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# 50°

Sunday, April 3,  
second Sunday after Easter



*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the motherly call of Maria Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church. From that day on Fontanelle became and is more and more becoming a place of prayer and of great devotion to Our Lady.*

*At present the Church recognizes it as a place of worship dedicated to Maria Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church. The Blessed Virgin Mary continues to guide us in a loving way to Jesus, the Source of our redemption.*

*Which more auspicious occasion than the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the cult in Fontanelle in this Holy Year of Mercy could bring our lives into harmony with the Lord. Therefore, we invite groups and individuals to take part in large numbers this feast of thanksgiving and praise. In the morning at 10:00 solemn procession and at 11:00 Holy Mass. In the afternoon at 15:00 Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Rosary, Holy Mass and a short procession to the small chapel.*



## The events

**W**e begin our commemoration with a clarification to prevent misunderstandings or controversies. The Church also recently affirmed that at least so far, the events that occurred at Fontanelle fifty years ago are not of supernatural origin. Nevertheless, there is no doubt that if Fontanelle has become a Marian place to which flock thousands and thousands of pilgrims from the whole world and that if the cult that has developed and since 2001 has achieved the recognition of the

church, it is precisely due to what had happened before. The fact is that on the Sunday after Easter of 1966 a simple, humble and faithful person, Pierina Gilli, during some intense spiritual experiences, accepted the thought of calling Mary under the title of Rosa Mystica-Mother of the Church, as a sign of sure consolation especially for the ill and suffering.

And it is in this spirit that we now remember these events, turning them into prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord. So while experts continue their

part studying the events which are so important and complex, it is to us, simple devotees, to continue with joy but also in docile obedience to the Church, to honor the Mother of God, invoking her here at Fontanelle under the sweet name of Rosa Mystica.

An intercession that over the past fifty years has proven very powerful in obtaining many graces for physical and spiritual healing. Graces which, we trust, will be also extended to the Church of which she is the Mother and which is now suffering difficult times of persecution exteriorly and of complex crises internally.

## The cult

Despite the long debate about the veracity of the alleged apparitions, it must be emphasized, however, that in the words and in the diaries written by Pierina Gilli, no disagreement is to be found with the teachings of the Church. So today, fifty years later, we can even grasp better the beauty and rightness of the devotional tradition, which has been formed and consolidated in this place. Under her different names, the Virgin is honored and invoked. Rosa Mystica is like an embrace of petals - the many virtues of Mary -, which enclose the amazing event of a God who became man. That Jesus, who with her "yes" she has brought to the world and whom she followed until under the foot of the cross. But also under the name "Mother of the Church", which is nothing but a further clarification of the first name because, among the many prerogatives of Rosa Mystica, it also means to continue now, in the time of the Church, i.e. the

time in which men are called to live the salvation mediated by Jesus, to protect His mystical body in which every believer, through the Word and the sacraments can meet her Son who is alive and is still operating like two thousand years ago in the Palestinian streets. It is precisely why the Marian devotion that exists here at Fontanelle is so focused on the Eucharist - remember the Worldwide Union Day of the Communion of Reparation - and everything that can improve our relationship with Jesus before and after the Eucharistic encounter. Prayer, sacrifice and penance symbolize the three roses of the statue of Rosa Mystica, i.e. the work demanded for every true conversion, which, having Jesus as model, consists in transforming our old human being into a new one. It is a devotion to Mary, Mediatrix of her Son, wanting to find a new impetus at least once a month, namely on the 13th which she has demonstrated to enjoy so many times throughout history - also think of Fatima - and that ultimately finds its synthesis

in the Hour of Grace celebrated at Fontanelle with solemnity during the feast of the Immaculate. Furthermore, as in every other Marian site, the usual practice of the Holy Rosary to which great importance is attached; a practice to which the devotees are always clinging with confidence during all these years and which continues with increasing fidelity and constancy, even in the most uncertain and difficult moments for the fate of the sanctuary of Fontanelle. One faith, one love to the Mother as a path to reach the Son, which Mary appears to love very much, at least not only due to the growing number of pilgrims who reached this place over the years, but also due all the conversions that took and are taking place here. A faith and a love of which we trust will continue to grow in the future to accomplish with a fullness that perhaps we still have not fully grasped, namely, to realize those real projects of Rosa Mistica on Fontanelle and its Source of Grace and Mercy.

By  
 Fondazione Rosa Mistica - Fontanelle



◀ This is how Fontanelle was in 1966. An old spring between the bushes, in the middle of fields. With Mgr. Novarese, today blessed, and the confessors of Pierina: Fr. Hilary Moratti and Fr. Justin Carpin.



At present the Chapel with the large statue of Rosa Mystica stands on this place (for which we must thank Archbishop Francesco Rossi, Abbot of Montichiari, on this picture together with a seminary friend, Pope Paul VI, today blessed), the Source of Grace, as it is now called, and the holy stairway.







Mgr. Gianfranco Mascher, Vicar General the Diocese of Brescia celebrates in Fontanelle together with Mgr. Marco Alba, local Episcopal Delegate, blesses the praying crowd.



Mgr. Paul Hnilitza, friend and close collaborator of the Holy Pope John Paul II, here together with Don Emilio, the first priest appointed by the Bishop of Brescia to worship in Fontanelle and Don Renzo Begni, montichiarian missionary in Venezuela.



In September 2006 a pilgrimage of 100 priests, two bishops, some nuns and a group of lay people from the United States visited Fontanelle. Here we see them portrayed in Fontanelle and in the Cathedral of Montichiari during various celebrations.



Fr. Laux, a great devotee and a zealous spreader over the world of the devotion to the Rosa Mystica, portrayed here to represent all the priests who in their country loved Rosa Mistica.







The Community of Maria Rosa Mistica Small Missionary has its headquarters in Brasilia, collaborating with the local bishop in different parishes. They have opened other houses in Panama and also in other countries. Animated by the great devotion to Rosa Mystica, many priests also work together with them, guiding many prayer groups.



Fontanelle, praying pilgrims.

A rain of roses.

### Timetable for March 2016

**Every day:** 15:00 Confessions; 16:30 H. Rosary

**Every Tuesday and Friday:**  
15:00 Confessions. 15:30 H. Rosary or Stations of the Cross  
16:30 H. Mass

**Saturday -** 15:00 Confessions. 15:30 H. Rosary.  
16:30 H. Mass, pre-festive

**Sunday and feast days:**  
15:00-17:00 Confessions; 15:00 Adoration  
15:30 H. Rosary; 16:30 High Mass

**March 4 and 5: first Friday and first Saturday**  
15:00 Adoration, H. Rosary, Confessions.  
16:30 H. Mass.

**Saturday, March 19: Feast of St. Joseph**  
according to the feast timetable

**Easter Triduum: Thursday - Friday - Holy Saturday**  
- Thursday normal hour.  
- Friday abstinence and fasting. 15:00 Stations of the Cross  
in memory of the death of the Lord  
- Saturday: Confessions and H. Rosary (no Holy Mass)

**Sunday 13: Marian Day**  
15:00-17:00 Confessions; 15:00 Adoration.  
15:30 H. Rosary; 16:30 H. Mass

**Friday, 25 – Holy Friday**  
We do not celebrate the Annunciation as it will be Good Friday.  
The celebration is thus postponed until Monday, April 4.

**N.V. Every Friday of Lent: abstinence**  
**The timetable for April remains unchanged.**  
**Modification starts on May, 1.**

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*United in prayer  
all your priests bless you!*

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