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## THE FAVORABLE TIME TO CONVERT HEARTS.

**W**e often hear this formula repeated to describe the time of Lent, but in reality every moment, in the evangelical vision, is *Kairos*, that is, a favourable time for us to convert the heart; every moment is given to us to discover how He make Himself present, every moment is for us, it is favourable to us, it is an opportunity to love the Lord Jesus more. If this is the Christian vision of the world and of life it means that even the historical moment we are living is like this, it means that in this period no gift of Grace is missing for us, as Saint Paul would say (I Cor. 1,7) , to take the steps of our journey of conversion.

I would like to try to express the truth of this attitude, of this human position in the face of what is happening, with the words of a great Bishop, who died on the last day of 2021, a profound friend and connoisseur of our Shrine, since the first steps in its

history, i.e. Mgr Luigi Negri. In Lent 2015, addressing the faithful of his diocese of Ferrara, he said some things that resonate today perhaps in an even more topical and decisive way: “Brothers and sisters, in addition to the material poverty that challenges us – putting us in crisis, provoking us, and we could even say that it slaps us out of our comfort zone – there is another even more terrible poverty which is spiritual poverty, ethical poverty, cultural poverty. I am referring to the emptiness of convictions and certainties that grips the lives of so many men and women today, making them live in a precarious way, threatening by an increasingly inexorable emergence of inconsistencies that often lead life to a violent epilogue. Let us all feel called to a witness that bears within life the great and unique certainty that the Lord is risen and that He is the only possibility of salvation for humanity of this time and of

every time. The Church is experiencing a very serious moment, in which great possibilities emerge for a new encounter with men and at the same time characterized by great weakness: the weakness of those who risk losing the true awareness of the faith, of those who do not have a Christian discourse to live and to be proposed by those who combine glimpses derived from the life of faith with a mentality exclusively devoted to the single dominant thought, of which Pope Francis often speaks “; and again in Lent 2020, the year before his death, he exhorted every Christian: “Looking at Christ leads us into the eager and emotional perception that the Christian life will end in an inexorably positive way. The life of Christ is the life of the One who has completely renounced all plans for His own life and has filled this void – because it is

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a matter of emptiness – with an obedience that does not impose conditions. It stands before the Lord and reaches out to Him as if in an embrace, an embrace that the Christian desires to be ever more powerful, ever more radical, and ever more decisive. Lent, therefore, requires each of us to recover the sense of salvation, which has already happened, the sense of a new humanity, which is already present in our hearts and, in some way, is vibrating from within

our hearts. (...). Lent is this pedagogical path, this supreme pedagogy. The Church, certain of what has already happened, lives this period, according to a rule, so that what has already happened to us may become ever clearer to the heart and ever more deeply connected to intelligence. (...) Lent is to accept that the Presence of Christ penetrates ever more deeply into the life of each of us”.

Let us humbly accept the urgency of this invitation, for the good of us, that

of the Church and of the whole world; Rosa Mystica, our Mother, will watch over the steps of our Lenten journey, giving us eyes and hearts to see the victorious and consoling signs of the presence of her Son in times of trial.

**Mgr Marco Alba**  
Rector of the Sanctuary

## HOW TO LIVE WITHOUT GOD?

More and more often, in recent times, I have been asking myself a question that does not seem superfluous to me at all; on the contrary, maybe, it is the real fundamental one. That is to say, I am wondering how they who do not have a supernatural reference in their life, i.e. God, are able, I do not say to live happily, but also only to survive quite peacefully.

If, in fact, up to the arrival of the pandemic in which we are immersed – with all the serious problems, not only related to health – it was perhaps possible in some way to delude oneself that modern man, now grown up and aware of his strength, could be self-sufficient, without building “idols” to cling to, it seems to me that for at least two years many illusions have crashed and that he has become, as they use to say, “a naked king”. I mean that the set of difficulties in which everyone in every part of the globe find himself immersed today, have undeniably highlighted the enormous, tragic fragility of human life. Man as a being, capable with his reason of reaching ever greater goals, belongs to the unthinkable past. Yet at the same time exposed

without escape to the dynamics not always only positive, of a universe in which he finds himself immersed, needing to be on guard for the ongoing struggles even on the planet on which he lives, where the enemies are many and often invisible as, this time, a very small virus which, when magnified by microscopes, looks almost like a graceful flower, yet capable of destroying him.

Of course, there is science, this product of human reason of which we are rightly proud, which tries to find this virus in its vital dynamics, to attack and annihilate it or even, with vaccines, to prevent it. It is a pursuit that seems to have managed to contain the damage, at least the most evident ones. But that can never end because, as science itself explains, other viruses will come after this one and so on...

More obvious damage, we just said. But there are many others that are often not too highlighted, so as not to give too much space to fear. And I don't want to allude here to the economic damage, although very significant and which, often for the weakest layers of the population, is really destabilizing,

but to the deep damage, intimate with the damage which has marked the soul. To damages who have cruelly and inescapably exposed the precariousness, risk, suffering, loneliness, injustice that accompany each of us in this short stretch of life that has been our lot. All things for which we have been taught, it is true, to have always courage and in any case to learn to face and overcome difficulties and then start again without ever losing hope. So always on the move, strong, confident. But in what? In the future of humanity? A recipe for dealing with this life that we have mentioned, and which today is the most popular and which nevertheless seems to be in severe crisis. To prove this, I believe, even the numbers relating to the quantity of anxiolytic drugs (against anxiety) that are sold every year, to that of the specialists who treat the psyche in continuous growth, to the number of suicides or attempted suicides even of very young people, which lately are really very worrying, to the widespread unease evidenced by other symptoms such as family separations, feminicides, drug alcohol abuse, sex abuse. And I stop here because it is a

panorama that, alas, we all know too well.

It is a dramatic panorama in which we are all inevitably involved, also to try to give it a small answer. And it is in this sense that I too will try to humbly give mine. I too, like many today, once lived as if God were not. Also in my case it was a great pain to strip my soul and put my back against the wall. A terrible laceration which nevertheless opened the eyes of

my heart and which from then on consoled me every time. It was when I glimpsed that behind this story that we see running under our eyes and in which our life takes place, there is another parallel story. That sacred story that sees God as the protagonist and us with Him. That history which is interwoven with pain and death but also with resurrection. That story that speaks to us of a Love that wants us, that follows

us and awaits us for a blissful eternity. Which sees life as a tiring and often painful journey, but also imbued with true joy and authentic hope. And finally, of a Mother, of God and ours, Mary, who, if we want it, takes us by the hand and accompanies us with the tenderness that continually emanates from her Immaculate Heart.

**Rosanna Brichetti Messori**



*We've received*

*Father Mathew Sobichen, whom many of you know, sent us a beautiful photo of him with colleagues and students in the School named after Rosa Mystica in INDIA*

***We report the testimony of a mother who experienced the Calvary of a daughter, who in turn is the mother of a family, and was struck by a serious illness that led to her death:***

"I am writing now after such difficult days. Now I feel so much strength that comes to me from my daughter, for all the praying she has done. I wanted to tell you that I keep repeating the prayer to Rosa Mystica and Pierina, because my daughter made a fundamental step in prayer when she drank that water. Surely that water purified her inside, especially when she repeated: let us implore the gift of unity and peace for the world parched by discord. In my opinion these words led her to see where the real tumour is, which is not that of the body, but is precisely the land parched by hatred. Now I notice small miracles, because where there was previously hardness, misunderstanding and discord, now suddenly closeness and manifestations of love is reigning. Suddenly the wall has collapsed, like the Berlin wall. These are the real miracles: I continue to pray to Pierina, so that through the humility that she presents and the messages that Our Lady left her: to restore peace in families and pray for priests, Love may triumph. I feel you close; I have felt your closeness in prayer".

## TIME SCHEDULE OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2022

### DAILY

15:00 Confessions – 15:30 H. Rosary  
16:00 Eucharistic Celebration

### SUNDAY AND HOLIDAYS

10:00 H. Rosary – Confessions  
10:30 Holy Mass 16:00 -17:00 Confessions  
15:00 Adoration; 15:30 H. Rosary  
16:00 Eucharistic Celebration

### SATURDAY, February 5 – (1st Saturday of the month)

10:00 Confessions  
10:30 Eucharistic Celebration – Prayer of intercession and sacramental anointing of the sick in body and in spirit, blessing of sacramentals (water, salt and oil)

### FRIDAY, February 11 – Memory of the 1st apparition of the Holy Virgin in Lourdes – XXX World Day of the Sick

15:00 Confessions  
15:30 Prayer of the Rosary  
16:00 Eucharistic Celebration  
Eucharistic Exposition and Lourdean blessing to the sick

### SUNDAY, February 13 – Monthly Marian Day

09:30 Exposition and silent adoration of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar – Confessions  
10:30 Reposition of the Monstrance on the altar and Eucharistic Celebration  
15:30 H. Rosary  
16:00 Reposition and Eucharistic Celebration

### SUNDAY, February 20 (3rd Sunday of the month)

Day of prayer for the sanctification of the diocesan clergy

### SUNDAY, February 27 (4th Sunday of the month)

### Every Sunday in March

Offering of incense and praying intentions

### FRIDAYS of LENT

Day of penance and prayer in memory of the Passion of the Lord

In the Sanctuary, to all who take part in the community celebration of the Way of the Cross there is the possibility to get the Plenary Indulgence, according to the usual ecclesial dispositions.

15:00 Confessions – Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
15:30 Way of the Cross

### Wednesday, March 2 –ASH WEDNESDAY

Beginning of the Sacred Season of Lent – Fasting day, prayer and abstinence

15:00 Confessions  
15:30 H. Rosary  
16:00 Liturgy of the Word and rite of the imposition of the ashes

### Saturday, March 5 – 1st Saturday of the month

10:00 Confessions  
10:30 Eucharistic celebration Intercessory prayer and sacramental anointing of the sick in body and spirit  
Blessing of sacramentals (water, salt and oil)  
15:00 Confessions  
15:30 H. Rosary  
16:00 Eucharistic Celebration

### Sunday, March 6 – 13 – 20

#### I - II - III Sunday of Lent

10:00 Rosary Prayer – Confessions  
10:30 Eucharistic Celebration  
15:00 Confessions  
15:30 H. Rosary  
16:00 Eucharistic Celebration presided over by the Episcopal Vicar for the Clergy

### Saturday 19 March Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Holy Virgin Mary

Daily timetable with entrusting prayers by all fathers.

### Sunday, March 27 IV Sunday of Lent - Laetare

With the return to SUMMER TIME the afternoon celebrations are postponed by one hour. 10:00 Prayer of the Rosary Confessions  
10:30 Eucharistic celebration  
16:00 Confessions  
16:30 Way of the Sorrowful Mother  
17:00 Stational Mass

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*A fraternal cordial greeting to all the devotees of Rosa Mystica in the World. Let us always hear from each other, all united in prayer in the maternal heart of Maria Rosa Mystica.*

*Rosa Mystica Fontanelle Foundation*

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