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Mary, Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church



For all the faithful who come to Fontanelle the liturgical journey of Advent and the preparation for the great solemnities of Christmas are marked in a special way by the celebrations that we experience on the day of the Immaculate Conception, in spiritual communion with many prayer groups, who all over the world experience this Marian solemnity, intensely linked to the cult of Rosa Mystica.



In particular, after the morning Mass from 12:00 to 13:00 o'clock, we have experienced the great prayer of the Hour of Grace, in the presence of hundreds of faithful gathered in a deep silence in spite of the stinging cold. Through these pages, we would like to offer everyone a paragraph of St. John Paul II, proposed this year for the Hour of Grace.

This is the solemn act of entrustment to Mary at the Jubilee of the year 2000, made in the presence of all the bishops gathered for this ex-

traordinary ecclesial event; the actuality of these words, even in our historical era, marked even more by the changes of all times, renews our desire to implore the Most Holy Virgin, Rosa Mystica "help and graces, sure that you will grant us".

Today we wish to entrust to you the future that awaits us, and we ask you to be with us on our way. We are the men and women of an extraordinary time, exhilarating yet full of contradictions. Humanity now has instruments of unprecedented power: we can turn



this world into a garden, or reduce it to a pile of rubble. We have devised the astounding capacity to intervene in the very well-springs of life: man can use this power for good, within the bounds of the moral law, or he can succumb to the short-sighted pride of a science which accepts no limits, but tramples on the respect due to every human being. Today as never before in the past, humanity stands at a crossroads. And once again, O Virgin Most Holy, salvation lies fully and uniquely in Jesus, your Son. Plead for us with your beloved Son that he may give us in abundance the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth which is the fountain of life. (...) O Mother, you know the sufferings and hopes of the Church and the world: come to the aid of your children in the daily trials which life brings to each one, and grant that, thanks to the efforts of all, the darkness will not prevail over the light. To you, Dawn of Salvation, we commit our journey through the new Millennium, so that with you as guide all people may know Christ, the light of the world and its only Saviour". (John Paul II, Act of Entrustment, October 8, 2000)

With these feelings and vigilant with Mary Immaculate, we prepare ourselves for the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus and will contemplate the wonder of this holy night, the great mystery of the Incarnation: may the announcement of Salvation overflow with its Light this historical era that we are going through as well as our path of personal conversion. May Maria Rosa Mystica support us in our journey in keeping alive our hope. Finally, I would like to wish a very peaceful Christmas with a fraternal embrace for each one of you, also on behalf of all the members of the Rosa Mystica Fontanelle Foundation, the priests and the volunteers who offer with dedication their help in these places of prayer.

Mgr Marco Alba
Episcopal delegate



Let us keep on cherishing our Mother

“Unfortunately, for family reasons, I could not personally attend the Hour of Grace celebrated in Fontanelle last December 8, the seventieth time since 1947. However, I was consoled by the news that the church was very full and that even the outside areas were crowded with believers. At the end of the Mass, the priest who presided, invited those who were not able to remain for the Hour of Grace, to leave silently in order not to disturb its celebration. Nevertheless, no one, really no one, has moved, even those who had been standing for a long time were willing to stay for another hour.”

Maybe there are some who would say, “This is just a small thing, just a detail”. Yet, in my view, this is a very important sign – among many others – of the great devotion, which, in spite of everything, still subsists in the people of God towards Mary, wherever she manifested or continues to manifest herself. I believe that a dedication at the present time is not only significant in itself, but it is also important as a vehicle towards the Christian faith as a whole. In simple words: I firmly believe that as long as the places of Marian devotion will continue to be a destination for pilgrimages and prayer and if believers, though limited in number and in increasingly difficult conditions, continue to grow in their heart

the devotion toward the Mother, the faith in Jesus and in the Holy Trinity, is not likely to lack. And this because it will be Mary, to feed it continuously, keeping alive and operating the umbilical cord that, starting from the Incarnation, binds in a new way the earth and the sky, of which she was the instrument in that time and now is its warrantee.

This is also affirmed by the first Marian dogmas, elaborated with great difficulties in the first Christian centuries and that some people treat with disdain, but which on the contrary, perfectly define the situation, i.e. the close link between the Mother and the Son, eternal bond of life, first of all for Jesus who found in his Mother's bosom his place on earth and

now for every man who wants to participate in this great mystery of grace and salvation. Mary is enabled to operate this continuous passage of grace precisely because she is both the Mother of Jesus the man and the Mother of God, that is to say, of the Word that was made flesh.

It is also that, in one form or another, Mary continues to reaffirm in all her more and more frequent apparitions in the world. She reminds all of us, often so distracted, engaged in other things, seduced by many temptations and risking more and more to drift away from the faith. "Return to Jesus", she repeats, "Keep Him in your heart, believe in His love, change your life. The joy that each of you yearns for, is not to be found in inconstant and fleeting pleasures, but is rooted in God, stay with Him by prayer". "And I", she states, "I am here for you, to help you on your journey to support you in material and spiritual difficulties, like a Mother, His Mother and your Mother".

I thought of all this when in my room, I lived my Hour of Grace in solitude, while being spiritually united to the believers in Fontanelle, asking especially

Mary

*Oh Mary, intimate presence of the Lord,
how many times have I felt your
gentle, delicate moves;
though invisible, you follow me,
you listen with compassion,
revealing me undiscovered knowledge.*

*Guide me, oh Mary, out of the prison,
which the godless man built himself,
grant me the truth of the Infinite,
lead me in my flight towards that dawn
breaking through all obscurantist
barriers of laicism.*

*The more I think back of that exile,
of all the things sliding
and overwhelming me,
plunging down in cascades in the abyss,
the more I wonder what it means
to be born again,
to relive forever in the other homeland
where you are living.*

*A thrill of joy and anxiety takes over me
when reflecting again on that moment*

*in which forever, I will close the eyes.
Finally, that gate will open up and I will see
the senselessness of the earthly world
at the very instant I enter.*

*Heaven is light without nights
and the Father is all in all as a Father
with your Son and with the ardent Spirit;
together with you, we will enjoy
Their essence
in an overflowing communion
by then free from any anguish.*

This beautiful poetry-prayer to Mary, which we publish below, was sent to us by

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Rosa Mystica for her assistance, among others, that all the faithful will not give up their Christian faith at a time when everything seems to oppose it, at a time

when everything seems to take indefinite forms. At a time when, for example, Christmas is just becoming a beautiful pagan feast to celebrate with gifts, delicious dishes, a tree, while the real gift, this extraordinary Child who came to us from Heaven, is lost on the horizon, and the symbol that expresses it for centuries, that is to say, the cradle, is more and more forgotten, if not completely denied. Or Easter, which only becomes a beautiful spring festival, more and more removed from the great mystery from which it originated, that is to say from the true spring of humanity which finds in the resurrection of Christ its true cornerstone. And so on.

We are just small beings and we have to recognize that the danger of losing ourselves can also affect all of us. Let us stay very close to Maria, Rosa Mystica, who will not fail to help us to remain faithful.

Rosanna Brichetti Messori



Mgr Edivalter Andrade, bishop of the diocese of Floriano (in the Brazilian state of Piauí) on the occasion of his trip to Italy, concelebrated the H. Mass and prayed at Fontanelle on September 17, 2017.



Holy Mass in honor of Rosa Mistica celebrated on November 13 in the Church of Maria Rosa Mystica in Maracaibo (Venezuela) where the Holy Virgin manifests her presence with fragrant oil.

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2018

Every day:

15:00 Confessions; 16:00 H. Rosary

Every Friday:

15:00 Confessions

15:30 H. Rosary or Stations of the Cross; 16:00 H. Mass

Saturday

15:00 Confessions

15:30 H. Rosary; 16:00 H. Mass - Prefestive

Sunday and feastdays

15:00-17:00 Confessions

15:00 Adoration

15:30 H. Rosary; 16:00 High Mass

Every 13th of the month: Marian Prayer Day

15:00 Confessions - Eucharistic Adoration

15:30 H. Rosary; 16:00 High Mass

Monday, January 1: - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

15:00 Confessions - Eucharistic Adoration

15:30 H. Rosary

16:00 High Mass - Act of Entrustment to Maria Rosa Mystica by mothers

Saturday, January 6 - Solemnity of the Epiphany

15:00 Confessions - Eucharistic Adoration

15:30 H. Rosary

16:00 High Mass - Act of Entrustment to Maria Rosa Mystica by children

Sunday, January 7 - Baptism of Jesus

15:00 Confessions - Eucharistic Adoration

15:30 H. Rosary

16:00 High Mass with renewal of Baptismal Promises Friday,

February 2:

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Saturday, February 3: (feast of St. Blaise)

15:00 Confessions - Eucharistic Adoration

15:30 H. Rosary

16:00 H. Mass pre-festive with benediction of the throats

SUNDAY, February 11 - 6th. Sunday of the Ordinary Time (Holy Virgin of Lourdes)

15:00 Confessions

15:30 H. Rosary

16:00 High Mass with benediction of the sick

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday - Day of fasting

Beginning of the Lenten Season

15:00 Confessions - Eucharistic Adoration

15:30 H. Rosary

16:00 H. Mass with imposition of ashes

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We have received

■ *From Bolzano* - November 9, 2017 - I am married to Elvira since 2005, we live in Bolzano and our little girl was born in 2008. After a caesarean delivery, my wife got serious health problems and in the following months she had to undergo three abdominal surgeries. Then she was diagnosed with a serious pathological disease called lupus... Lupus attacks all bones, arteries, the sight, causing hair loss, swollen feet and hands and the tongue also.

My wife showed all these symptoms. In 2011, we wanted another child. The specialists of this disease strongly dissuaded this, saying that the child could be born with the same disease, whereas for my wife, there was the threat of an irreversible coma provided that she could terminate the pregnancy. In 2015, my wife and I and our daughter, Nancy, went to the Rosa Mystica Fontanelle Sanctuary to invoke the help of the Blessed Virgin for health, work, family, but especially to express our desire to have another baby. In short: my wife became pregnant against the advice of the doctors and with a high risk of hereditary transmission of the disease to the child in her womb. Well, what to say: the nine months went along very well, the doctors were stupefied, because the child was born beautiful and healthy with big blue eyes like those of the statue of the Virgin. We received a great miracle thanks to Maria Rosa Mystica Fontanelle!

The lack of space does not permit us to publish many other beautiful testimonials co-operating in the recognition of the case; they are kept in the archive. We all feel united in prayer in the maternal heart of Maria Rosa Mystica.

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