



1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION NEWSLETTER

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WORLD'S WORST MOTHER AWARD DO YOU KNOW WHO THE WORLD'S WORST MOTHER IS?

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Please forgive me! I should wait to write a story like this, but I cannot withhold the agony and the embarrassment another minute. So many young people come to me whining about the way they are treated by their parents. "My mother doesn't understand me! My dad is always after me." I confess to quietly listen and offer condolences while knowing I have far bigger burdens to unload.

Your parents cannot possibly be the worst parents in the world. If an award were given for "World's Worst Mother," the winner would be ... (Can you keep a secret?) ... my MOM! (Now I'm in trouble!)

Please don't laugh! Every word of what I am about to say is true. I have evidence. As a struggling seven year old, I needed a certain toy car to add to my fleet. The collection would simply not be complete without this particular little car. I wanted it. I had to have it! When that very car appeared before my eyes in a department store, I took it. It was the natural thing to do, but not for my mother.

My mother saw me holding the car and rather than congratulate me for being sneaky and thrifty, she opened her mouth in horror, immediately spanked me and then had the audacity to make me immediately return the car to the store, pay for it and then apologize to the owner.

Can you believe that I had to endure such cruelty?

The damage to my emotional self-esteem was beyond measure. To this very day, when I see something I want or need to have in a store, I feel compelled to pay for it. Oh, the shame of it all.

Wait there is more. Here are the top ten reasons why my Mom qualifies for World's Worst Mother.

1. For making me eat green vegetables with nearly every meal. I now enjoy good health.
2. For insisting on the use of a foreign language..."Yes, sir and Please." I practice good manners.
3. For spanking me when I was out of line. I learned respect for the law and officials who carry it out.
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OVERVIEW FOR THE MONTH

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The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary. The first 15 days fall within the liturgical season of Easter, which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remainder of the month (beginning the Monday after Pentecost) is in Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of

reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

As Spring blossoms forth and we are surrounded by new life, we spend this month full of the joy of our Easter celebration and in anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Consoler and Advocate.

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FEASTS FOR MAY

The feasts on the General Roman Calendar celebrated during the month of May are:

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| 2 | Athanasius, Memorial | 25 | Bede the Venerable; Gregory VII; Mary Magdalene e Pazzi, Opt. Mem. |
| 3 | Philip and James, Feast | 26 | Philip Neri, Memorial |
| 8 | Ascension or the Seventh Sunday of Easter, Sunday | 27 | Augustine of Canterbury, Opt. Mem. |
| 10 | St. Damien Joseph de Veuster, priest, Opt. Mem. | 29 | Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Solemnity |
| 12 | Nereus and Achilleus; Pancras, martyrs, Opt. Mem. | 31 | Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast |
| 13 | Our Lady of Fatima, Opt. Mem. | | |
| 14 | Matthias, Feast | | |
| 15 | Pentecost; Whitsunday, Sunday | | |
| 18 | John I, Opt. Mem. | | |
| 20 | Bernardine of Siena, Opt. Mem. | | |
| 21 | Christopher Magallanes and companions; Eugene de Mazonod (Canada), Opt. Mem. | | |
| 22 | Trinity Sunday, Solemnity | | |

The feasts of St. Joseph the Worker (May 1), St. Isidore the Farmer (May 15) and St. Rita of Cascia (May 22) are superseded by the Sunday liturgy. The Solemnity of the Ascension (May 5) is celebrated on May 8 (Sunday) in most dioceses in the United States. □

OUR CENACLE CORNER

*Seeking a deeper relationship with God
through meditation of passages from Holy Scriptures*

GOD'S SUFFERING SERVANT

ISAIAH 52:13

ISAIAH 53:1-12

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

PENTECOST

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Scholars tell us that the first Pentecost took place during the Jewish Feast of Weeks. This was a festival at which the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God in thanksgiving. But on this particular day, instead of our giving our first fruits to God, he gave his first fruit—the Holy Spirit—to us.

And what an amazing gift the Spirit has been! It is his power that has kept the church on track, despite human sinfulness, for two thousand years. It is his grace that has strengthened us, revealed Jesus to us, moved us to serve, and convinced us that Jesus will indeed come back to bring heaven down to earth. To put it quite simply, Pentecost is all about the fact that Almighty God has come to live in human hearts, making ordinary people into extraordinary saints.

After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to the apostles and breathing on them, said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22). Just as he did at Pentecost, Jesus wants to breathe God's energy into our hearts every day.

The spiritual dynamic that was present at that first Pentecost, moving people to love God, to seek out holiness, and to come together as a church is still at work today.



How can we tell if this breath of God is active in our lives? We will feel energized by the Spirit, and we will want to set our sights on being like Jesus. We will feel moved to go to work for the kingdom, relying on the Spirit's power and guidance. We will try to be more loving, more kind, and more patient.

Right now, stop and take a few deep breaths. In your mind, imagine yourself breathing in the Spirit and breathing out your sin. Picture yourself accepting the Lord and his plans, and letting go of your own plans and visions. Know that what you are breathing in is pure, holy, and intoxicating. Jesus has great plans for every member of his church. And that includes you!

“Jesus, breathe on me and make me more alive to God. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill me with your life!” ☐

TRINITY SUNDAY – IS THE TRINITY RELEVANT

Dr. Marcellino de Ambrosio
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Many are ready to give a polite nod of some sort to Jesus of Nazareth. Most honor him as a great moral teacher. Many even confess him as Savior. But the Incarnation of the Eternal God? Second person of the Holy Trinity? God can't be one and three at the same time. Such a notion is at worst illogical, at best meaningless. "This was all invented by the Roman Emperor Constantine in 313 AD," scoff a motley crew ranging from the Jehovah's Witnesses to the DaVinci Code.

Of course this charge has no historical leg to stand on. St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote seven brief letters around 110 AD in which he called Jesus "God" 16 times.

True, the word "Trinity" is not in the bible. But everywhere the New Testament refers to three distinct persons who seem to be equally divine, yet one (e.g. 2 Cor 13:13). So over 100 years before Constantine, a Christian writer named Tertullian coined the term "Trinity" as a handy way to refer to this reality of three distinct, equal persons in one God. It stuck.

But if the doctrine of the Trinity is authentically biblical, is it relevant? Does it really matter?

If Christianity were simply a religion of keeping the law, the inner life of the lawgiver would not matter. But if Christianity is about personal relationship with God, then who God really is matters totally. Common sense tells us that some supreme being made the universe and that we owe Him homage. But that this creator is a trinity of persons who invites us to intimate friendship with Himself, we never could have guessed. We only know it because God has revealed it.

God is love, says 1 John 4:8 (see too John 3:16). If God were solitary, how could he have been love before he created the world? Who would there have been to love? Jesus reveals a God who is eternally a community of three persons pouring themselves out in love for one another. The Father does not create the Son and then, with the Son, create the Spirit. No, the Father eternally generates the Son. And with and through the Son, this Father eternally "breathes" the Spirit as a sort of personalized sigh of love. "As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be." That's what the conclusion of the Glory Be really means, that the self-giving of the three divine

persons did not begin at a moment in time, but was, is, and is to come.

If we are truly to "know" our God, we must know this. But if we are ever to understand ourselves, we must also know this. For we were made in the image and likeness of God, and God is a community of self-donating love. That means that we can never be happy isolated from others, protecting ourselves from others, holding ourselves back selfishly from others. Unless we give ourselves in love, we can never be fully human. And unless we participate in the life of God's people, we can never be truly Christian either. Because Christianity is about building up the community of divine love which is called the Church. If God is Trinity, then there really is no place for free-lance, lone-ranger Christians.

The family, the domestic Church, is a reflection of Trinitarian love – the love of husband and wife, distinct and very different persons, generates the child who is from them but is nonetheless distinct from them, indeed absolutely unique.

And that is the final point. One of the greatest treasures of Western culture is the concept of the uniqueness and

dignity of the individual person. You really don't find this idea in the ancient societies of Greece and Rome or in other great world religions, such as Islam.

The concept of the irreplaceable uniqueness of each person came into Western culture straight from the doctrine of the Trinity, three who possess the exact same divine nature but who are yet irreplaceably unique in their personhood.

The irony? As it progressively abandons the triune God, the Western world is undermining the very foundation of personal dignity, individuality, and freedom.

So yes, the Trinity does matter.

Trinity Sunday celebrates the dogma of the Most Holy Trinity . . . that God is Trinity, one God in three persons. This doctrine has baffled people for 2,000 years. Given that it is so hard to accept, why bother with it? What difference does the dogma really make to how we live our Christian lives? ☐

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GOD TOUCHED ME

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

PORNOGRAPHY WAS DESTROYING MY LIFE.

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Where or when I first saw those images, I don't remember. It might have been a magazine passed around by curious friends or an X-rated movie I discovered late one night. However it started, pornography took me down a dark path of addiction that lasted twenty-five years. Thanks to easy access on the Internet, it began to govern my thoughts, isolating me in a world of self-absorption. Hobbies, family, and relationships - things that I once enjoyed - seemed to pale in comparison.

As my addiction deepened, I began to look at women only as objects, as things intended for pleasure. The women I saw in videos were just body parts for my enjoyment, not persons with any dignity of their own. It troubled me that I felt this way, but perhaps most disheartening was my growing inability to feel compassion or empathy for people, male



or female. I remember when a close cousin passed away suddenly. He was my age, and we had been friends since childhood. When I learned of his death, my emotions were blank. I felt no grief at all; I just wanted the momentary pleasure of porn.

"It's Only Natural!" Why did pornography have such a grip on me? It wasn't for lack of good example. My family was devout; we attended Mass every week. My mother was a prayer warrior who said the Rosary daily. When our parish began offering Eucharistic adoration, she was one of the first to sign up. Ten to eleven o'clock on Monday morning is her hour, and my father often joins her.

Faithful as they were, however, my parents didn't talk much about sexuality. And though I went to Catholic schools for sixteen years, I didn't learn what the Church teaches about our bodies. I didn't know much about God either. He seemed like a distant authority figure, not a loving, merciful Father who wanted a close relationship with me.

My friends and I watched movies and listened to music that glorified and promoted sex and promiscuity. "You have urges!" was the message. "It's only natural. They

need to be fulfilled." We embraced the message and looked down on those who didn't. Yet in my heart, I knew it was wrong.

Enough! The years spent living like this left me increasingly alone, depressed, and filled with disgust for myself. Finally, I decided I had had enough. That's when God's grace began to touch my heart - and through the same delivery method that had ensnared me: the Internet. That's where I stumbled across YouTube videos that taught about authentic love and God's plan for sexuality. I decided to cut pornography completely out of my life.

I intended to do this on my own. I would go to Confession, I thought, and that would be that. I didn't realize, however, that I had been using pornography, not just as an instrument of lust, but also as an outlet for anxiety. Without it, my

anxiety had nowhere to go, and prescription medications did nothing to relieve it.

I remember my darkest hour, soon after I had resolved to quit. It came over me while I was driving my postal route to deliver mail. Feelings of hopelessness - to the point of suicidal thoughts - overwhelmed me so strongly that I had to pull over to the side of the road. God will never forgive me, I thought. My life has been a waste, and I'm going to hell. I reached out to Our Lady, repeating the Hail Mary over and over again. I cried out to Jesus, "Lord, I want to go to heaven; I want to go to heaven."

It Takes a Team. Suddenly it came to me that my addiction was a dark and shameful secret that needed to be brought into the light. There on the roadside, I called my brothers and some close friends to tell them what I had been going through. To my surprise, each one was understanding and supportive. My anxiety lessened as I heard their reassuring words: "We love you. We'll pray for you. You'll get through this."

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SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED

A QUIETER SPOT

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The apostles (that Jesus sent out) came back to Jesus. They gathered around Jesus and told him about all the things they did and taught. Jesus and his followers were in a very busy place. There were many, many people. Jesus and his followers did not even have time to eat. Jesus said to his followers, "Come with me. We will go to a quiet place to be alone. There we will get some rest." So Jesus and his followers went away alone. They went in a boat to a place where there were no people.

— Mark 6:30-32

KEY THOUGHT:

The good we do for the Kingdom occurs because of God's work through us. Yes, we offer ourselves to be used by God as his vessels, but the glory, the power, and the effectiveness come from our obedient submission and God's glorious work through us. To God belongs all the glory! But, being used by God is tiring work no matter how exciting it may be. God's servants need periods of rest and renewal. This means getting away from the rush of ministry and rekindling our passions, energy, and focus in the presence of other devoted servants and in the presence of Jesus as we honor God. In other words, humility has two faces: first,

humility is seen in the life of a person who serves God for the Father's glory, and second, humility is seen when those who serve God acknowledge their need for rest and time away from the rush to be with God.

TODAY'S PRAYER:

Father, please give me the right heart to be a humble servant. Remove from me the desire to accomplish great things so my name is known or my actions are praised. I want you to be glorified. In addition, dear Father, please gently humble me when I try to depend upon my own energies rather than spending time resting in your presence and letting you re-ignite my spirit and re-energize my body. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

... My Mercy to protect and save you before my Father becoming intense as you recite the Rosary of mercy before the dying person. My Sacred Heart becomes the beacon of light guiding the person(dying) through the true light of My Father's bottomless Sea of Mercy of forgiveness.

Do not let this hour of mercy escape your whole being when this comes. Remember my children the evil one knows My Mercy too and he works to make My Mercy guide you in his light of deception. Pray for discernment of My Mercy from the rays of God's Divine Mercy.

*Jesus of Nazareth,
Your Loving and Merciful God
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SPIRITUAL ARMY NEWS DISPATCH

THE SPIRITUAL ARMY CELEBRATES DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is an international Catholic feast day promoting Jesus' message that He is merciful to everyone and that people should trust in His mercy and lead a compassionate life. During this



Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has said "I am convinced that the whole Church will find in this jubilee the joy needed to rediscover and make fruitful the mercy of God, with which all of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time," He further stated, "From this moment, we entrust this holy year to the Mother of Mercy, that she might turn her gaze upon us and watch over our journey."

"In a world that is torn by violence, division and the horrible effects of humanity's sinful nature, this Jubilee year

is an oasis of hope and comfort to all who seek the peace that is rooted solely in the mercy of our loving God," said Most Rev. Mitchell T. Rozanski, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield, MA.

One answer to the call of Pope Francis regarding the Jubilee Year of Mercy, is the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 3, 2016 in most parishes all over the world.

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PILGRIMS' ROOMING ASSIGNMENTS

Hello Fellow Pilgrims!

As the old saying goes, requests are only for RADIO STATIONS! Lol!

Exceptions are for pilgrims who are husbands and wives or relatives. They will definitely be in the same room.

Remember, this is not a trip of wholesome pleasure but a trip of wholesome commune with God that focuses on a journey seeking the Lord in the genetical place of our faith - the Holy Land.

I will offer to GOD the rooming arrangement which I will direct personally with our Blessed Mother's guidance or for whatever the Lord's purpose of putting two souls together.

He has a plan why these souls are paired even for a moment. The meeting of souls from different locations bring to life His Gospel:

. . . that no one comes to ME unless the Father who sent ME DRAWS THEM IN FOR A PURPOSE. . . .
(John 6:44).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TOY DRIVE FOR THE LOS ANGELES CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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WORLD'S WORST MOTHER AWARD

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There you have it. The evidence is overwhelming. She consistently refused to allow me to do whatever I wanted, and because of it ... well, I am eternally grateful. My mother deserves to be honored as the "World's Worst Mother" and I praise God for her influence on my life and the lives of my children.

I am eternally grateful.

Solomon wrote about women like my Mother in Proverbs:

"Her children arise and call her blessed: 'Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.' Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise ..." (Proverbs 31:28-31)

Have you given an award to your mother lately?

On this Mothers' Day, pay tribute to the one who loved you through all your triumphs as well as your mistakes and helped to mold your attitude and philosophy of life. Forgive her mistakes, celebrate her triumphs, and honor her life and memory. May God bless everyone this special Mother's Day.

Questions to Challenge:

- How does your Mom qualify for the World's Worst Award?
- What influence has she had on you and your lifestyle?
- Was your mom less than ideal? Maybe it's time to forgive her and even learn from her mistakes.
- How are you remembering your Mom? If she is alive...take her to lunch or send her a special card. If she has passed away...share her memory with a close friend. ☐

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OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

The first week in May we will begin the Pentecost Novena. Pentecost, the birth of the Church, is also among the celebrations of May. Though sprung from the side of Christ on the Cross, the Church marks as her birthday the descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. At the 'birth' of the world, the Holy Spirit — the Breath of God — was the "mighty wind [that] swept over the waters" (Gen 1:2); at the birth of the Church He is present again "like the rush of a mighty wind" to recreate the world in the image of Christ through His Church (Acts 2:2).

We, the members of Christ's Mystical Body, are the present-day disciples sent by the Holy Spirit to bring Christ to the world. May we go forth as did Mary, who set out in haste to assist St. Elizabeth (feast of the Visitation, May 31). Come upon us, O Holy Spirit, so that, with Mary, we may proclaim the greatness of the Lord who has done great things for us — for his mercy endures forever! •☐

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

I tried to call my parents, too. Most unusually, they didn't answer the phone. Then I realized why: it was just before eleven o'clock on Monday morning, during my mother's hour for Eucharistic adoration. I learned later that she and my father were there together. Without knowing the particulars, they had seen that I was struggling, and they were devoting that hour to praying the Rosary for me.

More help came when I went to my parish priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I had not been in many years. It felt good to experience God's mercy, but this was only the beginning. Realizing that I would need a team to help free me from my addiction, the confessor handed me two business cards - one of a Catholic psychologist and the other of a group called The King's Men. This isn't a porn recovery group, although many men are fighting that battle. Rather, the group concentrates on helping members to grow in virtue. It is founded on the principle that as you build habits of holiness, God's grace can flow through you more freely and give you strength to fight temptation.

Through The King's Men, Jesus put men in my life to help me to heal. At the meetings I heard about their struggles and knew I wasn't alone. We could talk freely and call each other in moments of temptation. These men introduced me to the lives of the saints and to St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. With their help, I began to see women as my sisters in Christ and not as objects.

The Father's Perspective. One book that had a profound impact on me was *Wild at Heart* by John Eldredge. Going back to the story of Adam and Eve, Eldredge speaks about how the serpent tempted Eve, as Adam stood by and watched sin enter the world. From that moment, Eldredge suggests, every boy is born with questions that need to be answered: Do I have what it takes? Father, are you pleased with me?

Boys generally seek this affirmation from their fathers. But as I read the book and worked with the psychologist, I discovered that I had turned to pornography instead of my father for validation of my manhood. In the process, I damaged my relationship with God the Father, who holds the deepest answers to a man's questions about himself.

With grace and time, I have begun to hear God's voice. I've sensed him telling me, Thomas, you have what it takes. You are my beloved son, and I am well pleased. It took a long time for me to accept these words, because Jesus tends to heal in stages. In fact, my healing is still ongoing.

It has been five years since I saw my last pornographic image. The temptations still come, but they are becoming more fleeting and less frequent. As I have allowed God to love me, I feel his compassion and love flowing from me as well. And that's the most beautiful thing of all. ☐

The author's name has been changed. For more information about The King's Men, visit www.thekingsmen.org.

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THE SPIRITUAL ARMY CELEBRATES DIVINE MERCY

In Los Angeles, CA, the celebration opened with a procession of the pictures of God the Father, Jesus, the Divine Mercy; St. Faustina and Saint Pope John Paul II. These pictures were placed on the right side of the main altar. Then, the people offered red and white flowers signifying blood and water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus. Divine Mercy prayers and the Chaplet preceded the Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Vincent Hughes. The LA devotees remembered two of its dearly

departed devotees, Kristen Tuason, who courageously battled cancer at age 16 for nine years; and Rosario "Becca" Good, who died in a five-car collision on her way home from work.

Devotees enjoyed an hour of fellowship partaking on sumptuous sandwiches and snacks graciously provided by generous devotees.

At St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church in Las Vegas, NV, Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated with a prayer service, Eucharistic adoration, spiritual reading, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in English and Spanish, veneration of the Divine Mercy image and floral offering. This parish celebration was led by The Spiritual Army of God the Father. The church, including the mezzanine area, was full of parishioners and visitors from other parishes who responded to the call of mercy.

Please visit our website at www.spiritualarmyofgod.org for more photos of our Divine Mercy celebration. ☐

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PILGRIMS' ROOMING ASSIGNMENTS

So, let us be followers of God and accept the purpose for which we are drawn together so we can evangelize in His name!

Thank you very much for your understanding. Rest assured that I will be praying for all our pilgrims gathering before God that they will have that peace and acceptance for each other in the silence of their places of slumber in tranquility.

GOD BLESS US ALL .

Sincerely,

Victor Araneta
Spiritual Army of God the Father Ministry ☐

THANK YOU

... a small and simple phrase that comes from a grateful heart!

Psalm 106:2

THE 2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION

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FOR PRAYERS HEARD AND PETITIONS GRANTED

HOW DO WE RESPOND WHEN OUR CRY FOR MERCY RECEIVES ITS LOVING ANSWER FROM OUR MASTER?

WE NEED TO PRAISE AND THANK JESUS FOR HIS HEALING POWER, MERCY, AND GRACE.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU FELL FACE DOWN AND PRAISED JESUS?

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU PRAISED AND THANKED THE LORD

FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE FOR YOU

WITH A GENUINE HEART AND A PROSTRATE POSTURE?

For months I had been looking for a job. Shortly after the Santo Niño celebration, a few opportunities presented themselves. I applied at two companies. Within two weeks, I received my first offer and then the following week, I received my second offer. I work as Design Artisan for Louis Vuitton. I'm sewing and observing how the bags are made. I've been blessed to be given the opportunity to do what I love to do my hobby...sew...and with a large company. I couldn't be happier!

- Rya Train

Thank you God the Father for remaining by my side always and especially during my breast cancer diagnosis. Through your loving guidance, I have received a strong support system among friends and family who enabled me to stay hopeful and positive during this trying time in my life. My faith in prayer has enabled me to place all my trust in You; thank you for saving me. My family and I are grateful for our new and improved relationship with You and for bringing the Spiritual Army of God the Father into our lives.

- Marlou Mara Galindo

I thank God for everything He has blessed me with, especially for giving me friends who are supportive of me. Thank you, God, for giving me my best friend who is like a sister to me. She is always by my side unconditionally and to help make me feel comfortable. She is there when I need a shoulder to cry on and to share laughter with. She is always there to remind me to be strong and to grow spiritually. I can share my whole life story with her without fear of being judged. She is everything to me. Thank you, God, for this wonderful gift.

- Mila Lumba

When I wake up in the morning, my prayer is: "Thank you, my Lord and my God, for giving me another day to know you, to love you and to serve you."

- E. Pua

DEVOTION SCHEDULE



THE SPIRITUAL ARMY OF GOD THE FATHER

cordially invites you to the following devotions:

IN LOS ANGELES:

1st Saturday Devotion

The Convent of the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master | 501 N. Beaudry Avenue | (213) 250-7962
Holy Mass starts at 8:30 A.M. | 1st Saturday Devotional Prayers follow.

Devotion to God the Father

Every 1st Sunday of the Month | The Monastery of the Angels | 1977 Carmen Avenue on Gower | (323) 466-2186
12:30 P.M. - Rosary to the Father | 1:15 P.M. - Holy Mass
2:00 P.M. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2000 Hail Mary Devotion – May 21, 2016

at the Convent of the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master | starting at 8:30 a.m.
Please call Victor at (213) 385-7798 if you wish to become a Sponsor of the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion.

IN CHINO HILLS:

Sacred Heard Devotional Group for Departed Souls

Every 1st Friday of the Month | 16657 Tourmaline Street | Chino Hills, CA 91709
Devotional Prayers start at 8:30 P.M.

IN LAS VEGAS:

Sacred Heart and Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion for Departed Souls

Every 1st Friday of the Month
at The Cenacle House in The Enclave 8455 W. Sahara Avenue #172 | Las Vegas, NV 89117
Devotional Prayers start at 2:30 P.M.

1st Saturday Devotion

at Saint Frances de Sales Parish | 1111 Michael Way | Las Vegas, NV 89108 at 8:00 AM
Devotional Prayers follow.

and

at The Cenacle House in The Enclave | 8455 West Sahara Avenue #172, | Las Vegas, NV 89117 at 1:00 PM
Cenacle will be at 10:00 AM before the devotional prayers.

Please call Evelyn at (702)274-4315 for entry to The Enclave or for more information.

Devotion to God the Father

Every 1st Sunday of the month from 2:00 to 3:30 P.M.
at The Cenacle House in The Enclave | 8455 West Sahara Avenue #172, | Las Vegas, NV 89117

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dates and venues for the coming months or for more information or if you wish to Sponsor the Devotion.*

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena & Rosary Prayers

Every 1st Wednesday of the month after the 7:30 AM Mass
St. Francis de Sales Parish | 1111 Michael Way | Las Vegas, NV 89108

IN THE PHILIPPINES

2000 Hail Mary Devotion - Metro Manila Area

Letty Rollan has organized the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion in various areas of Metro Manila through the members of the "Mother Butler." Please call her U.S. Vonage phone (510) 779-6652, text her at Manila #916-384-9300, and/or call her Manila landline 939-4677. Mention Mila Lumba's name to be recognized.