



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.*

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 4, 2021



**St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
July 6**

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Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

There are many times when we say, "Tell me what I want to hear, and don't confuse me with facts." And we don't take kindly to someone who might be bold enough to snuff out our expectations.

The biggest problem with such an attitude is not that we miss out on the truth or the facts, but that we miss out on the new and surprising gifts others can give us. Like the townspeople in today's Gospel story, we too often refuse to allow others to display the talents that can be good news for us.

Today's readings call for hospitality and faith and discernment. Hospitality opens the doors of our hearts and minds to the "stranger" among us, no matter how familiar he or she may seem to be. Faith enables us to accept the gifts of others, no matter how alarming or "strange" they may seem to be. Discernment helps us discover the prophets in our midst, no matter how amazing they may seem to be. Hospitality, faith, and discernment—cultivate these. Then, nobody can bring bad news.

As we celebrate July 4th this weekend give thanks for our freedom here in the United States and pray for all the countries that are not as fortunate with their freedom. So many countries suffer from oppression while many of us take our freedom for granted.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria,

Hay muchas veces cuando decimos: "Dime lo que quiero escuchar, y no me confundas con datos". Y no vemos con buenos ojos a alguien que podría ser lo suficientemente audaz y acabe con nuestras expectativas.

El mayor problema con esa actitud no es que nos perdemos la verdad o los hechos, sino que nos perdemos los regalos nuevos y sorprendentes que otros nos pueden dar. Al igual que la gente del pueblo en el relato del Evangelio de hoy, nosotros también a menudo nos negamos a permitir que otros muestren los talentos que pueden ser una buena noticia para nosotros.

Las lecturas de hoy piden hospitalidad, fe y discernimiento. La hospitalidad abre las puertas de nuestro corazón y nuestras mentes a los "forasteros" entre nosotros, no importa lo familiar que él o ella puede parecer. La fe nos permite aceptar los dones de los demás, no importa cuán alarmante o "extraños" nos puedan parecer. El discernimiento nos ayuda a descubrir a los profetas entre nosotros, no importa lo increíbles que puedan parecer. Hospitalidad, fe y discernimiento—cultívalos. Así, nadie podrá traerte malas noticias.

Mientras celebramos el 4 de julio este fin de semana, demos gracias por nuestra libertad en los Estados Unidos y recemos por todos los países que no son tan afortunados con su libertad. Muchos países sufren de opresión mientras que muchos de nosotros damos por hecho sentada nuestra libertad.

Inmaculado Corazon de Maria, 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. July 3rd

8:00am Legión de María - Special Intention
5:00pm † Porfirio Rillo

Sun. July 4th

7:30am † Angelita & Carol Morris
9:00am † José Refugio Pulido
10:45am † Jesus Oseguera
12:30pm Riel Gabriel - Birthday
2:00pm † Guillermo Orozco
5:00 pm IHM Parishioners

Mon. July 5th

8:00am Mary Ann Suva - Birthday

Tues. July 6th

8:00am Miguel, Silvia & Yuyuki Muñoz -
Special Intention

Wed. July 7th

8:00am † Doris Sablan

Thurs. July 8th

8:00am † Ramona Pedroza

Fri. July 9th

8:00am † Roselio Angeles

Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

Ryan McCloud, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Lyndsey Burrow, Chris Heuer, Meghan Heuer, Jan Cooper, Louise Delia, Anita Camera, Art Silvergleid, Dcn. Ron Horan, Connie Healey, Gina Lilly, Giselle Honore, ***** Roselia Santillon, Mary Lou Rodriguez, Chita Moore, Frances Ramos, Teresa Burke, Mary Franchetto, Rita and Richard Nahm, F. Albert Grosskopf SJ. , Shane Pearce, Dan Holmes, Eleanor Janson, Patrick Bowen, Phillip Aiello, John Hesse, Janet Gonzalez, Ryan Enos, Jose Santos-Silva, Ross Stevie, William Smith, Marge and Larry Cragle, Janet and Ehrich Heitzmane, Frank Vargas, Aurora Tiango, Michalina Siedliski, Rick Souza, Gail Della Nina, Oscar Alvarez, Dan Holmes, Shane Pearce, Solangue and Nicole Patino-Patroni, Gloria Almeida, Priseliano Cuevas, Bernadette Gluck, Jesus Garatachea, Maria de Jesus Jaimes, Ramiro Cortez, Darlene Riva, Baby Adrian Rodriguez, Enid Ortiz, Lelani Gray, Rodney Gallegos, Scott Bolen, Daniel Figueroa, Frank Vargas, Domingo Celis, Jr. Mary McGrath, Maria Medina, Juan Samuel Cano, Jr., Will Bean, Sydney Reed, Candice Sala, Jose Gomez, Kim Korstad, Rose and Greg Smith, Mary McCann, Terese Brantome, Cecile Cansino, Sydney Reed, Eveylin Siino, Paulina Abada, Sheila Currier, Ann Hyde, Kelly Pratt, Mia Eternal, John Wisniewski, Elizabeth Carranza, Joel Rivera, Barbara Vasquez, Baby Griffin Hinman, Michael Oscar Frank, Maria Guadalupe Oseguera, Victor Bustos, Joe Stiglich, Josephina Gonzales, Nico Gracia-Medrano, Dawn Landphere, Bev Casey, Calletano Villalobos, Daryle Terry, Gordon Mahl, Yolanda Sanchez, Carolyn Daddona, Barbara King.

If You would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the parish office at (925) 634-4154 or e-mail: bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com. At the end of each month you must call to place the name again on the list.

Ud. quiere añadir un nombre en esta lista, por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia al (925) 634-4154 o mande un correo electrónico al: bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com. Al final del mes, usted debe llamar a la oficina si desea que el nombre aparezca de nuevo.

Baptisms for the the month of June

English:

Stephen Harry W. Salvo
Mallorie Barry
Christian Magana
Christopher Magana
Ellianna Christiansen-Celaya
Alexander Ortiz



Spanish:

Maya Gianna Munoz
Genesis Miriam Marin Onofre
Emmanuel Ezekiel Powe
Jocelyn Pena Marin
Celeste Rocio Benavides
Joan Hernandez Rios
Liana belle Sanchez
Natalia Pratt

READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday: 383: Gn 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-4, 14-15b
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: 384: Gn 32:23-33 Ps 17:1b, 2-3,
6-8b, 15 Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: 385: Gn 42:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a
Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: 386: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5
Ps 105:16-21 Mt 10:7-15

Friday: 387: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 Ps 37:3-4,
18-19, 27-8. 39-40
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: 388: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a
Ps 105:1-4, 6-7 Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: 104: Am 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-14 **3**
Eph 1:3-14 Mk 6:7-13

Lectura

Primera lectura

Ez 2:2-5

En aquellos días, el espíritu entró en mí, hizo que me pusiera en pie y oí una voz que me decía:

“Hijo de hombre, yo te envío a los israelitas, a un pueblo rebelde, que se ha sublevado contra mí. Ellos y sus padres me han traicionado hasta el día de hoy. También sus hijos son testarudos y obstinados. A ellos te envío para que les comuniqués mis palabras. Y ellos, te escuchen o no, porque son una raza rebelde, sabrán que hay un profeta en medio de ellos”.

Salmo Responsorial

Ps: 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

Nuestros ojos están en el Señor, esperando su misericordia.

Segunda Lectura

2 Co 12:7-10

Hermanos: Para que yo no me llene de soberbia por la sublimidad de las revelaciones que he tenido, llevo una espina clavada en mi carne, un enviado de Satanás, que me abofetea para humillarme. Tres veces le he pedido al Señor que me libre de esto, pero él me ha respondido: “Te basta mi gracia, porque mi poder se manifiesta en la debilidad”.

Así pues, de buena gana prefiero gloriarme de mis debilidades, para que se manifieste en mí el poder de Cristo. Por eso me alegro de las debilidades, los insultos, las necesidades, las persecuciones y las dificultades que sufro por Cristo, porque cuando soy más débil, soy más fuerte.

Evangelio

Mc 6:1-6

En aquel tiempo, Jesús fue a su tierra en compañía de sus discípulos. Cuando llegó el sábado, se puso a enseñar en la sinagoga, y la multitud que lo escuchaba se preguntaba con asombro: “¿Dónde aprendió este hombre tantas cosas? ¿De dónde le viene esa sabiduría y ese poder para hacer milagros? ¿Qué no es éste el carpintero, el hijo de María, el hermano de Santiago, José, Judas y Simón? ¿No viven aquí, entre nosotros, sus hermanas?” Y estaban desconcertados.

Pero Jesús les dijo: “Todos honran a un profeta, menos los de su tierra, sus parientes y los de su casa”. Y no pudo hacer allí ningún milagro, sólo curó a algunos enfermos imponiéndoles las manos. Y estaba extrañado de la incredulidad de aquella gente. Luego se fue a enseñar en los pueblos vecinos.

Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, 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 credo, 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 una 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 futura del mundo. Amen.



Readings

First Reading

Ez 2:2-5

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

Reponsorial Psalm

Ps: 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his Mercy.

Second Reading

2 Cor 12:7-10

Brothers and sisters:
That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel

Mk 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin

and in his own house."
So he was not able to perform any mighty deeds there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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.



**SAFE ENVIRONMENT
FOR ALL IHM VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF
VIRTUS RETRAINING INSTRUCTIONS**

30 days before your retraining is due, Virtus will have sent you an email with retraining instructions for your recertification course. Please follow the prompts to retrain. There is no need to register or create a new account.

**TO CHECK IF YOU NEED TO RETRAIN: LOGIN TO YOUR VIRTUS ACCOUNT
WWW.VIRTUSONLINE.ORG USING YOUR LOGIN CREDENTIALS.**

IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN YOUR USER ID OR PASSWORD, SIMPLY CLICK THE NEED LOGIN HELP UNDER THE EXISTING USER BOX. WHEN YOU ARE LOGGED IN, THE HELP SCREEN WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE NECESSARY INFORMATION YOU NEED FOR TRAINING INFORMATION.

**AMBIENTE SEGURO
PARA TODOS LOS VOLUNTARIOS Y PERSONAL DEL IHM
INSTRUCCIONES DE REREENTRENAMIENTO VIRTUS**

30 días antes de que se deba volver a entrenar, Virtus le habrá enviado un correo electrónico con instrucciones de reentrenamiento para su curso de recertificación. Por favor, siga las indicaciones para volver a entrenar. No es necesario registrarse ni crear una nueva cuenta.

PARA COMPROBAR SI NECESITA VOLVER A ENTRENAR: INICIE SESIÓN EN SU CUENTA VIRTUS WWW.VIRTUSONLINE.ORG CON SUS CREDENCIALES DE INICIO DE SESIÓN.

SI HA OLVIDADO SU ID DE USUARIO O CONTRASEÑA, SIMPLEMENTE HAGA CLIC EN LA AYUDA DE INICIO DE SESIÓN DE NECESIDAD EN EL CUADRO DE USUARIO EXISTENTE. CUANDO HAYA INICIADO SESIÓN, LA PANTALLA DE ESPERANZA LE PROPORCIONARÁ TODA LA INFORMACIÓN NECESARIA QUE NECESITA PARA OBTENER INFORMACIÓN DE CAPACITACIÓN

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 July 11, 2021, please bring peanut butter and jelly. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 11 de julio, 2021, por favor traigan peanut butter y jelly. GRACIAS!!!

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

July 18, 2021 - Mantenande Fund
July 25, 2021 - Bishop's Appeal

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

18 de julio, 2021 - Fondo del Mantenimiento
Julio 25, 2021 - Apelacion del Obispo

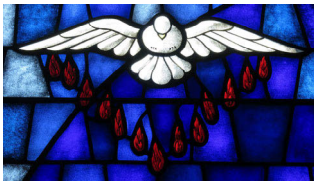
Hours of Adoration are on Thursdays from 9:00AM to 6:00PM. On Fridays, Adoration begins at 9:00am and continues until 4:00PM.

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Horas de Adoración son los jueves de 9:00AM a 6:00PM. Adoración los viernes empieza a las 9:00AM y continúa hasta las 4:00PM.



Promise: It will be lovingly withdrawn from the world and its attractions, which are the cause of perdition.



TEEN CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Confirmation for teens ages 14 and up will begin accepting registration online at the IHM website on July 1st. **Registration will close July 31st.** No registrations will be accepted after this date. This will allow parents four weeks to register for the program.

The Confirmation program is a two year process and will begin with a parent & student meeting in late August.

If your student was enrolled for year one last school year, they will need to **re-register for year two.**

If you have additional questions please email Julie Figueroa at:
ihmyouthbrentwood@gmail.com.

Please note the youth office is currently closed and will reopen July 1st. Thank you.

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"People rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart."
- 1 Chronicles 29:9

Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week. No more envelopes to find before you go to Mass, no more scrambling thru your purse for your donation.

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Thank you for your continued support.

Banns of Marriage/Amonestaciones

This is to announce that Natividad Tello Clark and Rossana Talavera Bolanos are planning to get married in the Parish of San Jose de Bolanos in the Capilla de la Inmaculada Concepcion in the State of Coahuila, Mexico on December 25, 2021. If anyone knows of any reason why this couple should not be married, please contact the parish office at 925-634-4154.

Este anuncio es para avisar que Natividad Tello Clark y Rossana Talavera Bolaños están planeando casarse en la Parroquia San Jose de Bolaños, Capilla de la Inmaculada Concepción en el Estado de Coahuila en México el 25 de diciembre del 2021. Si algunos de ustedes saben de alguna razón por la cual esta pareja no se debe casar, por favor avisen a la oficina de la parroquia al 925-634-4154.



The office of the parish will be closed on Monday, July 5 to commemorate Independence Day.

La oficina de la parroquia estara cerrada el lunes, 5 de julio para conmemorar el Dia de la Independencia.



Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app



Our St. Vincent de Paul Society needs your help! The utility van that is used to make weekly trips to the food bank to pick up food for our "Neighbors in Need" is on its last leg. We are reaching out to our parishioners to see if anyone has a connection with a dealership that would be willing to donate a new or gently used utility van for our needs so that we can continue to do this important ministry and possibly gain some advertising with their name on the van. If you can help, please contact the SVdP Society at our email: svdpihmbrentwood@gmail.com.



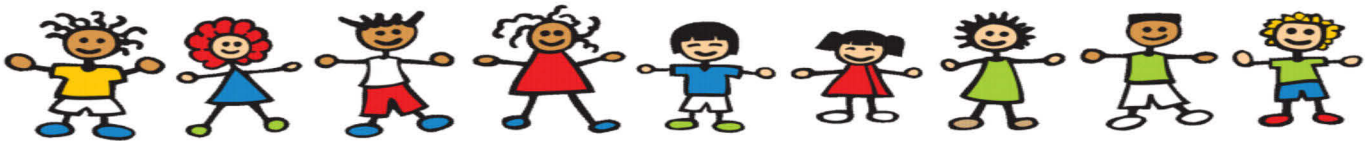
St. Vincent de Paul Canned Food Drive

On **SATURDAY JULY 10th from 8:30-11 a.m.** our Youth Ministry teens will be collecting items for our IHM St. Vincent de Paul Society. Any foods that have not expired, will gladly be accepted, however, this month we would like to concentrate on paper products such as toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, etc. These items would be most appreciated.

We will be collecting by the Parish Office. Please drive up, remain in your car, and "pop" your trunk and we'll do the rest of the work!

Please kindly remember we can not accept expired food items. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help should email Julie at ihmyouthbrentwood@gmail.com

God Bless you and thank you in advance for your generosity!



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Faith Formation ages 6 to 13 are July 1, 2021 till August 15, 2021 online at our IHM website. If you can not complete a form on the website and submit it you can call the office and make an appointment with Linda Kortuem, 925-634-4154 Ext.117 or email: lkortuem@ihmbrentwood.com.

1. First Communion preparation first year and second year program, **we will need a copy of your child's Baptism certificate.**
2. Continuing third grade till eighth grade regular faith formation classes available.
3. RCIC for children from 7yrs old to 17 yrs. old who have not been Baptized, First Communion, and Confirmation or First Communion and Confirmation for 13 to 17 ages of the older child. **we will need a copy of your child's Baptism certificate for those who are Baptized.**

Ministry Meetings/Reuniones de Ministerios

+ Confessions / Confesiones

Tuesday/Martes: 6:00 - 7:00PM
Saturday/Sabado: 3:30 - 4:30PM

Devotions/Devociones

Monday to Friday/Lunes a Viernes
7:30AM

Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario

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Wednesday/Miércoles
8:30AM (6:00PM with Benediction
on the 1st Wednesday)

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Novena Madre del Perpetuo Socorro

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Friday/Viernes
8:30AM

Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia

Anointing of the Sick Unción de los Enfermos

Home Communion Comunión a los Enfermos

Contact a priest / llame a un sacerdote

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Marriage/Matrimonios

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Requiere por lo menos 6 meses de preparación

Baptism/Bautismos

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Saint Maria Goretti's Story

One of the largest crowds ever assembled for a canonization—250,000—symbolized the reaction of millions touched by the simple story of Maria Goretti. She was the daughter of a poor Italian tenant farmer, had no chance to go to school, never learned to read or write. When Maria made her First Communion not long before her death at age 12, she was one of the larger and somewhat backward members of the class.

On a hot afternoon in July, Maria was sitting at the top of the stairs of her house, mending a shirt. She was not quite 12 years old, but physically mature. A cart stopped outside, and a neighbor, 18-year-old Alessandro, ran up the stairs. He seized her and pulled her into a bedroom. She struggled and tried to call for help. "No, God does not wish it," she cried out. "It is a sin. You would go to hell for it." Alessandro began striking at her blindly with a long dagger.

Maria was taken to a hospital. Her last hours were marked by the usual simple compassion of the good—concern about where her mother would sleep, forgiveness of her murderer (she had been in fear of him, but did not say anything lest she cause trouble to his family), and her devout welcoming of Viaticum, her last Holy Communion. She died about 24 hours after the attack.

Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison. For a long time he was unrepentant and surly. One night he had a dream or vision of Maria gathering flowers and offering them to him. His life changed. When he was released after 27 years, his first act was to beg the forgiveness of Maria's mother.

Devotion to the young martyr grew, miracles were worked, and in less than half a century she was canonized. At her beatification in 1947, her 82-year-old mother, two sisters, and her brother appeared with Pope Pius XII on the balcony of St. Peter's. Three years later, at Maria's canonization, a 66-year-old Alessandro Serenelli knelt among the quarter-million people and cried tears of joy.

Reflection

Maria may have had trouble with catechism, but she had no trouble with faith. God's will was holiness, decency, respect for one's body, absolute obedience, total trust. In a complex world, her faith was simple: It is a privilege to be loved by God, and to love him—at any cost.



NOTE: New Wednesday Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help schedule starting July 7, 2021 —
First Wednesdays of the month will be in the evening at 6:00PM —
with Benediction. (There will be NO morning novena on 1st Wednesdays)
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