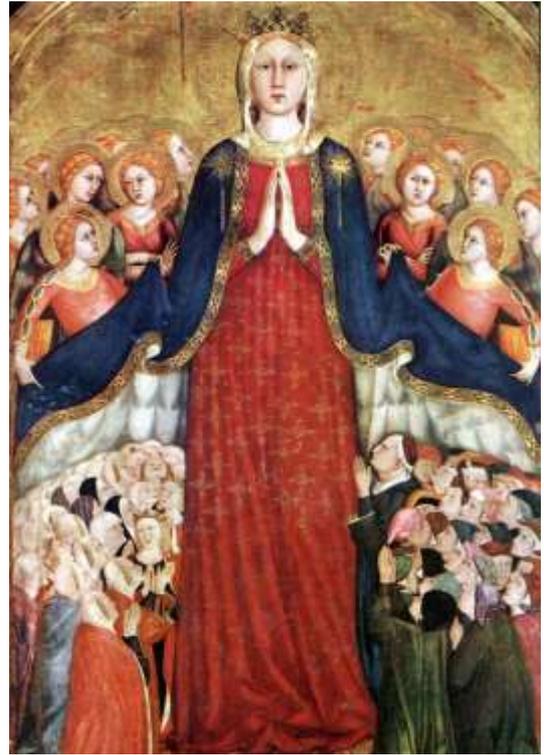


A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MOTHER MARY

DON'T BE ANXIOUS OR FEARFUL - TURN TO ME! I AM YOUR MOTHER.

Jesus speaking, to a priest, about the role of his Mother said: "Souls who look to their Mother (Mary) as their star shining in the night **will never go astray**, and will never lose sight of the path that leads to me and to the glory of my kingdom. There is **no safer way** to come to me than through my Mother (Mary) and under the mantle of her protection.

Those who think they can journey through life without my Mother's companionship and intercession. **are blinded by a terrible pride and they sin against the dispositions made by me from the cross:** *"Woman behold thy son, behold Thy mother"*. It is my positive will that souls should learn of my Mother and live in her company. It is my positive will that souls should so abandon themselves into my mother's keeping, there they will be like little children held tightly against her Immaculate heart.



Who will speak to souls of My Mother? Who will tell them that they **need not fear the darkness of the night, so long as my Mother is near?** Who will tell the that souls entrusted to my Mother are protected, and guided and led along the path I have laid out for each one? There is no better way of fulfilling one's mission in this life than by giving oneself over to my mother in **an act of irrevocable and total consecration**. Those who have made such an act know of what I speak (e.g. **St John Paul, St Maximilian Kolbe, St Teresa of Calcutta, St Louis de Montfort + many others**).

My mother honours every consecration made to her Sorrowful and Immaculate heart, and even if one should forget that one has uttered such a prayer, my Mother does not forget it. **She remains faithful to her own children**, even when they are distracted by the world and turn away from her brightness shining like a star over the stormy seas of life."

SUGGESTION : TAKE MARY INTO YOUR HOME LIKE ST JOHN DID, BY PRAYING EACH DAY THE FOLLOWING SIMPLE ACT OF CONSECRATION TO MARY.

Mary, my mother, I give myself totally to you as your possession and property. Please make of me, of all that I am and have, whatever most pleases you. Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for bringing the greatest possible glory to God. Hail Mary, full of grace

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

May is a month traditionally dedicated to Mary. It is time to brush up on our Marian devotions. If you wear the rosary as a fashion item, learn how to use it for its proper purpose - for prayer. Mary is intimately linked with the Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the church, the moment when the Holy Spirit descended as tongues of fire on a room full of weak and fragile men, transforming them into courageous, wise and effective witnesses to the Good News. The key figure in the upper room was Mary!



One of the many titles of honour given to Mary is that she is the 'Spouse of the Holy Spirit'. The Holy Spirit became her spouse at the moment of the Annunciation, when in a moment of profound prayer to the Father, the Holy Spirit descended upon her and made her fruitful with the incarnate Christ. Mary by her radiant beauty, and particularly by her profound humility, said the saints, did a kind of sweet violence to God, who charmed by the incredible beauty and humility of his creature could not help but unite himself to her as Spouse and Bridegroom. *"He has looked upon her in her lowliness"*. This is the kind of sweet violence which occurs when two people fall in love!

At Pentecost, in the upper room, the same thing happens again. Mary in particular, by her profound prayer during the 50 days in the upper room, begins again to woo and charm the Holy Spirit, to call upon her Spouse, the Holy Spirit to descend, not only upon her, but upon the nascent church gathered around her. This time Mary, will not give birth to the incarnate Christ, the head. By her intercession she gives birth to his body the church. Christ at Pentecost is born again in the hearts of the very fragile and battered group of apostles gathered around her in prayer, and so at the moment of the church's birth she becomes mother of the church.

The sign given at the wedding feast at Cana in the gospel of John, where a new wine is substituted for a wine which is exhausted, is now fulfilled. For a group of apostles whose wine had run out. Whose enthusiasm for Christ was at an all-time low, who were all but ready to abandon Christ and return to their jobs, Mary by her intercession obtains the gift of the new wine, the Holy Spirit. Filled with this new wine of the Holy Spirit, the apostles are transformed, they become new creatures filled with a lively zeal and zest for Christ, which even hardship, persecution and death itself cannot thwart. Joy erupts in their hearts!

Do you find yourself like the apostles post Good Friday; dejected, fed up with the lockdown, and another month of enclosure; discouraged, ready to abandon the faith, or at least ready to strike a few reasonable compromises with it on its most difficult teachings; out of wine, out of zeal and spiritually broke or hard up!



It is not too late to enter the upper room, latecomers and gate crashers are welcome! Join Mary in her profound, incessant prayer, imploring a new Pentecost upon yourself, your life, your family, your church and your nation. Consecrate your life, you family to her Immaculate Heart.

Mary Spouse of the Holy Spirit
pray for us!

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