



Anima Mariae

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“Mercifully look down upon our tribulation, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and turn away the wrath of Thine indignation which we rightly deserve.”

Few in our world right now are not experiencing some degree of tribulation. It might be the slight bother of having to wear a face mask while shopping, or the varying degrees of trauma to families provided by the imposed homeschool situation. Or it might be the severe trial of losing one’s job. For others, it may be grave suffering from having contracted the virus, possibly receiving improper treatment, a slow recovery, or even the loss of loved ones to the disease.

All these trials and the many others are part of God’s plan for our sanctification, and for the expiation for the numberless sins that every day outrage His Divine Majesty. We must pray with Jesus in His agony, “Father, let this chalice pass from Me, yet not My will but Thine be done!” Next, if we are able to assist at Mass — or even if we can’t — we should unite ourselves and our trials with the infinite expiation offered by Jesus in the Mass, as on Calvary. We can also unite with His petition as we beg God to deliver us from evil!

Let us turn now to the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. Sr. Lucia of Fatima tells us that there is no problem that cannot be solved by the prayer of the Rosary. The Sisters are busy praying for this situation, and for all the intentions we are asked to remember — but you need to pray too! United prayer is powerful with God, even if you are praying six feet apart from one another.

Processions in honor of Our Lady for the relief of epidemics have been common over the centuries. Perhaps the most famous was that led by Pope St. Gregory in Rome during the plague of 591. The procession culminated at St. Mary Major, and was the origin of the beautiful Easter hymn *Regina Coeli*, as well as the end of the epidemic. St. Sebastian and St. Rosalia are of-

ten invoked in times of epidemic as well as the twin doctors, Ss. Cosmas and Damian.

In St. Louis, Missouri, the students and staff at St. Louis University attributed their preservation from the 1849 cholera epidemic to Our Lady. Assembled before her image, they begged her to shield them from the cholera, promising in return to place a silver crown on her statue as a lasting memorial of her love. So great was their confidence that all their fear of the dread disease vanished after the promise. Not one among them fell sick, even though the priests had worked day and night for months among the sick and dying. The university held a 2½ hour ceremony to crown the statue in fulfillment of their promise.



The staff and students of St. Louis University knelt before this statue of Our Lady to ask her protection from a cholera epidemic in 1849; not one among them fell victim to the deadly sickness.

Many famous military victories have been ascribed to the praying of the Rosary as well. Best known is the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. At the pleas of Pope St. Pius V, Catholics throughout Europe prayed the Rosary while the Christian fleet under Don Juan of Austria faced the vastly superior Ottoman fleet off the coast of Greece. The soldiers also prayed on their ships, assisted at Mass and received Holy Communion. The change in the wind which enabled the Christians to conquer was attributed to the protection of Mary.

Less known is the victory at the battle of La Rochelle in 1627, where Louis XIII led his troops against the Huguenots. Both the French citizens and the soldiers prayed the Rosary for the intention of defeating the Huguenots. The shrine to Our Lady of Victories at Notre Dame Cathedral was a commemoration of this victory.

Then in 1646, two ships, the *Encarnación* and the *Rosario*, made up Spain’s entire fleet standing against 18 Dutch warships for six months. Every day the men prayed the Rosary kneeling on the deck. After five battles,



A thoughtful friend donated two truckloads of potatoes for the Sisters to use and distribute to others in need.



For parishioners unable to attend Holy Week liturgies at St. Mary’s in Tacoma, the Sisters prepared sacramental boxes containing blessed palms, holy cards of the Passion, a white chocolate chalice, and powerful Easter water.

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In receiving blessed palms on Palm Sunday in our own cloister chapel, we came to realize that cloistered nuns only know Holy Week this way.



Sr. Mary Josephine keeps watch at the Altar of Repose at Mary Immaculate Queen Church in Rathdrum. Ordinarily this vigil would be open to parishioners.



Holding their candles, lit from the Paschal candle flame, the Sisters follow along during the chanting of the Exultet at the Easter Vigil.



The Easter vigil ceremonies were held in the cloister chapel. Missed most were the large choir and the unveiling of the statues.



Sr. Mary Genevieve joins the sodalists at Mary Immaculate Queen parish in presenting May flowers to Our Lady.



With school being cancelled, the Sisters used some of the extra time to begin work on a vegetable garden. Some man power from family and students made the job considerably easier.





Wind was a formidable obstacle to an enjoyable game of lawn Bananagrams. Outdoor games were a prelude to our Mother's Day picnic on the lawn.



Of all Mothers the best! The Sisters honored Our Lady on Mother's Day with the recitation of a "Living Rosary," offering her flowers with our Aves.



Forget free ranging! The chickens at the Novitiate follow Sister Alena hoping for a treat. (Inset) Easter morning began early with walking Lily, the milk cow, who was suffering from bloat, a dangerous condition for cattle.



Better safe than sorry! The Novitiate took up the challenge to plant a HUGE garden this year, more than doubling the planting area.



On Ascension Thursday, we had the opportunity to play with ten 10-week old retriever puppies. Sister Maria looks on as Sister Alena shows a puppy to Sister Mary Paula.



Armed with a dust mask and electric sander, Sister Mary Cecilia works on the altar at Saint Joseph's in Olathe, Colorado. The Sisters have been doing detail work in the new church.

Our Apostolate of Prayer

Are you or someone you love in need of special prayers? Send your intentions to the Sisters to be remembered in our daily prayers, Masses and good works.



the Dutch finally admitted defeat and left for good. The sailors fulfilled their vow and went barefoot to the shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary at Manila.

In our own country, Colonel Jackson owed his victory at the Battle of New Orleans to the Rosary as well. Families of the soldiers as well as a convent of Ursuline Sisters prayed throughout the battle for the American troops, who came to the Sisters' chapel to offer their thanks after the defeat of the British.

Now we come to some peaceful revolutions. Slower than the bloody battles, they were effective in overcoming the atheistic ideologies which were being forced upon these nations by their communistic rulers.

In the aftermath of World War II, Austria was given over to the communists. Fr. Petrus Pavlicek began a Rosary Crusade for the intention of ending communism in Austria and throughout the world. The first processions were small, but in time they swelled to over half a million people and included government officials as well as all the nation's bishops. Finally, in October of 1955 the Soviet forces left Austria permanently.



A Rosary Crusade drove Soviet forces out of Austria in 1955.

In the face of communism in Brazil in 1964, the women of the country took to the streets praying the Rosary. The communist leaders scoffed. The marches continued, eventually numbering over 600,000 participants. After about four years of repeated public Rosary marches in many of the main cities of Brazil, these peaceful demonstrations

Calendar

July	12	Sr. Mary Veronica's feastday
	13-17	Classes for the teaching Sisters
	26-31	Camp St. Philomena (see CMRI.org for details)
August	9	Sr. Marie Vianney's feastday
	11	Sr. Philomena Marie's feastday
	11-16	Ladies' Retreat & Get-away at Mount St. Michael
	15	Feast of the Assumption BVM
	18	Sr. Helen Marie's feastday
	22	Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
	28	Sr. Augustine Marie's feastday
Sept.	16	Sr. Mary Andrea's feastday
	17	Sr. Sophia Marie's feastday
	29	Feast of St. Michael: Titular feast of St. Michael's Convent
		Sr. Michael Marie's feastday

Sisters' Summer Support



The Sisters have no income from tuition during the summer while our schools are closed.

As this is our main means of support, please consider sending a donation to help us with our needs over the next few months.

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finally drove the communists out without any bloodshed.

So no matter what problem we are facing, whether it be the COVID-19 pandemic, the usurpation of totalitarian dictators, economic hardships, health or family problems, there is no problem that cannot be solved through prayer, and particularly through the Rosary — while at the same time we offer up all the crosses that come our way in reparation for the sins by which Our Lord is offended.

A New Way to Honor Our Lady

The month of May had almost passed without the usual Marian devotions at St. Mary's Parish in Tacoma: namely, the presentation of flowers at Our Lady's shrine and the May crowning. One parishioner wasn't going to let COVID-19 stop ancient Catholic customs, so she organized a Marian motorcade.



Our Sisters in Tacoma help put finishing touches on the Marian motorcade shrine for a drive through the city on Memorial Day weekend.

On Sunday, May 24, feast of Mary, Help of Christians, seven vehicles, including one driven by the Sisters, followed a truck carrying a shrine to Our Lady decked in garlands of flowers. The cars and vans were painted with familiar Marian phrases, and flowers were held out of the windows.

Just before the shrine was blessed by the pastor, Fr. Michael Anaya, an amusing incident took place. Ice cream trucks, usual enough in the neighborhood, became very unusual as two pulled up and several clowns jumped out, handing out free ice cream. Free ice cream! The occasion? It was a birthday, and with all the coronavirus craziness in the world, the lady wanted to spread a little joy by handing out free ice cream! A reasonable solution.

The motorcade finally set off, its route taking it to various parishioners' homes where family members came out to present flowers to Our Lady, which were added to the bier on which she rested. Parishioners who lived at a distance were able to honor Our Lady at designated parking lots. In all, the procession took over three hours, and gave Catholics in various suburbs the opportunity to give public expression to their devotion to our Mother and Queen.

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