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MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

How she touches lives today

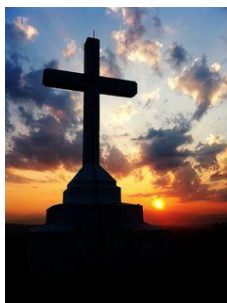
The month of May is the month that the respect and reverence of the faithful, is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. It the annual occasion for a tribute of faith and love which Christians in every part of the world bestow to the Queen of Heaven.



During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and honor. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance.

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of fervor toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church. She is the prime example, guide and inspiration of everyone who seeks to be the servant of God and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit.



Miki Janosi will soon present a special knowledge and experience of the Blessed Virgin to the Men's Group. The presentation will help acquaint you with a discussion based upon such a concept that Mary touches minds and hearts in today's' world.

God's words and promptings in our lives help us to fulfill the special Mission Statement that is unique to each man. These strategies will help to provide useful tools in fulfilling that Mission.

Let us pay close attention to the following Scripture, Catechism and our presentation.

May God bless us with His Wisdom, Work and the Means to complete the mission given to each one of us. Amen

Luke 1:46-51, 54-55 *The Canticle of Mary*

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.



A b r a h a m

Abraham is the father of our Supernatural Blood Line

The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Word of the Lord.

Catechism

2030 *God is Love*

It is in the Church, in communion with all the baptized, that the Christian fulfills his vocation. From the Church he receives

- the Word of God containing the teachings of the law of Christ.
- the Grace of the Sacraments that sustains him on the way."



From the Church he learns the example of holiness and recognizes its model and source in the all-holy Virgin Mary.

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you." Jeremiah 31:3

970 *Mary Leads Us to Christ*

Mary's function as mother of men in no way obscures or diminishes the unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows its power. The Blessed Virgin's valuable influence on men... flows forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ... and draws all its power from it.



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Miki Janosi Life Witness

Father - The image of the Virgin is found in your Church. Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared and a love that never knew sin, for you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception.

Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith.

Prepare once again a world for your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Questions to Focus on:

1 Mike's daughter was born 9 months to the day he returned from Medjugorje. Have you ever has a prayer answered after praying for something or making a pilgrimage?

2 Have you ever had the feeling that the Lord is calling you to do something? What happened? How did you respond?



Men's Group Calendar

5/23/2015	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
6/13/2015	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
6/27/2015	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
7/11/2015	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
7/25/2015	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library

- † PRAISE GOD during Happy Moments
- † SEEK GOD during Difficult Moments
- † WORSHIP GOD during Quiet Moments
- † TRUST GOD during Painful Moments
- † THANK GOD during Every Moment!

**THE PRACTICE OF
FORGIVENESS IS
OUR MOST
IMPORTANT
CONTRIBUTION
TO THE HEALING
OF THE WORLD.**

God weaves people, events, ideas, promptings into and out of our lives
in order to prepare us for His work.
Will you allow Him to prepare you?

St. Hilary Men's Group

MARY SHOWS US HOW
TO BE OBEDIENT
TO GOD.



Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself. Forgive me – the sinner that I am, and fill me with every good thing, not withholding even the gift of your most beloved son. Come dwell in my heart.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave.

Thank you for your tender mercies. I ask you to bless my family, friends and those who I meet in my comings and goings. Where there is joy, give them continued joy. Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, release in them a renewed confidence. Fill their every need with your Holy Grace.

You are indeed my Lord, God and Savior. Amen

