colo, at the time just ten, said, "You may kill me, but I do see her." Indeed, soon they would be detained by Communist police and interrogated — never backing down despite the stated threat of jail.

Though raised Catholics, and though in a devout part of Yugoslavia (culturally Croatian), the children, under the informational blackout of Communism, had not even heard of places such as Lourdes and Fatima. They knew only that they were seeing the Blessed Virgin spoken about by their elders when they recited a Rosary.

"Everything about it was unbelievable," says the pediatrician. "Thousands of people were on the streets. The manager knew (seer) Vicka's family and so we went to her house. There were many people, and all of them were praying the Rosary. That was unbelievable to me, the atmosphere. The place was packed with energy. I did not want to stick out from the crowd so I asked for a rosary even though I did not know how to pray it."

"In one moment, Vicka said, 'Let's go,' and she started going up the hill and I don't know how we climbed the apparition hill. The crowd was going up and all of a sudden the other visionaries were there — they just showed up — and formed a line, all six of them."

"I was next to Vicka. I wanted to use my position next to her for my medical evaluation. I was convinced that maybe it was some kind of manipulation or hypnosis — somebody using them, and I would be able to see that."

"Another surprise for me was that they were praying for a long time, and at the same moment, all six said — at the very same moment! — 'There she comes.' I was watching them and all six said it at the same time and I saw that all

six of them were looking at the same spot at the same time. They were talking and sharing with us what the image was telling them. "And all of a sudden I got the idea to interfere with the happening. I asked Vicka, 'May I ask that vision a question?' And this was very interesting to me — how Vicka said, 'I am going to ask Our Lady.' So I realized there was a dialogue. I heard Vicka say, 'Our Lady, can she ask you something.' And she waited for answer and said, 'Yes, you can.'

The dialogue as recorded by a priest there: "Dear Madonna! Could this lady (Dr. Glamuzina) touch you?" The Virgin reportedly replied, "There have always been unfaithful Judases. Let her come."

Was that reported accurately — or did Mary say that there always had been Doubting Thomases.

"I was a little upset, disturbed," says Dr. Glamuzina, who later testified before a Vatican Commission which authenticated the first week of apparitions — in all, at least seven, meaning one more than the official apparitions at Fatima. (In both cases, more apparitions occurred after the initial ones.) "I was thinking in a medical way. Vicka said to the vision, 'This lady is asking who you are' and then Vicka (quoting Mary) replied, 'She said she is Queen of Peace.'

"How can we have peace when we have so many religions, I asked? I saw Vicka's lips move and she told me, 'Our Lady said, there is only one Faith, One God, and One Spirit.' I was



# Not Enough Pews

By Michael Brown from spiritdailyblog.com

To say that busy times have returned to Medjugorje would be an understatement. There are so many pilgrims that, at points, recently, transport companies ran out of buses. The same has occurred with tour guides — so in demand that also, at one point, not a single one was available in the area.

The church of St. James — that famed two-tower edifice in Hercegovina — is not just standing-room-only (for daily Mass) but to the point where, during one recent liturgy, an amphitheater in the back was filled with several additional thousand.

And that was just for the English Mass (there are also daily Masses in: German, Italian, and the native language of Croatian, and another Croatian Mass in the evening). Last night there were 5,000 for Adoration outside in chilly air at 9 p.m.

This of course is Medjugorje, which according to long-time tour guides (including one of ours who has 31 years of experience) is seeing more pilgrims “than ever,” especially English-speaking ones, who are stretching the capacity not just of the church but also confessionals, meeting areas, and the Adoration hall. It is why the Vatican envoy, Archbishop Henryk Hoser, now assigned full-time to Medjugorje, has called for a revamping of its infrastructure, with rumors that a huge new church may one day be constructed in the vicinity.



Priests are literally shoulder-to-shoulder on the altar — at the English Masses, usually more than two dozen — while lines for Confession and at a bronze sculpting of the Risen Christ, which inexplicably emanates an oily water from a knee “wound” (though now not quite as continuously) are as lengthy as ever.

It was Saint John Paul II who first had an intense papal interest in Medjugorje (telling one priest from the parish to “protect it,” and calling it “the fulfillment of Fatima”), followed by Pope Benedict XVI (who as a cardinal headed off attempts by the local bishop to quash it, and as Pope established an official commission to study it), followed by Pope Francis, who was not quite as warm to Medjugorje as John Paul II but fully accepted the commission’s positive report and sent Archbishop Hoser as an envoy, approving official parish pilgrimages. Those moves have proved to be watershed ones.

During apparitions, streets around what is known as the “Blue Cross” often take on the appearance of Times Square as the clock ticks on December 31 to midnight. And Medjugorje continues to generate vocations: Recently, six new Franciscans were ordained, and hundreds of thousands of Hosts are distributed each month.

It was in the early messages of Medjugorje — which were diligently read each month by John Paul II — that a focus on youth emerged, with verbiage resembling that used later by the Pope when he established World Youth Day. Unlike most of the Church, Medjugorje is highly popular among the young. Our children always longed to revisit, and have now been here three — and in one case four — times. ***The problem here is not empty pews but not enough of them.***

While a tremendous increase in hotels and similar accommodations has absorbed many of the pilgrims — with far more restaurants and other facilities to occupy pilgrims during the day, lessening the crush around the church — the numbers, particularly from Poland and Ireland, have skyrocketed, with the U.S. also on a significant upswing, sending more here than at any time since the Bosnian war in the early 1990s.

The war had led to a lengthy and steep decline in attendance that now has been reversed, partly in response to the Vatican enjoy and approval of official pilgrimages, and as widespread campaigns hurling invective against the site have faded.

The apparitions — the first week of which already have been declared “authentic” by a Vatican commission — have become what Archbishop Hoser calls “the spiritual lungs of Europe,” which, like America, needs

all the oxygen it can get. As at Fatima and Lourdes, the Blessed Mother may be a bit more difficult to find — among all the buildings — but is still here, strong as ever.

*(Seer update: Jakov Colo remains in the village, and now administers a growing program to feed and otherwise assist the poor, currently supporting five hundred families; Vicka Ivankovic has not been greeting visitors, undergoing eleven recent surgeries for back problems; Ivanka Ivankovic also remains in her home just outside the village, keeping an extremely low profile, while Mirjana Dragicevic continues to have public apparitions each month at the Blue Cross near Apparition Hill, forsaking needed knee surgery because she wants to minister to pilgrims; Ivan Dragicevic is currently here in Medjugorje but spends most of his time in the Boston area; Marija Pavlovic, who receives the monthly message, lives mainly in Italy.)*



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Rosary often. His mother, whose only son he was, had no news of him over those years, but she was heroically trusting in Mary, and kept believing that he would return, praying rosary after rosary.

One day, when my father was exhausted and starving like all his fellow prisoners, the SS squad asked the prisoners to carry stones from a quarry to the place where they planned to build something. Each prisoner was given a stone to carry. When my father saw the stone he was given, he understood that his last hour had come, for it was impossible for him to lift it even an inch as it was so large. He also knew that if he didn't carry it, the dogs of the SS would jump on him and the guards would finish him off like a beast. He had seen this happen before.



Standing by his stone, in his distress, he looked up. He then saw a simple house close by, and on its façade was a small alcove in which stood a statue of the Blessed Mother. When my father saw the statue, he exclaimed inwardly, "Mary, save me!" At that very moment, the heavy stone became weightless! My father used to say, "It became lighter than confetti!" Of the 10 men in his Resistance cell, he was the only one to come back alive (thanks to which I was born!). Needless to say, my father never failed to pray his rosary every day!

### ***The Rosary and Exorcism***



Don Gabriele Amorth, former president of all exorcists, who died in September, 2016 said, "The Rosary is the most famous exorcism prayer in the world." In the introduction to his latest book, ***"My Rosary"***, he writes:

"I believe that the Rosary is the most powerful prayer, after the Holy Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours". In this last book, written at the age of ninety, he decided to reveal the source of his inner strength: it is precisely the prayer of the Rosary and the daily meditation of the twenty mysteries. It is this prayer that always supported him in his daily struggle against evil, during all his years spent in the Diocese of Rome.

Cardinal Ernest Simoni, who under the communist regime in Albania, was sentenced to death several times and spent more than twenty years in prison, much of it in forced labor in the sewers. At the Medjugorje Youth Festival in 2017, he said:

"Anyone who prays three Rosaries a day will receive unimaginable miracles. So love the Rosary, pray it. I guarantee you that the Virgin Mary, the Queen of Peace, will fill you with many graces, and be sure that you will receive light and peace. Everything you ask the Blessed Virgin will be presented to Jesus and Jesus will grant it. I want to testify to that, right here and in our day. Don't be afraid, she is with us and will always protect the world!"

Saint Joseph Cafasso recounts that one day, very early in the morning, he met a little old woman gathered in prayer in the streets of Turin. The saint approached her and asked, "How is it that you are here so early, my good lady?" "I walk here to clean the streets," she replied. Surprised, the saint asked, "What does that mean?" "Last night there was a carnival, and many sins were committed. So I pass by, praying the Rosary, in order to cleanse the streets of all these sins." Saint Maximilian Kolbe, in his diary, this martyr of charity, wrote: "As many rosaries are prayed, so many souls are saved!" St. Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort, the great Marian apostle, said that "When the Holy Spirit finds love for Mary in a soul, he flies to it!"

### ***Book on St Joseph***

Do you love St. Joseph? Many ask me if I am writing a new book. The answer is NO. My last book was precisely about the Rosary. However, I must confess that the other day I made a deal with St. Joseph, because one of my brothers is looking to sell his house to move to a smaller one. Talking about finding a place to live, you could say that St Joseph's search didn't start out well... The stable in Bethlehem was not ideal for the birth of a child in the middle of winter. But since then, from Heaven above, he has made up for it! "If you find a buyer for my brother's house," I told him, "I promise to write a little book about you, in order to make you more known and loved..." He probably couldn't help being enticed, because soon after, the buyer showed up! Well... now I have to do my part! In order to enrich this book and make it beautiful, I need to gather powerful testimonies about St. Joseph, who has and will become more and more important in the Church and elsewhere. You can help me with this! Recall his blessings, his favors, and also the personality traits that have struck you! You can send them to me at [gospa.fr@gmail.com](mailto:gospa.fr@gmail.com) *Thank you!*

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True story. All his ailments were at that instant cured and he was more physically perfect than he had ever been in his life.

On August 19th, 1990, Ugo returned to the Vatican and during a Papal Audience at Paul VI Hall, was taken to meet Pope John Paul II again. He told him about the great grace he had received and thanked him for the words of inspiration which led him to Trent and resulted in this great miracle of Divine Mercy. He gave Pope John Paul II a copy of the Divine Image, with the signatures on the back of the many people who witnessed the miracle on that day.

Ugo Festa thereafter devoted his life to Jesus, voluntarily working with disabled people and spreading the Message of Divine Mercy throughout Italy. The Divine Mercy image that played a role in his miraculous healing is now in a chapel at Šurmanci in the parish of Medjugorje.

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shaken by the answer, because I knew this wasn't a child's answer and I saw that there was a dialogue going on.

"This was such a rural area. I asked 'Why here? Why not at Notre Dame in Paris? Why here in the middle of nowhere?' I saw Vicka asking that question, and the answer (from Our Lady) was, '**Because the Faith is firm here.**' I knew it was true because I never saw people pray so much. I knew the answer was true, that it was right."

"I got the answer but also thought I should have an experience, so I said to Vicka, 'May I touch her?' and Vicka asked Our Lady and the answer came back, 'Yes, you can.' So Vicka was indicating to me where to kneel down, and I knelt down and I raised my hand and my personality split. All of a sudden I knew that what I touched was God. I felt the presence with my entire being. I knew. I knew that I was not worthy of what I touched." Witnesses said Dr. Glamuzina looked, on her descent from the hill, like she was in a state of shock.

Why did the apparition occur, and why has she now been there so long? "Because we are completely illiterate spiritually," says the doctor, whose husband's specialty is chemistry. "The world is in a spiritual crisis. She comes as a teacher and a healer." According to a report by a BBC reporter, the pediatrician, guided by Vicka, touched the Blessed Mother on her left shoulder "and later publicly admitted that she felt a violent tremor along the whole length of her arm. When she eventually stumbled down the hill, she was in a state of shock. Dr. Glamuzina mentioned no such feeling to *SpiritDaily* but rather an overwhelming feeling in the depths of her agnostic soul. "I knew it was something beyond our comprehension," she says.

When, after the apparition, she spoke with a second seer, Mirjana Soldo, with whom she walked down the hill, this second seer quoted Mary as saying precisely what Vicka had related. "I asked Mirjana the same questions I asked Our Lady and she gave the same answers," says Dr. Glamuzina. "I questioned them individually and they all heard the same words. I knew that they saw her. I was so shaken that I was crying all night long, holding the rosary, and asking Our Lady to forgive me. I knew God really exists and I realized I knew nothing about Him."

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Now: if poor human justice wants this, will not the holy Justice of God want it? And what means will God use to obtain reparation? Himself, that is, Love, and by exacting love.

All pivots on love, Maria, except for the truly 'dead': the damned. For these 'dead,' even Love is dead. But for the three Kingdoms — that of the heaviest: the Earth; that in which the weight of matter is abolished, but not of the soul burdened by sin: Purgatory; and finally that in which its inhabitants share with their Father the spiritual nature which frees them from every duty — for all three the motor is Love. It is by loving on earth that you work for Heaven. It is by loving in Purgatory that you conquer Heaven which in life you had not known how to merit. It is by loving in Paradise that you enjoy Heaven.

When a soul is in Purgatory it does not do anything but love, reflect, repent in the light of Love which has kindled for it these flames — which already are God, but which hide God from it for its punishment.

Behold the torment. The soul remembers the vision of God it had in its particular judgment. That memory is carried with it and, since to have even but glimpsed God is a joy which surpasses every created thing, the soul thus has anxiety to enjoy again that joy. That memory of God and that ray of light which had clothed it at its appearing before God, thus cause the soul to 'see' in their true essence the failures committed against its Good. And this 'seeing,' together with the thought that it has voluntarily forbidden itself the possession of Heaven and union with God for ages or centuries, constitute its purgative pain.

It is love, and the certainty of having offended Love, which is the torment of those being purged. The more a soul in life has failed, the more it is as if blinded by spiritual cataracts which make more difficult its knowing and reaching that perfect repentance of love which is the first collaboration with its purgation and its entrance into the Kingdom of God.

Love is weighed down and slowed down the more a soul has oppressed it with guilt. But as the power of Love cleanses it little by little, its resurrection to love is quickened and, in consequence, so is its conquest of Love — which is completed in the moment in which, having finished its expiation and reached the perfection of love, it is admitted into the City of God.

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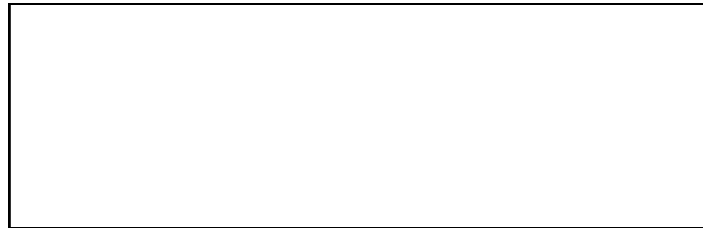
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		Medjugorje prayer group 7:00pm St Francis	ADORATION ST JOSEPH'S 8:00AM-6:00PM	ADORATION IHM 3:00p to 5:00p	1 <b>All Saints Day</b>	2 <b>All Souls Day</b>
3	4	5 Medjugorje prayer group 7:00pm St Francis	6 ADORATION St Joseph's 8:00am-6:00pm	7 ADORATION IHM 3:00p to 5:00p	8 ADORATION Sacred Heart 3:00p to 5:00p	9
10	11	12 Medjugorje prayer group 7:00pm St Francis	13 ADORATION St. Joseph's 8:00a-6:00pm	14 ADORATION IHM 3:00p to 5:00p	15 ADORATION Sacred Heart 9:00am-6:00pm	16
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24 <b>Jesus Christ King of the Universe</b>	25	26 Medjugorje prayer group 7:00pm St Francis	27 ADORATION St. Joseph's 8:00a-6:00pm	28 ADORATION IHM 3:00p to 5:00p	29 ADORATION Sacred Heart 9:00am-6:00pm	30

## Upcoming events:

- + All Saint Day, November 1st
- + All Souls Day, November 2nd
- + Christ the King, November 24th



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

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