



# IMMACULATE HEART OF *M*ARY

— Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial —

*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.  
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 22, 2022



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Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Six weeks into our Easter rejoicing, the Church gives us readings today that start preparing us for a return to ordinary life. The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel both dwell on proper daily behavior for followers of Jesus, while the reading from Revelation reminds us why we bother with laws at all.

In Acts, leaders of the church meet to discuss which essential elements of the Mosaic Law converts must obey if they wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ. John's Gospel reflects to the Last Supper discourse when Jesus himself emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commandments. Observing God's law, says Jesus, shows a desire to be intimate with the Lord. We follow rules not for their own sake, but to love God and neighbor better. This more excellent love brings us closer to Revelation's vision of paradise, gleaming with "the splendor of God."

If we close our eyes how do we in vision God's paradise. Take time to read Revelations. Concentrate on God's Paradise. It will be an incentive to stay close to our Lord and follow his commandments.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazón de María,

Seis semanas después de la celebración de la Pascua, la Iglesia nos da las lecturas de hoy que empiezan a prepararnos para regresar a la vida ordinaria. Tanto las del libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles como el Evangelio se fijan en el comportamiento cotidiano de los seguidores de Jesús, mientras que la lectura del Apocalipsis nos recuerda por qué nos agobiamos por las leyes.

En los Hechos, los líderes de la Iglesia se reúnen para comentar qué elementos esenciales de la Ley de Moisés deben obedecer los conversos si desean ser discípulos de Jesucristo. El Evangelio de Juan se remota al discurso de la Última Cena, cuando el propio Jesús subraya la importancia de obedecer los mandamientos de Dios. Observar la ley de Dios, dice Jesús, muestra el deseo de intimar con el Señor. Seguimos las normas no por sí mismas, sino para amar mejor a Dios y al prójimo. Este amor más excelente nos acerca a la visión del paraíso del libro del Apocalipsis, resplandeciente con "el esplendor de Dios".

Si cerramos los ojos, ¿cómo nos imaginamos el Paraíso de Dios? Dedicar un tiempo a leer el Apocalipsis. Concéntrate en el Paraíso de Dios. Será un estímulo para estar cerca de nuestro Señor y seguir sus mandamientos.

Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quang

### Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

### Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00PM (English)

### Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

7:30am (English) 9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) - 2:00PM (Spanish)

5:00PM - Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

### Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM — Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

## Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA

#### Sat. May 21st

8:00 am † Aloysius Mario Jonathan Lesmana  
 5:00 pm Juan and Carol Rojo - 50th Anniversary

#### Sun. May 22nd

7:30 am † Isadora Adlawan  
 9:00 am Viktor Ochoa-Aragon - Birthday  
 10:45 am † Ramona Del Real  
 12:30 pm † Diane Brady  
 2:00 pm † Jorge Godinez  
 5:00 pm IHM Parishioners

#### Mon. May 23rd

8:00 am † Doug & Lois Valley

#### Tuesday May 24th

8:00 am † Antonio & Eliza Villaroman

#### Wed. May 25th

8:00 am † Shane Rojo

#### Thurs. May 26th

8:00 am † Philip Rajanayagam

#### Fri. May 27th

8:00 am † Neri & Henry Blas

#### Sat. May 28th

8:00 am Legion de Maria – Special Intention

***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Music will be returning to the bulletins  
 beginning on Pentecost Sunday***

***June 5<sup>th</sup>!***



### Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

Burrow, Ryan McCloud, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Giselle Honore, Sydney Reed, Barbara DeDora, Michael Meada, David Prado.\*\*\*

Brandon Diaz, Ricardo Oseguera, Fernando Navarro, Eduardo Yanes, Sydney Reed, Marion Cichon, Joseph Oliver, Dean Chromy, Linda Ontai, Mayra Gutierrez, Chris Heuer, Meghan Heuer, Dawn Lanphere, Jan Cooper, Noreen and Jordan Pitta, Graciela Martinez, Mrs. Tikalsky, Brian Patrick Scott, Trevor Rodgers, Ricardo Bautista, Jeff Anadon, Therese Brantome, Maria Luisa Oseguera Guisar, Socorro Ortega, Daniel Fonseca, Maria del Refugio Neri, Paul Deunavant, Alonso Martinez, Guadalupe Garcia Medrano, Lexie Gracia, Isaac Narez, Frank Vargas, Eulogio Oseguera, Fred Schmidt, Linda Hernandez, Carmela Bernal Oseguera, Mike Smith, MaryAnne Smith, Melanie and Jeff Anadon, James Walls, Laura Vecchio, Mary Spinellini, Michalina Siedliski, Dick Ryan, Arthur Peña, Patrick Peña, Andrea Sipid, Jose Jaime, Joey Stribling, Alida Oseguera, Corazon Vytiaco, Cesar Sales..



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday:	291: Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26—16:4a	Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b
Tuesday:	292: Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11	Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8
Wednesday:	293: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 11-14	Ps 148:1-2, Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	294: Acta 18:1-8 Jn 16:16-20	Ps 98:1-4
Friday:	295: Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23	Ps 47:2-7
Saturday:	296: Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28	Ps 47:2-3, 8-10
Sunday:	58: Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23	Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Lk 24:46-53

## Lectura

### Primera lectura

Hch 15, 1-2. 22-29

En aquellos días, vinieron de Judea a Antioquía algunos discípulos y se pusieron a enseñar a los hermanos que si no se circuncidaban conforme a la ley de Moisés, no podrían salvarse. Esto provocó un altercado y una violenta discusión con Pablo y Bernabé; al fin se decidió que Pablo, Bernabé y algunos más fueran a Jerusalén para tratar el asunto con los apóstoles y los presbíteros.

Los apóstoles y los presbíteros, de acuerdo con toda la comunidad cristiana, juzgaron oportuno elegir a algunos de entre ellos y enviarlos a Antioquía con Pablo y Bernabé. Los elegidos fueron Judas (llamado Barsabás) y Silas, varones prominentes en la comunidad. A ellos les entregaron una carta que decía:

"Nosotros, los apóstoles y los presbíteros, hermanos suyos, saludamos a los hermanos de Antioquía, Siria y Cilicia, convertidos del paganismo. Enterados de que algunos de entre nosotros, sin mandato nuestro, los han alarmado e inquietado a ustedes con sus palabras, hemos decidido de común acuerdo elegir a dos varones y enviárselos, en compañía de nuestros amados hermanos Bernabé y Pablo, que han consagrado su vida a la causa de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Les enviamos, pues, a Judas y a Silas, quienes les transmitirán, de viva voz, lo siguiente: 'El Espíritu Santo y nosotros hemos decidido no imponerles más cargas que las estrictamente necesarias. A saber: que se abstengan de la fornicación y de comer lo inmolado a los ídolos, la sangre y los animales estrangulados. Si se apartan de esas cosas, harán bien'. Los saludamos".

### Salmo Responsorial

Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8

Oh Dios, que te alaben los pueblos, que todos los pueblos te alaben.

### Segunda Lectura

Apoc 21, 10-14. 22-23

Un ángel me transportó en espíritu a una montaña elevada, y me mostró a Jerusalén, la ciudad santa, que descendía del cielo, resplandeciente con la gloria de Dios. Su fulgor era semejante al de una piedra preciosa, como el de un diamante cristalino.

Tenía una muralla ancha y elevada, con doce puertas monumentales, y sobre ellas, doce ángeles y doce nombres escritos, los nombres de las doce tribus de Israel. Tres de estas puertas daban al oriente, tres al norte, tres al sur y tres al poniente. La muralla descansaba sobre doce cimientos, en los que estaban escritos los doce nombres de los apóstoles del Cordero.

No vi ningún templo en la ciudad, porque el Señor Dios todopoderoso y el Cordero son el templo. No necesita la luz del sol o de la luna, porque la gloria de Dios la ilumina y el Cordero es su lumbrera.

### Evangelio

Jn 14, 23-29

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "El que me ama, cumplirá mi palabra y mi Padre lo amará y vendremos a él y haremos en él nuestra morada. El que no me ama no cumplirá mis palabras. La palabra que están oyendo no es mía, sino del Padre, que me envió. Les he hablado de esto ahora que estoy con ustedes; pero el Paráclito, el Espíritu Santo que mi Padre les enviará en mi nombre, les enseñará todas las cosas y les recordará todo cuanto yo les he dicho.

La paz les dejo, mi paz les doy. No se la doy como la da el mundo. No pierdan la paz ni se acobarden. Me han oído decir: 'Me voy, pero volveré a su lado'. Si me amaran, se alegrarían de que me vaya al Padre, porque el Padre es más que yo. Se lo he dicho ahora, antes de que suceda, para que cuando suceda, crean".

### Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todo poderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres, y para nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, **y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre;** y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato, padeció al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con Gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y Gloria, y que hablo por los profetas.

Creo en la Iglesia, que es santa, católica y apóstolica. Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo. Amen.



## Readings

### First Reading

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers,  
"Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved."  
Because there arose no little dissension and Debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question. The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers. This is the letter delivered by them:  
"The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings.  
Since we have heard that some of our number who went out without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth:  
'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely,  
to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage.  
If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.'"

### Reponsorial Psalm

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

O God, O God, let all the nations praise you.

### Second Reading

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

### Gospel

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Jesus said to his disciples:  
"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.  
Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.  
"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.  
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe."

### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, **and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.** For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

May 22, 2022

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 | Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 | Jn 14:23-29

Written by  
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DISCIPLE

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In the reading from John's Gospel today, Jesus eases into the message he has for his disciples – a message he knows they don't want to hear: He has to leave them. But Jesus tells his disciples that if they love him and keep his commandments, he and the Father will “make their dwelling” within them. He then assures them they will not be alone: The Advocate will come to not only remind them of all he taught them, but also teach them everything they need to know in the future. Finally, he offers them peace, the peace that comes only through the Spirit and draws them closer to God. Though Jesus knows they are broken-hearted that he is leaving, he tells them to rejoice if they love him, for he is returning to his Father. Jesus' words to the first disciples ring true for every disciple throughout the ages. He does not leave anyone who loves him alone. He sends his Spirit to dwell in us, to teach and remind us of his love and how to love one another. The Spirit guides us, encourages us, and sustains us – always. We are never alone.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The first Christians, guided by the Holy Spirit, shared this message with the Gentile communities to whom they were ministering: “It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities.” This is a profound moment in the Church as it shows first, the power of the Holy Spirit working in and with the Apostles; and second, the importance of faith (not ritual circumcision, or other human laws) for salvation. The Gospel is intended for all, without exception, and the Holy Spirit is our help and our Advocate in our own lives of faith, and in our sharing of that faith with others. Let us seek the counsel of the Holy Spirit in all we do, that we might be a blessing, not a burden, for everyone seeking the glory of God's light.

**STUDY** The Acts of the Apostles is an amazing account of how Jesus' followers grew from a small group of frightened people into the courageous and zealous missionaries who founded his Church. Read the *catechism* from 687-747 to learn more about the Holy Spirit and pray for the grace to let him work in and through you for the salvation of all who seek him.

### Oracion San Miguel

San Miguel Arcángel,  
defiéndenos en la batalla.  
Sé nuestro amparo contra la  
perversidad y asechanzas del  
demonio. Reprímale Dios,  
pedimos suplicantes,  
y tú Príncipe de la  
Milicia Celestial,  
con el divino poder de Dios,  
arroja al infierno a Satanás  
y a todos los espíritus malignos  
que andan dispersos  
por el mundo  
para la perdición de las almas.  
Amén.



### Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle,  
be our protection  
against the wickedness and  
snares of the devil.  
May God  
rebuke him we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the  
Heavenly host,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan  
and all the evil spirits  
who prowl about the world seeking  
the ruin of souls.  
Amen

## Information/Información

### St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of May 29, please bring canned fruits. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 29 de mayo, por favor traigan frutas enlatadas. GRACIAS!

### SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 29, 2022 - St. Vincent de Paul  
June 5, 2022 - Facility Improvement

### FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

29 de mayo, 2022 - San Vicente de Paul  
5 de junio, 2022 - Fondo del Mejoramiento de las Instalaciones

### CONTRA COSTA FOOD BANK



The Contra Costa Food Bank Mobile Produce Distribution Program distributes FREE produce on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month in the IHM parking lot from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm to families in need.

This program is only for low-income families.

### St. Vincent de Paul Needs Your Help!



St. Vincent de Paul @ IHM is trying to purchase a slightly used van to replace the one we currently have. We received our current van as a wonderful donation from an IHM parishioner, quite some time ago, and it has served us well for quite some time.

Now it is where it needs a lot of maintenance/repair work, which is costly. We have been looking for a replacement and received money from the Masino Foundation and the Brentwood Lions Club, to help us purchase a replacement, but need your help as well. Please send any donations to the Church Office marked for St. Vincent de Paul, Van Fund. Your help is greatly appreciated. God Bless you for your support of St. Vincent de Paul @ IHM.

### IN THE WORD..

#### .for high school teens and their friends

**TEENS...** We invite you to come explore and see what God's word is saying to you!

Do you know how to find inspiration and encouragement in scripture? How can the bible help you get through tough times? How do you look things up and why is the bible even important in our faith? Isn't just praying enough? Come join us as we tackle these questions and more!

Come to our series on scripture and how it relates to life! Our series is on-going on Friday evenings from 7-8:30pm. Email Julie for more info: [ihmyouthbrentwood@gmail.com](mailto:ihmyouthbrentwood@gmail.com)

### TEEN SERVICE at VBS

**VBS** - We invite teens grades 7-12 to help out with vacation bible school! Dates are June 20-24th and volunteer times are 8am- 12:30pm. Duties include, small group leaders, game leader, snack helper, check in assistant and arts and crafts helpers. Please contact Julie to sign up at: [ihmyouthbrentwood@gmail.com](mailto:ihmyouthbrentwood@gmail.com).

### MASS HELPERS

**MASS** -We are looking for assistance at the 5pm Saturday Mass! Duties include, Greeter, Usher, ...and for those Confirmed - Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. We are asking our young people to help at Mass alongside the adults who already serve. If you are interested in helping or being trained in one of these ministries please contact Julie at: [ihmyouthbrentwood@gmail.com](mailto:ihmyouthbrentwood@gmail.com)

*The final spring session of the IHM Women's Faith Sharing Group will be based on the theme of ongoing spiritual conversion and will take place June 2,9, and 16 from 10:00-11:30 AM in the parish library. Come join us as we explore the conversion experiences of Bartimaeus: The Man Born Blind, The Rich Young Man, The Calling of Matthew, Jonah, and The Woman at the Well with Bishop Robert Barron in a video/discussion format. These were people just like us who were called by Christ to become better. No registration is required, and all women are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Calhoun at: [calhoun\\_sharon@hotmail.com](mailto:calhoun_sharon@hotmail.com).*

## **SERIES ON MARY—CONT'D)**

### **MARY X**

John Paul II came to the papacy in October, 1978. The 1981 assassination attempt in St. Peter's Square occurred on May 13th, anniversary of the first of the Fatima apparitions, and John Paul credited his survival to Our Lady of Fatima. He subsequently determined to make the consecration of Russia to Our Lady as she had requested in 1929. On March 25, 1984, united with all the bishops in the world, John Paul consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and made special mention of Russia and her people. This consecration, Sr. Lucia said, satisfied Our Lady's request.

The following year, Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in the Soviet Union. The new Russian leader immediately set about introducing liberalizations and reforms in the Soviet Union—remember "perestroika" and "glasnost"? Margaret Thatcher famously said of Gorbachev, "I like him, I can work with him." Ronald Reagan also admired the new leader of the communist bloc, who visited America several times and who spoke of God, and of God's providence in political and economic affairs. Gorbachev also met twice with the Pope.

Gorbachev's approach was more than just a breath of fresh air. It was a gale-force wind of freedom that, in six years, succeeded in dismantling Soviet tyranny. Starting with Poland and Hungary, the nations of Eastern Europe freed themselves without so much as the firing of a shot. The Berlin Wall was torn down by hand. The fifteen individual republics which had made up the USSR, led by the Baltic States, also freed themselves from the Marxist yoke. The Soviet Union was officially dissolved on December 8, 1991—Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The communist flag was lowered over the Kremlin for the last time, on Christmas Day that same year. Seven years after the 1984 consecration, Russia was free of the scourge of atheist and materialist communism.

All of this, of course, is known; it is recorded history. The unrecorded history of the fall of the Soviet Empire is known largely only to Fatima researchers. Put bluntly; the 1984 consecration averted the Third World War.

### **MARIA X**

Juan Pablo II fue elegido Papa en Octubre del 1978. El atentado contra la vida del Papa tomo lugar en la Plaza de San Pedro el 13 de Mayo, aniversario de una de las primeras apariciones de Fatima y Juan Pablo acredito sobrevivir el atentado a Nuestra Señora de Fatima. Entonces el determino hacer la consagración de Rusia a Nuestra Señora como ella habia pedido en el 1929. El 15 de Marzo del 1984, unido con todos los obispos del mundo, Juan Pablo consagro al mundo al Inmaculado Corazon de Maria e hizo mencion especial de Rusia y su gente. Esta consagracion, la Hermana Lucia dijo, fue satisfactoria a la peticion de Nuestra Señora.

El año despues, Mikhail Gorbachev tomo el poder en la Union Sovietica. El Nuevo lider Ruso inmediateamente introdujo liberaciones y reformas en la Union Sovietica—se acuerdan de "perestroika" y "glasnost?" Margaret Thatcher famosamente dijo de Gorbachev, "Me gusta. Puedo trabajar con el." Ronald Reagan tambien admiro al Nuevo lider del bloqueo comunista, quien visito America varias veces y hablo abiertamente de Dios, y de la providencia de Dios en asuntos politicos y economicos. Gorbachev tambien se reunio con el Papa dos veces.

La manera de gobernar de Gorbachev fue como un respire de aire puro. Fue como un fuerte viento de libertad que en seis años triunfo en desbaratar la tirania Sovietica. Empezando con Polonia y Hungria, las naciones del Este se liberaron sin descargar una bala. La pared de Berlin fue tumbada a mano. Las quince republicas individuales que formaban la USSR encabezada por los Estados Balticos, tambien se liberaron del Marxismo. La Union Sovietica fue oficialmente disuelta el 8 de Diciembre del 1991—Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción. La bandera comunista fue bajada sobre Kremlin por última vez, el dia de Navidad del mismo año. Siete años despues de la consagración del 1984, Rusia fue liberada del latigo del ateismo y comunismo materialista.

Todo esto, por supuesto, se sabe: esta escrito en la historia. La historia no narrada de la caida del Imperio Sovietico se sabe solamente a los investigadores de Fatima. En pocas palabras: la consagracion del 1984 pudo prevenir a la Tercera Guerra Mundial.



## MARY XI

Prior to the rise of Mikhail Gorbachev to power in Moscow, The Soviet Union experienced something of a crisis in leadership, with two elderly senior members of the communist party taking the helm in a period of just three years, following the death of longtime leader Leonid Brezhnev in 1982. These leaders were Antonin Chernenko and Yuri Andropov, both of whom had deep connections with the KGB (the Soviet secret police/spy agency). They were described by TIME magazine as shadowy relics of the Stalinist era, and unlikely to pursue détente (the approach of Brezhnev) with the West.

In fact, declassified KGB documents show that, in the mid-1980s, with Reagan and Thatcher ascendant in the West, with a worldwide economic boom that excluded the communist bloc, and perhaps above all, with the "race for space" militarization known as "Star Wars," Chernenko, Andropov and the Soviet elite came to a desperate conclusion: the only hope for the communist world was a first-strike nuclear assault on the American bases in Western Europe, coupled with a massive invasion by Warsaw Pact forces, which were numerically superior to their NATO counterparts.

The declassified files show that the plan was to push as far west as Paris, and given the shock of the nuclear strike, and the superiority of the Warsaw Pact forces, this plan just might have succeeded. The idea, evidently, was for Moscow to assure London and Washington that the invasion would stop in France, and that there would be no use of nuclear weapons against civilian targets—unless the British and the Americans responded with nuclear weapons. In other words: "Let us take Western Europe," the aged Soviet leadership would threaten, "or it will be the end of the world."

This diabolical plot was dealt a death blow not by British or American nukes, but, it would appear, the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

## MARIA XI

Antes que Mikhail Gorbachev tomara el poder en Moscú, La Unión Soviética experimento also como una crisis en su gobernación, con dos miembros de mayoría de edad del partido comunista tomando el mando en un periodo de tres años, despues del fallecimimiento de Leonid Breznev en el 1982 que estuvo en el poder por muchos años. Estos líderes eran Antonin Chernenko y Yuri Andropov, los cuales tenian fuertes conexiones con el KGB (la policia secreta Sovietica/agencia de espías). Ellos fueron descritos por la revista TIME como reliquias tenebrosas de la era de Stalin e improbables de seguir relaciones (como lo hiciera Breznev) con el Oeste.

Por echo, documentos clasificados del KGB mostraron, en la mitad de los 1980s con Reagan y Thatcher predominantes figuras en el Oeste, con un boom mundial economico que excluyo el block comunista, y sobre todo, con la "carrera del espacio" militarización conocida como "Guerra de las estrellas," Chernenko, Andropov y los selectos Sovieticos llegaron a una conclusión desesperante: La única esperanza para el mundo comunista fue un primer asalto nuclear a las bases Americanas en el Oeste de Europa, en conjunto con una invasión por las Fuerzas del Pacto de WARSAW, quienes eran mas superiores que sus contrapartes de la NATO.

Los archivos clasificados mostraban que el plan era de empujar lo mas posible al Oeste de Paris y dado el shock de un golpe nuclear, y la superioridad de las Fuerzas del Pacto de Warsaw, este plan pudo haber tenido éxito. La idea, evidentemente era que Moscu asegurara a Londres y Washington que la invasión terminaría en Francia, y que no se usarían armas nucleares contra puntos de civiles—a menos que los Ingleses y Americanos usaran armas nucleares. En pocas palabras: "tomemos a Europa del Oeste," los ancianos líderes soviéticos amenazarían, "o será el final del mundo."

El plot diabólico fue como un golpe de muerte no para los Ingleses o nucleares Americanos, pero pareciera al Inmaculado Corazón de María.

## MARY XII

John Paul II consecrated Russia and the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25, 1984, with Yuri Andropov and an aging clique of hard-line Stalinists in charge of Moscow. This clique had secretly decided on an all-out assault on the West, according to declassified KGB documents. The invasion was to take place in 1985.

However, a few weeks after the March 25 consecration, the Soviet Northern Fleet was crippled by a huge and mysterious series of blasts at its command base at the Arctic Oceanport of Severomorsk. This series of explosions destroyed ships, missiles, missile launchers, radar and detection equipment and a huge amount of land-based ordinance. The explosions went on for three or four days, fouling the harbor and sending a huge black cloud into the clear spring sky. The city's residents fled to the hills to escape the fires and smoke. The West witnessed the explosions via satellite. To this day, their cause is unknown. (Information on this event is abundantly available online. Google Severomorsk explosions, 1984).

The damage done to the Northern Fleet's war-making capacity was intense. Western experts guessed that the Soviets would be several years recovering from the losses. Without the Northern Fleet, no invasion of Western Europe could be contemplated. The aging leaders of the Soviet Union had to abandon their plans for World War Three. Sr. Lucia, speaking in the 1980s, before the declassification of these documents, said that the March 25, 1984 consecration had averted a third world war. Can you guess the day the explosions started in Severomorsk?

May 13, anniversary of the first apparition at Fatima. Six weeks after John Paul's consecration of Russia and the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady had been unable to avert the Second World War, but she saved us from the third.

## MARIA XII

El 15 de Marzo del 1984, Juan Pablo consagró a Rusia y el mundo al Inmaculado Corazon de María, con Yuri Andropov y un grupo de ancianos stalinistas en el poder en Moscú. Este grupo habia secretamente decidido atacar al Oeste en pleno, segun documentos declasificados del KGB. La invasión tenia que haber tomado lugar en el 1985.

Como a pocas semanas después de la consagración del 25 de Marzo, la Escuadra Sovietica del Norte fue desmantelada por una serie misteriosa de explosiones en su comando naval en el Oceano Artico, Puerto de Severomorsk. Esta serie de explosiones destruyeron buques, misiles, radars y equipo de averiguaciones y también de una cantidad grandisima de disposiciones terrestres. Las explosiones duraron por tres o cuatro dias echando a perder la bahia y mandando una nube negra en la claridad del cielo primaveral. Los residents de la ciudad huyeron hacia los montes para escapar el fuego y el humo. (Información detallada sobre este evento se puede encontrar en linea—Google Severomorsk explosions, 1984).

El daño hecho a la capacidad de Guerra de la Escuadra Norte fue intensa. Expertos del Oeste especularon que pasarian muchos años antes que los Sovieticos pudieran recuperarse de esta gran perdida. Sin la Escuadra Norte, no podrian completar la invasion del Oeste de Europa. Los ancianos lideres de la Unión Sovietica tuvieron que abandonar los planes para una Tercera Guerra Mundial. La Hermana Lucia hablando en los años del 1980s, antes de la declasificación de estos documentos, dijo que la consagración del 15 de Marzo del 1984 pudo prevenir a una Tercera Guerra Mundial. Pueden Ustedes adivinar el dia en que empezaron las explosiones en Severomorsk?

El 13 de Mayo es el aniversario de la primera aparicion de Fatima. Seis semanas después que Juan Pablo hizo la consagración de Rusia y el mundo al Inmaculado Córazon de María. Nuestra Señora no pudo prevenir la Segunda Guerra Mundial, pero ella nos salvo de la tercera. **10**

## MARY XIII

We always start the new year on January 1st. with the Feast of Mary, Mother of God.

This may be Mary's greatest title. It is one most of our Protestant brothers and sisters take sharp issue with. Their argument is that God cannot have a mother; Mary is the mother, they say, of Jesus' human nature. They are unaware that their position on this title was the basis of an early heresy, and the subject of a major ecumenical council in the fifth century.

The Patriarch (Archbishop) of Constantinople at the time was a man named Nestorius. He argued that the title "Mother of God" – which was already in wide use throughout the Church – was misleading and inaccurate. "Are we to imagine God having his diapers changed?" Nestorius asked. The question became a heated one: historians report the people of Constantinople debating the topic in the marketplaces! (This was before MTV and other modern distractions. People had time to think about important things.)

The matter came to the attention of Rome, and a Church council was called to discuss the issue. The Council of Ephesus met in 431 and the bishops defined the dogma that Mary is properly called the Mother of God. Women are not mothers of natures. When we see a woman with a baby we do not say, "Congratulations on giving birth to this little nature!"

Women are mothers of persons. Jesus is one Person with two natures, human and divine. Mary is the mother of the person Jesus Christ. And Jesus Christ is both man and God. Mary may therefore rightly and truly be called Mother of God. The dogmatic definition guards our deepest understandings of Jesus Himself. If He is truly human, He has a human mother. He is also truly God. And Mary is His mother.

## MARIA XIII

Nosotros siempre empezamos el año con una solemnidad (quiero decir que es una fiesta importante) de María. El Primero de Enero es la fiesta de María, Madre de Dios.

Este debe ser el título más importante de María. Este es un tema bastante penetrante que nuestros hermanos y hermanas protestantes tienen. El punto de vista de ellos es que Dios no puede tener una Madre. María, es la madre, ellos dicen de un Jesús de la naturaleza humana. Ellos no saben que el punto de vista de este título fue la base de una heresia anterior, y el tema de un Concilio Ecuménico durante el quinto siglo.

El Patriarca (arzobispo) de Constantinopla en aquel tiempo era un hombre que se llamaba Nestorius. Él discutía que el título "Madre de Dios"—que entonces se usaba mucho en la Iglesia—era engañoso y no era correcto. "Tenemos nosotros que imaginarnos que a Dios le cambiaban pañales? Pregunto Nestorius. Esta pregunta fue muy calurosa; los historiadores reportaron que la gente de Constantinopla discutía este tema en los mercados! (Esto era antes de MTV y otras distracciones modernas..la gente tenía tiempo de pensar en temas importantes).

Este tema llegó a la atención de Roma y el Concilio de la Iglesia fue llamado para discutirlo. El Concilio de Ephesus se reunió en el año 431 y los obispos determinaron este dogma que María es correctamente llamada La Madre de Dios. Mujeres no son madres de la naturaleza. Cuando nosotros vemos a una mujer con un bebé, nosotros no decimos, "Felicitaciones en dar a luz a esta pequeña naturaliza!"

Mujeres son Madres de personas. Jesús es una persona con dos naturalezas, humana y divina. María es la Madre de la persona Jesucristo. Y Jesucristo es tanto hombre como Dios. Entonces María puede ser llamada con derecho Madre de Dios. La definición dogmática vigila nuestros entendimientos más profundos del mismo Jesús. Si él es verdaderamente humano, Él tiene una Madre. Él También es verdaderamente Dios. Y María su Madre.

## MARY XIV

Last week, I wrote on Mary's title Mother of God, the feast of which is January 1st. The week before Christmas I preached on Mary's perpetual virginity, and two weeks before that, on December 8th, I wrote on the Immaculate Conception. These are three of the four Marian doctrines, that is, declared and defined as truths of the faith by the teaching authority of the Church. The fourth Marian doctrine is the Assumption.

Belief in the assumption of the Blessed Mother, body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life, is almost as old as Christianity itself. We find references to it in second-century writings in the East (the Eastern Orthodox share our belief in the Assumption) and liturgical celebrations of the feast date at least to the fifth century. For all its antiquity, the Assumption was formally defined only in the twentieth century, by Pius XII, in November, 1950.

The doctrine itself is quite simple: the Church teaches that the Blessed Mother, at the end of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven, where she reigns as queen of creation, alongside her divine Son. The theological underpinnings of the doctrine have to do with our belief in Mary's sinlessness, from the moment of her conception. I haven't time or space here to examine the theological propositions which support Our Lady's Assumption. But if we remember that the wages of sin is death, and that Mary never sinned, it would follow that she might be taken up bodily into eternal life at the end of her sojourn here on earth.

The Church leaves open the question of whether Mary died. I was once speaking on this matter with a seminary professor and I said that I thought it likely that Mary would have wanted to die, because her Son had, because all of her children (that is, all of redeemed humanity) must. My professor, a very good Marian priest, said that he thought it likely that Mary would have done whatever her Son asked, and if that meant coming to heaven without experiencing death, so be it.

I could hardly argue! The question is an open one.

## MARIA XIV

La semana pasada escribi sobre el titulo de María – Madre de Dios, la cual fiesta se festejó el Primero de Enero. La semana antes de Navidad, yo predique de la perpetua virginidad de María y dos semanas antes de esa fecha, el 8 de Diciembre, escribi sobre la Inmaculada Concepción. Estas son tres de las cuatro doctrinas Marianas, quiero decir, declaradas y definidas como verdades de la fe por las autoridades de la Iglesia. La cuarta doctrina Mariana es la Asunción.

La creencia en la asunción de la Santa Madre, cuerpo y alma al cielo al final de su vida en este mundo, es tan vieja como la misma Cristianidad. Nosotros encontramos referencias de esto en las escrituras del Este en el segundo siglo ( Los ortodoxos del Este comparten nuestra creencia en la Asunción) y celebraciones liturgicas de esta fiesta son fechadas por lo menos at quinto siglo. Por toda su antigüedad, la Asunción fue formalmente celebrada solamente en el siglo veinte por Pio XII en Noviembre del 1950.

La doctrina en si es muy simple; la Iglesia nos enseña que la Santísima Madre, al final de su vida en este mundo, fue ascendida cuerpo y alma al cielo, donde reina como la reina de la creacion al lado de su Hijo Divino. El sostenimiento teológico de la doctrina tiene que ver con nuestra creencia en que María fue exenta de pecados del momento de su concepción. No tengo ni tiempo ni espacio aqui para examinar las proposiciones teologicas que validan la Asunción de Nuestra Señora. Pero si Ustedes se acuerdan que los pagos del pecado es muerte, y que Maria nunca pecó, entonces esta es la explicación de como ella fue tomada en cuerpo y alma a la vida eternal at final de su estadia aqui en la tierra.

La Iglesia deja abierta la pregunta si María murio. Una vez yo estuve hablando sobre este tema con un profesor del seminario y yo dije que yo creia que Maria hubiera querido morir, porque su hijo murio, porque todas sus creaturas lo quisieran (quiero decir la humanidad que fue rescatada). Mi professor, un buen cura Marista, dijo que el pensaba que María hubiera hecho lo que su Hijo le pidiera, y si eso quiere decir ir al cielo sin experimentar la muerte, asi ho haría.

Yo no podria discutir esto! Lap regunta es una que no tiene respuesta.

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<u>DATE/TIME:</u>	<u>MEETING:</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b><u>Mon. May 23rd</u></b>		
5:00pm	Legion of Mary/Eng	Library
6:00pm	ICF monthly mtg	Hall C
7:00pm	Bible Study/Sp	Hall A
7:00pm	Guadalupano Meeting	John
7:00pm	Men of St. Joseph	Library
7:00pm	Escuela de la Cruz	Luke
<b><u>Tues. May 24th</u></b>		
10:00am	IHM Crafters	Library
6:00pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm	Legion of Mary/Sp	Chapel
<b><u>Wed. May 25th</u></b>		
10:00am	Men's Fellowship	Library
4:00pm	Catechesis of the Good Shepard	Hall B Jn/Lk
<b><u>Thurs. May 26th</u></b>		
10:00am	Women's Faith Sharing	Library
4:00pm	Catechesis of the Good Shepard	Lk/Jn Hall B
5:00pm	Widow and Widowers	Library
7:00pm	Young Adult Ministry	John
7:00pm	RCIA -Eng.	Luke
7:00pm	RCIA-Eng.	Mark
<b><u>Fri. May 27th</u></b>		
8:00am	St. Vincent de Paul	Hall A/B/C
3:30pm	Bible Study/Eng	Library
6:30pm	Youth Group	Hall C
7:00pm	Divine Mercy/Sp	Luke
<b><u>Sat. May 28th</u></b>		
3:30pm	Confessions	Church

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