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# SAINT MARY'S NEWSLETTER



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My Dear Faithful,



ith this month on June commencing, the Church directs again our loving attention towards the Sacred Heart of Our Lord. She wants us to penetrate into this heart

pierced by the lance so that we may find in it all we need to positively promote our sanctification.



What should we find if we enter into this Sacred Heart of Jesus? Mainly, and this says all about the Sacred Heart, we must find the constant consolation of the love of God for our souls. The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents this burning flame which is His love for men despite their miseries. The love of Jesus for us is a merciful love which has

been there for all eternity and will never cease. God does not change and His desire is always the same. He wants to transform our miseries and faults into glory. This will happen if we have the good will to confide ourselves to Him.

Sometime some people feel depressed because of their own struggles with their sins or because of the conflicts that seem to occur everywhere around them. They may even feel abandoned by God since things are tending to get worse every day. "How does this match with the love of God towards men?" they may ask themselves. The answer is based on a fundamental principle. It is absolutely capital to keep in mind and firmly believe that God's Providence allows all events always for the greater good, that is, ultimately for His own glory and for our sanctification.

By having to fear and struggle, Our Lord wants us to realise that the only solution is to surrender ourselves to the Holy Will of God. What is more, our fears and struggles are allowed by God because He wants us to trust in the capacity of His grace for facing the difficulties of life in a manner which will be pleasing to Him, that is to say with virtue, especially those of patience and perseverance. God has His time but He wants to see us working ourselves at our own sanctification. Of course we may have periods when things are slowing down in our spiritual life but the devotion to the Sacred Heart should help us give a new impetus when we realise that we have this eternal source of graces just at hand. The problem is never on God's side; it is always on our side. We can always find in the Sacred Heart all of the graces we need by praying to Him and trusting in Him. He will always ensure that we make progress as long as we have unlimited confidence in His Sacred Heart. Too often our confidence in Him is missing or weak.

Let us not fail to pray to the Sacred Heart every day of this month. Especially, let us make reparation to the Sacred Heart for the scandal caused by those who voted in Ireland for abortion. God's love for our souls is awaiting for a proper response from us. We must renew our resolution to make efforts to correspond with God's love for us. To act with charity, that is to say with love for God, is the only way to move forward and not let ourselves be overwhelmed by fear or despondency.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus touch the hearts of us all, especially in our families, but first and foremost be the leitmotiv of our own efforts and sanctification.

Father Vianney Vandendaele +

# 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary



ur Lord Jesus Christ made these twelve promises to those who honour His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun, whom he called "the Beloved Disciple of the Sacred Heart" and the Heiress "of all Its treasures", in the 1670's. They show us how much He cherishes this devotion.

Considering that the blood that redeemed us at Calvary came from His Sacred Heart and that so much love and light still exude from it, we can easily understand why! These promises were revealed in one of many private revelations that Jesus gave St. Margaret Mary. Our Lord promised the following:

- 1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life;
- 2. I will establish peace in their families;
- 3. I will comfort them in their trials;
- 4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death;
- 5. I will shed abundant blessings on all their undertakings;
- 6. Sinners will find in My Heart an infinite ocean of mercy;
- 7. Lukewarm souls will become fervent;
- 8. Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection;
- 9. I will bless every place where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honoured;
- 10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts;
- 11. The names of those who promote this devotion will be written in My Heart, never to be blotted out;
- 12. I promise thee, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

Keep in mind in the 12<sup>th</sup> Promise that Our Lord asks us to receive Him in Holy Communion in a state of grace on the First Friday of each of nine *consecutive* months, a First Friday devotion.

If you have any serious sins on your soul, it is important to have them absolved in the Sacrament of Penance first. If for some reason you miss a month, the following month becomes your first again, but considering the graces Jesus offers us here, it's more than worth following this schedule!

As with all of God's graces, these promises are contingent on our obeying His Will for us through prayer, the sacraments, reading and studying about our faith, and listening to the Holy Ghost which, according to Our Lord Himself, is His Spirit. This is not as difficult as it may sound, however. What it involves, after all, is trying our best to live a good life pleasing to God, in obedience to Him, and sharing His love with others!

Think also of those parables in the Gospels in which Our Lord Jesus Christ spoke approvingly of the good and faithful servants who served their master diligently and thus were rewarded when he returned (Matthew 24:45-47 and 25:14-30).

The 9<sup>th</sup> promise, incidentally can help with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Just as looking at a crucifix can remind you of the immense depth of God's love for us, so can looking at an image of our Lord and His Sacred Heart such as the one above further personalise that love for each of us, and for you in particular.

Seeing His Sacred Heart ablaze with love and light can be a source of great consolation after a hard day or during a trying time in this often loveless world! And remember, His love is not just for us sinners or for fallen humanity in the abstract, but for *you as well*!

These promises, like this devotion, remind us that God's love for us is such that he doesn't want to lose *any* of us to Satan and Perdition. The Good Shepherd will search after His lost sheep, but, we must *want* to be found.

As St. Augustine, the 5<sup>th</sup> Century bishop of Hippo, one of our greatest theologians and a Doctor of the Church once said about God "He who created us without our help will not save us without our consent."

(From Our Catholic Prayers)

## The Secret of the Rosary

#### Fourteenth Rose

The Our Father — V

We make as many acts of the noblest Christian virtues as we pronounce words, when we recite attentively this Divine Prayer.

In saying "Our Father Who art in Heaven," we make acts of faith, adoration and humility. When we ask that His name be hallowed and glorified we show a burning zeal for His glory, and when we ask for the spread of His Kingdom we make an act of hope; by the wish that His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven, we show a spirit of perfect obedience.

In asking for our *daily bread* we practise poverty of spirit and detachment from worldly goods. When we beg Him to *forgive us our sins* we make an act of sorrow for them. By forgiving *those who have trespassed against us* we give proof of the virtue of mercy in its highest degree.



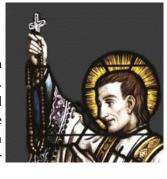
Through asking God's *help* in all our temptations, we make acts of humility, prudence and fortitude. As we wait for Him to deliver us from evil we

exercise the virtue of patience.

Finally, while asking for all these things—not for ourselves alone but also for our neighbour and for all members of the Church—we are carrying out our duty as true children of God, we are imitating Him in His love which embraces all men and we are keeping the Commandment of love of neighbour.

If we mean in our hearts what we say with our lips and if our intentions are not at variance with those expressed in the Lord's Prayer, then, by reciting this prayer, we hate all sin and we observe all of God's laws. For whenever we think that God is in Heaven—infinitely removed from us by the greatness of His majesty—as we place ourselves in His presence we

should be filled with overwhelming reverence. Then the fear of the Lord will chase away all pride and we will bow down before God in our utter nothingness.



When we say the name *Father* and remember that we owe our existence to God by the means of our parents and even our knowledge to our teachers who hold the place and are the living images of God, then we cannot help paying them honour and respect, or, to be more exact, honouring God in them. Nothing then, too, would be farther from our thoughts than to be disrespectful to them or hurt them.

We are never farther from blaspheming than when we pray that the *Holy Name of God may be glorified*. If we really look upon the Kingdom of God as our heritage we cannot possibly be attached to the things of this world.

If we sincerely ask God that our neighbour may have the very same blessings that we ourselves stand in need of, it goes without saying that we will give up all hatred, quarrelling and jealousy. And of course if we ask God each day for our *daily bread* we shall learn to hate gluttony and lasciviousness which thrive in rich surroundings.

While sincerely asking God to forgive us as we *forgive* those who trespass against us we no longer give way to anger and thoughts of getting even—we return good for evil and really love our enemies.

To ask God to *save us from falling into sin* when we are tempted is to give proof that we are fighting laziness and that we are genuinely seeking means to root out vicious habits and to work out our salvation.

To pray God to *deliver us from evil* is to fear His justice and this will give us true happiness. For since the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, it is through the virtue of the fear of God that men avoid sin.

"Tradidi quod et accepi" - "I have handed on what I have received"

Epitaph on the tombstone of Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre

'Founder's Spirit' Conference



**When**: from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018. **Where**: St. Saviour's House, Bristol.

Who: from 18 to 35 years old.

Contacts: call 01179 775 863 or email foundersconference@gmail.com

### **Notices**



### **Spiritual Retreat**

Think of following a spiritual retreat if this has not been the case for a good while or has never happened! This is a privileged time for refreshing our souls and making an examination of conscience in order to see whether our lives fully correspond with the will of the Sacred Heart upon us.

I know for certain that there are still some rooms.

Please, sign up as soon as you have made your decision.

#### **Holy Feastdays**



Feast of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** 

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Mass at:

♦ Manchester: 12.30pm;

• Preston: 7pm.



Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June (Holy day of obgligation)

Mass at:

Manchester: 12.30pm;

• Preston: 7pm.

### **Sunday Mass Schedule and Locations**

**PRESTON**: Our Lady of Victories' Church

East Cliff, off Winckley Square - PR1 3NA

Every Sunday: 9.30am

**MANCHESTER:** Saint Pius X's Chapel

16 Deerpark Road, off Alexandra Road South - M16 8FR

Every Sunday: 12.30pm

**LIVERPOOL**: Saint Peter and Paul's Church

35 Upper Parliament Street - L8 7LA

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month: 5pm

RHOS-ON-SEA: Saint David's Chapel

Conwy Road (A547), Mochdre - LL28 5AA (North Wales)

1st Sunday of the month: 5pm

**BINGLEY: The Little House** 

Market Street - BD16 2HP

3rd Sunday of the month: 5pm

#### **Ordinary Weekday Masses at Preston**

(This schedule is subject to change; please check beforehand on the **outside notice board** or **http://fsspx.uk** — **Mass Times**)

Monday: variable

Tuesday: —

Wednesday: —

Thursday: —

1st Friday: 7pm

1st Saturday: Holy Hour at 10.30am & Mass at 12.15pm