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MONTHLY MESSAGE OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

ON THE 25TH DAY OF EACH MONTH, THE BLESSED VIRGIN GIVES A MESSAGE TO THE VISIONARY, MARIJA, THAT IS TO BE GIVEN TO THE WORLD.



October is the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Those who have been subscribers for over 20 years may notice a couple of articles in this issue that seem familiar. I usually do not like to reprint articles, but Our Lady made it pretty evident to me that She wanted a couple of these older articles reprinted regarding the Rosary. On June 25, 1985, Our Lady said, "I invite you to call on everyone to pray the Rosary. With the Rosary you shall overcome all the adversities which Satan is trying to inflict on the Catholic Church." On September 25, 2025 (the same day as Our Lady's public message), Pope Leo XIV asked Catholics to pray the Rosary each day in October for peace.

**"Dear children!
May this time
for you be a
time of prayer
for peace. Thank
you for having
responded to my
call."**

(With Ecclesiastical approval)

Why is it so Difficult?

By Fr. Ray Donohue



Fr. Ray

So many people are blessed to have houses to live in, and share our various God-given talents to help others. When a tragedy happens, many can be there for others to comfort them, give them assistance, and pray with and for them. When we are sick and need help and guidance, so many have access to a doctor or medicines.

Why then, do we see our nation and the world filled with hate, selfishness, evil, thoughts of murdering people, and then following that with actions, young people killing other young people, for no reason? People are still taking drugs and over-doing it with all kinds of alcohol, even though we all know the danger and the results are death.

Many people do not like when someone offers suggestions, or talk about peace to make a better world, and so someone shoots into a Catholic church where elementary children and the teachers and the priest are celebrating Holy Mass. And he kills some, injures many of them for life, for doing such an evil thing, instituted by Satan and his minions, because they want to, or because they are not in line with the words of God and the 10 Commandments. The MAN who did that was so messed up because he said he was a woman, wanted to be a woman, and so he killed and injured little children and families for life, and then took his own life. What he did to them and himself were indeed MORTAL SINS!! YES! There are MORTAL sins which can throw a person, by their own choice, into HELL forever. Or, have people forgotten about the reality of HELL and eternal pain and damnation? Or, do they even care?

Our dear Blessed Mother has been appearing on earth to be to us what She is, our MOTHER! She has mentioned in different ways at all Her Holy Apparitions to turn away from evil, block out Satan and his minions, to do this by prayer, Holy Mass, Holy Confessions monthly, giving and living forgiveness, kindness, holiness and to follow Her holy example. In another way to put this, "Love your neighbor as yourself," and to fix it solidly: "Thou shall NOT kill."

Can you see how important it is to follow what our Blessed Mother has been telling us in ALL of Her Holy Apparitions, and especially in Medjugorje? We need to love all people, and to bring them to God, as God IS the Truth! Our dear Blessed Mother is showing us that there is the lack of love in the world, and that we can correct it through prayer and observing the Holy Commandments and Word of God! Does not our dear Blessed Mother tell us to pray from the heart, and not just utter a bunch of words? God dwells in every part of His creation, and God is pure Love, and our dear Blessed Mother

has told us this in so many ways at so many Apparitions – Lourdes, Fatima, Medjugorje, and many other places. And each time She instructs us, all of us, who are Her children, how to love God and each other and to see God in others, and to live in Love for each other!

Hell is forever. It is horrible and evil and eternal. You can't get away with anything evil; this is why our Blessed Mother has told us and is telling us that She is appearing on earth – to make it known, and for everyone to follow Her messages, from Her heart to our hearts, to change any evil in our lives and put on Christ and His holiness. God is Love, Satan is evil. God is GOOD, HOLY, Merciful and Loving. Satan is evil and hateful. God brings Eternal Life and a happier life here on earth. Our Mother Mary shows us how to live a good and holy and happy life, and to accept the Love that God has given to us and the Love our dear Blessed Mother gives to us to live by!

"Though the wicked flourish like grass and all sinners thrive, they are destined for eternal destruction" (Ps 92:8).

I was amazed to read and hear that the White House is asking Americans to spend just one Hour in Holy Prayer each week [see page 3], just as Our Blessed Mother has been asking us to do the same, "PRAY, PRAY, PRAY, my Children." The Hand of God is very heavy and our Blessed Mother is bringing Her heart into this world. It makes no sense NOT to listen to Her. Mary is our Mother and is warning us, as any good mother does, for Her children.

Sadly, many people are not listening to our Blessed Mother, even after signs after signs in Her Holy Apparitions! Our dear Blessed Mother tells us evil is growing, and we can all see that! As a retired Exorcist I can assure you, evil is real and is growing in men's and women's hearts. Listen with our hearts and souls to our dear Blessed Mother, and put sin and hate and politics and temptations and lack of practicing our Holy Faith aside for good, and listen to Her holiness and way to live. For this is a dangerous time – many of our young people have turned away from God and many societies and adults have little or no faith in God. Our Blessed Mother comes to us and we need to respond in Holy Prayer and action! Is the TV more important than saving our souls for Eternity in Heaven? Do we think it is OK to sin because so many are doing just that, and that our God is deaf and blind to it? Where is our faith? Say it and feel it, and shout it out by our actions, prayers and love.

Charlie Kirk, who was recently assassinated, ran an organization to teach young people how to live in this world, to be positive, to believe that God truly loves them, and this goes for the whole world! He helped more young people, sadly, than the Church is doing today. He took time with all his students and young people. Today some bishops tell us priests to stay away from the young people (because of scandal), so where in the world are the holy Vocations going to come from? Hardly any are entering Seminaries, as the bishops close them down. The priests are no longer there to encourage them, show



Our Lady of Lourdes statue in St. James Church in Medjugorje

them by example how holy and wonderful a vocation in the Church is, as many parents don't give examples of bringing their children of ALL ages to Holy Mass. Many parents I know don't go to church on Sundays and they don't pray at home, so no wonder the children are not coming to church. And so, what they know about God is very little, if anything. The priest must always preach the Word of God and NOT MONEY! We need to love, and not hate! We need to follow our Blessed Mother's words from Fatima, Lourdes, and Medjugorje, in our prayers and our own hearts. Listen to the Holy Spirit. He will help us change our lives and put God first and all things will come together! Encourage your priests to speak of Holy Catholic teachings and how wonderful the life of a Catholic can be and the peace and the answers that our trust in God and Mary and the Faith can give us!

Remember our Blessed Mother and Her Five Stones [prayer, fasting, Bible reading, Eucharist and Confession] She gave us to use against evil. Love is from God, forgiveness is from God, and He gives us the very same gift to forgive others and love each other. Stop the killing, gossiping, missing Holy Mass, laziness in our prayers, and pray the daily Holy Rosary and other holy prayers, and go to a church that is holy and the priest is holy and takes the time for you! Receive Jesus in the most Holy Eucharist as often as you can with a clean heart and soul, and with love and gratitude! I hear at least 8-10 confessions every week after daily Masses and even on Sundays when needed. The priest is here to serve, to love, to care, and to make sure all the flock is following him, as the priest is only following Jesus and our dear Mother Mary! Do good, stop swearing, lying, laziness, skipping Holy Mass, gossiping, not loving your neighbors, and strengthen your relationship with God and our dear Mother Mary Who leads us to God!

Take refuge in God, by forgiving everyone who hurt you in any way, living or deceased. Forgive them as you would want for God to forgive you! Let it go and bring it all to Jesus and Holy Mary! If you don't agree with a person's politics, don't kill them! Keep believing in the love of God and the forgiveness of God, as our dear Blessed Mother Mary shows



America Prays

Did you know that on the day that the Church celebrates Our Lady's birthday (September 8), President Donald Trump launched an initiative that urges Americans to pray for the country and its citizens in preparation for the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026? The initiative, called "America Prays," urges Americans to dedicate one hour of prayer every week for the United States and its people. The White House is encouraging the faithful to create prayer groups of 10 or more people to pray together for the nation. Our Lady has been encouraging us for years to form prayer groups! *"Prayer groups are powerful, and through them I can see, little children, that the Holy Spirit is at work in the world."* (Our Lady, 6/25/04)

President Trump, who is a non-denominational Christian, said, "America's always been a nation that believes in the power of prayer and we will never apologize for our faith... And with the help of amazing faith communities across the land ... we will truly make this the golden age of America."

us the way! Love and don't hate. Find peace in prayer, and pray with others too! If people are off track, if God is very little, if at all, in their lives, invite them to Holy Mass, Novenas, praying the Holy Rosary. And witness by your deeds to others, the Love of God and our Blessed Mother, and just how REAL They are, and to take Their love and advice and put it all into action!

The important thing is, when we attend Holy Mass, or pray our holy prayers at home, or early in church before Holy Mass begins, put yourself in the Holy presence of God. Even 10 to 20 minutes a day is so much better than no prayer at all. Put a good time aside just for prayer, and pray from your heart. Listen in quiet, so you can hear God speaking to you in your heart. Go to a place in your home or in a nearby church where it is quiet and no interruptions will interfere with your encounter with God and our Blessed Mother. You can do spiritual reading, pray the Holy Rosary, prayers from a prayer book, or just listen to God whisper in your heart, and feel our Blessed Mother hold you tightly in quiet surroundings. Pray from your heart, without distractions! If you are too busy to pray, you are way too busy, and you lose out! It may seem a bit difficult at first, but our Blessed Mother will soon make you feel so much at ease and feel Her love, speaking to you in your heart and not your ears. And God will come to you and you will feel peace and joy and even cry at times to purify yourselves. Prayer is the food of the soul, and of our actions. Prayer is what gives us peace and strength, and prayer is so holy it can produce miracles.

God bless you, one and all. Just try doing this with your own prayers and schedules, and if you haven't scheduled your "appointment with God and our Blessed Mother," so that no distractions can mess things up, start doing so today, at the best time for you, morning, noon, night, or anytime in-between. Pray from your heart, and don't let anything at all distract you. Put your heart and soul in the Holy Hands of Mary, and the Lord.

In Jesus, Mary and all the saints of God, including all our loved ones God has brought into Heaven,
~Father ray and Dublin and Sweet Pea

Prayer of St. Francis Xavier for the Conversion of Unbelievers

Eternal God, Creator of all things, remember that You alone have created the souls of unbelievers, which You have made according to Your Image and Likeness. Behold, O Lord, how to Your dishonor, many of them are falling into Hell.

Remember, O Lord, Your Son Jesus Christ, Who so generously shed His Blood and suffered for them. Do not permit that Your Son, Our Lord, remain unknown by unbelievers, but, with the help of Your Saints and the Church, the Bride of Your Son, remember Your mercy, forget their idolatry and infidelity, and make them know Him, Who You have sent, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who is our salvation, our life, and our resurrection, through Whom we have been saved and redeemed and to Whom is due glory forever. Amen.

“Superman” in Medjugorje

The following testimony was taken with permission from the website, imedjugorje.com. This testimony was given by a pilgrim named Leo during his pilgrimage to Medjugorje in October of 2021.

Everyone calls me Superman because every day I wear a Superman t-shirt. I have 46 of them.

I was born in El Salvador. I live in Sweden right now, but I'm still Salvadorian. Before I came here, I didn't believe in God. Not at all. I grew up in a Catholic family, but when I was six years old, I was sexually abused. When you are so little, you think it's your fault. I always heard people say, "God is like a father. God always protects you."

When I was six, I said, "Okay, if God does exist, where was He when this happened to me?" At the age of eight, I said, "No. God doesn't exist because He wasn't there when I needed Him."

I never expected to go on a pilgrimage. I hated when people said, "Oh I went on pilgrimage." I said, "No way. Poor people. You are so naive. You paid a lot for a trip and then you are inside a bus. Never in my life will I go on a pilgrimage."

There was a chance to go to this football match at the same time for Barcelona Football Club. I said, "Okay, I will go, but I will go to the football match." But we came here, and something changed our lives. I finished here after a day and a half. In a day and a half, my life changed completely. Not only mine, my wife's too.

Everything started with Confession. I had not been to Confession for almost 40 years. When I was in Confession, it changed our lives.

After Confession, we came here to the Mass. I was sitting in the Mass around 6:30, and I saw the sun spinning. I said, "What? This is impossible." I saw all the people, and I said, "Come on. The sun is moving," but no one in the Mass is watching. Suddenly, it was like all the people disappeared, and I was standing in a place where everything was white. It was huge. I know I didn't black out because I was with the pilgrimage group, but I didn't hear the Mass. I didn't see the priests. I didn't see anyone. Then I heard a voice, not in my heart, a loud voice, a woman's voice. I cannot say it was the Virgin Mary, but it was a woman's voice. It said, "My son, my dear son, I was waiting for you. I love you." I felt happiness like I had never felt before in my life. I felt my heart was about to explode. I don't know if it was ten seconds or one minute. The voice ended with, "Welcome back home, my son." Once again, I saw the priest, I saw the people, and I said, "What happened here?"

I said nothing because I thought if I told my wife that I was five seconds ago standing in a place where everything is white and I heard a voice, she would think I was crazy. So I said nothing. But I didn't know that my wife, on Podbrdo [Apparition Hill], one day before, had the same experience, and she said, "I cannot tell my husband because he will think I'm crazy." By the grace of God, we came on a pilgrimage with 50 people, but just my wife and I experienced this kind of thing. She said nothing and I said nothing until we went on the plane to El Salvador. I told her, "I need to tell you something." She said, "I need to tell you something too."



Leo

She told me her whole story, and I told her my whole story.

Because we didn't pray at home, we didn't know how to pray the Rosary, we didn't go to Mass, we fell on our knees for the first time, as husband and wife. Our prayer was very simple. We just said, "We want to go to Heaven." We just said that, but we said it with all our heart. That was the beginning for everything. Now we're organizing pilgrimages. Everything has changed. I've come here to Medjugorje 36 times.

I was sexually abused by a woman when I was six years old. **A woman cut my relationship with God. Then later, a woman, Our Lady, She gave me back to God.** I didn't know that a supernatural world existed, and in one day and a half, something supernatural happened to us and changed my brain.

Now, we are living in Sweden because it is the most secular. No one believes in God there, mostly. We asked God, "What do you want us to do?" We prayed, and felt in our hearts that we needed to go to Sweden and try to spread the word. We are not missionaries. I work as a graphic designer. We sold everything in El Salvador, house, car, business, everything, and we moved to Sweden to try to bring God. That's something that is really crazy. It's still crazy. Every day, I'm still asking, "Did I do right?"

This is what we do now, my wife and my family, we organize pilgrimages so that people can find what we found here. We came to Medjugorje, and it changed our lives. We want to bring as many people as we can so they can feel it themselves. You can use your best words to try to explain what Medjugorje is, but I have found that it is impossible. I tell people, "You need to come and see for yourself; feel what it is."

Medjugorje is a place where Jesus is still walking by your side. You can feel Him walking. It's a Marian sanctuary, but for me, it's like Jesus is sitting beside you, walking beside you. For me, it's everything about God, about Jesus because of the Mother. Come and feel Jesus sitting beside you, eating with you, laughing, crying, walking with you. This is the best way I can describe Medjugorje. I thank God for this place because otherwise, it was almost impossible for me to get back to my Catholic roots, and to go back into God's arms, God's heart. It's because of this.

A few notes about the mail...



Last month we received calls about about the newsletters arriving later than usual. We mailed them on September 2. Some people did not receive theirs until September 19. Unfortunately, that seems to be the trend now, and we have no control over it. God-willing, the newsletters will be mailed by the 7th of each month, depending on holidays and when the 25th of the month falls. And speaking of the mail – if you are going to be away for more than a month, **PLEASE send us your alternate address when you leave and let us know shortly before you will return so we can change the address back.** This year we will remove from the mailing list anyone whose newsletter comes back more than two months in a row, because it gets costly to pay the fees incurred. We will put you back on the list at your request. Thank you for having responded to the call!

A Prescription With Only Good Side Effects

By June Klins

One day last month, before Mass, a man asked me if I had an extra rosary with me because he had forgotten his. I told him I did not, but in my car, I had several. He said no, he would use his fingers and went back to his seat. I looked at my watch and saw that I had enough time to go to the car, so I did. I realized when I looked in my bag of “spiritual goodies” that I had not given one of these rosaries out in a long time – it was a plastic rosary in a prescription bottle. I went back into the church, handed it to him and told him I would explain about it later.

After Mass, I began thinking about resurrecting the prescription bottle rosary idea. An hour later, I went to an event that featured a talk by a priest who spoke about transforming our lives. Towards the end, he mentioned the word “prescription” multiple times. He said prayer was a prescription for our lives. I started to tear up when I realized Our Lady was leading me to the inspiration I had earlier. Later that evening, I went to Adoration to give thanks for the awesome day. When I was about to sign in, my eyes were drawn to a little tray on the table that said, “Pray the Rosary.” Inside the tray was a prescription bottle with a rosary in it! I took a picture of it – a confirmation for sure! I love it!!!

The idea of a rosary in a prescription bottle was borrowed from something my husband used to do years ago. He would give out prescription bottles with M&Ms in them to people who were down in the dumps. It would make them smile. Who doesn't like M&Ms? Years later I would be inspired to put plastic rosaries from Medjugorje in prescription bottles. The rosaries had been blessed in Medjugorje by a priest and by Our Lady. I wrote about it in our October 2000 newsletter. I called the article “Spiritual Prozac” (Prozac was the prescription of choice at the time for depression). Here is the article (which I have tweaked a bit):

Spiritual Prozac

It was one of those days when I was feeling despondent following a family situation and couldn't seem to stop the tears from flowing. I had plans to visit and help someone whom I did not want to see me in this state. I reached for some pain medication I used to take for the severe pain I had before Our Lady had interceded for my healing [see our January 2014 issue]. I knew that this medication, in addition to alleviating my pain, always elevated my moods. I opened the prescription bottle and took out a pill. “This is wrong,” I thought to myself. I was not in any physical pain, and had no business taking that pill. I put the pill back in the bottle.

Still crying, I got into the car. I picked up the crocheted rosary from Medjugorje that I keep there, and decided to say a Rosary for myself. I always pray the Rosary for the intentions of others, *never* for myself. Part way through the Sorrowful Mysteries, I realized that I was not crying any more, and by the time I got to the last decade, I felt exceptionally good. I felt an inner strength that I didn't know I had. It was an incredible feeling, a “spiritual

high.” The person I went to visit and another person who dropped by had no idea that I had been crying just twenty minutes before, and when I left, they even thanked me for brightening their day!

In the days that followed, as I reflected upon the peace and tranquility that the Rosary had given me, it occurred to me that the Rosary was a kind of “spiritual anti-depressant.” I called it “Spiritual Prozac.”

A week or so later, one of my friends had asked me to pray for her sister who was depressed about a situation in her family. I wanted to tell her how the Rosary had helped me, but then the Holy Spirit moved me to a more creative solution. I took an old prescription bottle, and ripped off the label. I inserted a rosary and made a new label for the bottle, and placed these words in just the same places as a prescription: “Prescription #101; Take 3 times a day; Refills – indefinite; Expiration date – none.”

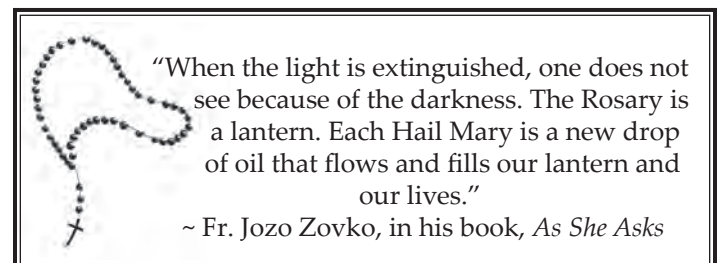
When I gave it to my friend she was delighted. The following week my friend told me that her sister was just thrilled with her new “prescription.” A few months later, my friend told me her sister was doing better and wanted to know where she could buy a rosary ring, so she could have the rosary with her at all times!

It is not surprising that recitation of the Rosary can help lift our spirits. After all, Our Lady said at Medjugorje, “Little children, prayer works miracles. When you are tired and sick and you do not know the meaning of your life, take the rosary and pray; pray until prayer becomes for you a joyful meeting with your Savior.” (4/25/01)

When I shared the idea of the prescription rosary with others, they were enthusiastic. Perhaps you know someone who could use a prescription rosary. Let the Holy

Spirit direct you.

Editor's note: Over the years I have given out hundreds of these prescription bottles with rosaries in them. However, I changed the prescription number to MT6:24-34, which represents the Bible passage Our Lady asks us to read every Thursday. I also changed the number of times to “3 or 4” to reflect the addition of the Luminous Mysteries which were instituted in 2002. And I also added a line about side effects: “May cause illumination to eyes and face.” Finally, I added a doctor's name: “Dr. Simon Mir.” Simon helped Jesus as the Rosary helps us, and “Mir” means “peace” in Croatian.



Arm Yourself

The following is an excerpt from a homily by Fr. Peter Dugandzic at the English Mass in Medjugorje on September 5, 2025. The entire homily can be seen on marytv.tv in their Video Library under English Homilies in Medjugorje.

I'm enlisting you today. You don't have to be perfect to offer penance. You don't have to be perfect to offer mortification. You don't have to be perfect to pray, because none of us are perfect except Jesus and Mary. But we can strive for that holiness. We can strive for that perfection, because if we strive, God can then give us the strength we need to succeed. So do you want to succeed? That's the challenge.

Do you want to be part of the army or do you want to be part of the masses who need prayer? Be part of the army. Be part of God's army. Arm yourself.

I think I heard you [looking at the priests] say that you can "open carry." Around here, I walk around, everybody's got their rosaries out and praying in the streets. Great! Do that at home. Walk around holding your rosary. Pray for people as you pass somebody. You don't know their state. I saw this

person, I pray for this person. I offer this next Hail Mary for this person's soul. That's what we can do. That's how we can do it. And so I encourage you all. Do not let this opportunity pass... by your part, by your little part, believe it or not, you can stop wars. You can change the course of human history. You can do so much. Don't let it slip through your fingers.



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Rosary Class 101

By Carolanne Kilichowski

Editor's introduction: Two days after I transcribed the above homily excerpt, I was prompted by Our Lady to reprint the following related story from our August 2003 issue.

Often at lunchtime, I take my rosary and walk and pray. I do not hide my rosary, but let it swing at my side as I walk. Other people are walking, too, and I am amazed at how many people notice that I am praying. I do not try to make it obvious. I just do not hide it.

A few weeks ago, as I was walking, I heard some teenagers yell, "Hey, lady!" I turned to see who they were yelling at, and it was me they were running to see. These kids, two young girls, around 12-13, and two boys a bit older, maybe 15 and 16, asked me to pray for their sister who was very sick in the hospital where I work. They were so very worried about her. I told them that I would rather pray WITH them. They said they did not know how to pray the Rosary and pointed to the one I was holding. It was a rosary my daughter made for me of red, white and blue, with my adopted soldier's name on it. They loved it!

They said they would pray it if they knew how. So I told them I would teach them. We all sat down on the grass on a main street and I took out my book and taught them the new Luminous Mysteries and we all prayed. They caught on very fast.

I had mentioned Medjugorje and they did not know about it. So, lo and behold, in my tote, was the Special Edition, Beginner's Guide from *The Spirit of Medjugorje!* It really came in handy. I told them to come back the next day and I would give them each a plastic rosary from Medjugorje. They wanted to know everything. It was like a classroom on the grass. I wish I could have stayed with them all afternoon!

Thank you, Blessed Mother, for sending your children to learn how to pray. They loved the Rosary so much they wanted the rest of the family to pray with them. They told

me they would teach them. I wanted to cry, but it all hit me when I returned to my office. In fact, I had to close my door, I was so emotional.

The next day they came back so very happy. I was having a very emotional day. A three year-old girl, Natalie, who just came to see me last week, and was doing so well, now was terminal and in great pain. They could tell I was upset even though I was smiling to see them. I could not wait to see them and I knew it would cheer me up. They all told me that they would pray for me, after giving me hugs. I cried more because these kids were so caring to someone they did not even know! Then they asked me what was wrong. I asked them to pray for Natalie. I explained that she had cancer. They wanted to know why God could let this happen. "Oh God," I prayed, "You gave these kids to me, so now give me the right answers, since I, too, could ask you the same thing!"

I told them that in Heaven it will be perfect, and that here on earth, it is not so easy at times. I told them that only God knows all the answers, and even in bad times, He takes those predicaments and always makes good out of it.

The oldest boy told me that he has such a wonderful feeling inside when he says the Hail Mary. I told him to say that Rosary every day and he will see miracles in his life. I also reminded them to pray with their hearts and not just say it to get it done. I asked them to come again to visit and we could talk more about Medjugorje. They thanked me for teaching them the Rosary and told me they were practicing. They also plan on teaching all their relatives and want to have a Rosary Party!!!
Editor's note: Carolanne lives in Blasdell, NY. The soldier she adopted to pray for just happened to be my husband, Tom. His story was in our September 2025 issue. She continues to pray for him.

As of September 25, 2025, the number of Masses reported for Our Lady's intentions was 40,505. Thank you.

With Mary, You Run to Jesus

The following is a "Holy Spirit Moment" taken from the English Mass homily in Medjugorje on 2/26/25 by Fr. Bosco Thomas, a priest from India. "Holy Spirit Moments" is a feature that can be found on marytv.tv in their Video Library.

I was born in a Catholic family, and we used to say a Rosary every night. That's part of our evening prayer. I had my doubts about this prayer. I said, "Father, why do we say this prayer, [the] Rosary, every day? Can we not skip this sometimes and say some other prayers?"

"You know," he told me, "Bosco, you do not know the power of it. Tell me, who taught you, who taught us to pray [the] Our Father?" I said, "It's Jesus." But he asked, "Which prayer is more powerful than that? You are saying that prayer in [the] Rosary."

Secondly, he tells me, "'Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you,' – who said to whom?" Who said to whom? Can somebody answer? [Answer – "Archangel"]. It's not Archangel. Actually, I was sort of thinking that, you know. It is **God the Father**. God the Father Himself said [this] to



Fr. Bosco, Photo credit: marytv.tv

Mother Mary. Archangel was only a messenger who carried the message. It is God the Father himself addressing to Mary as "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you."

And the second part, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus." Who said that? We say Elizabeth, right? It's not Elizabeth. It's the **Holy Spirit** who said it. Okay, so this is the Word of God. We are reciting, repeating the Word of God. That's why this prayer is so powerful!

And the "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit" – we are glorifying the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. So how can this prayer not be powerful? How can we skip this prayer?

So ever since, my dear brothers and sisters, I have tried never to skip this prayer. And it is so powerful.

And then he said, "One more thing, Bosco. You can go to Jesus without Mary, but without Mary, you walk to Jesus. With Mary, you run to Jesus.

With Mary as your beloved Mother, you fly to Jesus – which is easier."

Are You Turning the World Upside Down?

Editor's introduction: The following is excerpted from the Bible in a Year Podcast, Day 338, by Fr. Mike Schmitz. This part of the commentary specifically refers to Acts 17:6. The Bible translation Fr. Mike uses is the Revised Standard Version-Second Catholic Edition. I strongly recommend this program. It is never too late to start. You can visit AscensionPress.com/BIY to sign up for free.

We live in the midst of a culture of death, in the midst of a culture of meaninglessness. We live in the midst of a culture that is seeking pleasure constantly, but no one is truly happy. And so we have a battle with this culture...It's a battle of ideas. It's a battle of spirit, the spirit of the world versus the Spirit of God. It's a spiritual battle...between principalities and powers. And our call as Christians is to live in such a way that what they would say about us is what they said about Jason and Paul and the other disciples: "They have turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6).

Am I living in such a way that if people saw how I lived, they would say, "You are living upside down. You're living backwards. You're living so differently than the rest of us"? That's why you're so joyful. That's why you're so different. That's why you take care of people who need to be taken care of. And yet what is the great desire of so many Christians is: "I just want to fit in. I just want to be like everyone else."

The truth is, if I'm like everyone else, then I'm not like Jesus. If I'm like everyone else, then I'm not living like a saint. If I'm living like everyone else, there is no turning the world upside down...

And so I'm letting the Word convict me, and I just want to share it with you all, because the more and more I look like the world, the less and less God can really use me to turn the world upside down. And He wants to. And He wants to use you as well.

"Dear children! Today I am calling on you to decide whether or not you wish to live the messages which I am giving you. I wish you to be active in living and spreading the messages. Especially, dear children, I wish that you all be the reflection of Jesus, which will enlighten this unfaithful world walking in darkness. I wish all of you to be the light for everyone and that you give witness in the light. Dear children, you are not called to the darkness, but you are called to the light. Therefore, live the light with your own life. Thank you for having responded to my call." (Our Lady 6/5/86)

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On June 24, 1981 in Medjugorje, Our Lady began appearing to six children. She identified Herself as the Blessed Virgin, Queen of Peace. Her words to the visionaries: *"I have come to tell the world that God exists. He is the fullness of life, and to enjoy this fullness and obtain peace, you must return to God."*

Today, the Blessed Mother still appears daily to three of the visionaries, and annually to the others. They are all now adults. During the apparitions, the visionaries do not react to light, don't hear any sound, or react to being touched; they feel that they are outside of time and space. They declare to see the Blessed Virgin as they see other people — three dimensional. They pray and speak with Her.

The Blessed Mother granted to confide ten secrets to each visionary (some are chastisements for the world). Some of the visionaries have received all ten secrets. Our Lady promised

to leave a visible sign at the original site of the apparitions in Medjugorje, for all humanity. In the meantime, this period of grace is for conversion and a deepening of faith.

Father Jozo Zovko, who was the pastor of St. James when the apparitions began, has spoken about what he calls "the weapons" or "the five stones" of Our Lady (as in the story of Goliath). They are PRAYER with the heart, especially the Rosary; EUCHARIST; BIBLE; monthly CONFESSION; and FASTING.

On September 19, 2024 the Vatican announced that the apparitions in Medjugorje received a nihil obstat.

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