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This  
Month's  
Highlight:

**Redemption**



*"The more the Holy Ghost finds Mary, His dear inseparable spouse, in any soul, the more active and mighty He becomes in producing Jesus Christ in that soul, and that soul in Jesus Christ."*

St. Louis de Montfort

FROM the FOUNDER:

Dear Children of Mary...

When Our Lady told Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception", She gave Herself a title that is proper to the Holy Spirit. And in doing so She told us that all the actions of the Holy Spirit come to us through Her. As a consequence of God choosing Her to cooperate with His actions as God toward man, in a way that makes Her indispensable in the work of salvation and redemption, He is telling us much about our value and worth to Him. God choosing His Son as the redeemer is natural since He is God as well, but in choosing an only human person, He is telling us that we too, by giving our fiat, are vessels of the action of the Holy Spirit.

She was and always will be the "full of grace", as the angel told Her. We too can be, relatively speaking, other full of graces. How? By allowing God to give us what He wants to give us, which is more grace. Our Lady gave more to God by allowing Him to give to Her than by the giving itself. It is true that She became the co-redemptrix by Her union with Jesus suffering in His passion and death, but She could not have given that fiat if She had not first said fiat to receiving Him as Her child. It is the nature of giving, that we must first receive, and in this Our Lady never denied the graces and gifts that God Our Father wanted to give to Her.

It is the secret to being generous, to have experienced someone being generous to us. So let us say our fiat to Our Father's requests of us to allow Jesus to dwell in us. Will it be without the Cross? No. But it will be with the grace to make us more good, more loving, more humble, more meek, more patient, more generous, more filled with Faith Hope and Charity, which are the things that last into eternity. "And the greatest of these things is Charity." Amen.

God bless you and Mary keep you  
Br. Mariamartin de la Cruz





# REDEMPTION

I want to speak from my heart here and not be concerned about proving what I say, so this will not be as theological, but more of a shoot from the hip sort of thing.

Redemption means you don't have to be perfect to be loved or to go to heaven. It means that all our mistakes are not the end of the world. It means that even our sins, those acts that are wilfully and consciously bad do not mean we lose our salvation forever. It means that evil doesn't win, and that pain and suffering and hurts and trauma can actually become a means of good and grace, and not just be pain and suffering and hurt and trauma. It means that good can come out of evil, yes really, good can come out of evil. Redemption means that we don't have to go mad incessantly trying to prevent all evil from happening in our lives or the lives of those around us, as if it were up to us to make sure everything goes perfectly in our lives, as if we were God, and had the power and ability to arrange everything in our lives to never get hurt by anything or allow anything bad to happen. It means that God is a savior that can redeem, can make up for, can change because He can create, make something out of nothing, make nothing out of something, can cleanse, heal, purify, unite, take away, form, bend, break, destroy, renew; turn something into whatever the situation calls for. Whatever harm comes our way, whether it is caused by us or something or someone outside us, He can take it into Himself and make it what it needs to be for our good. It is the power of Divine Charity, the love of a Father for His children.

I realize that most people have a hard time believing this, mostly because they have had experiences in which they were harmed and and no one in their lives helped to redeem those experiences. Perhaps they were too young to be able to seek this for themselves. Perhaps their parents did not know how themselves. Perhaps they were too ashamed to ask for help, or even did not know they needed help. Perhaps they did not know they were harmed because they were too young and ignorant. Perhaps bad influences, or bad role models taught them to accept evil, bad or harm as a matter of course, taught them to live as victims without redemption. Perhaps they never had a friend who loved them enough to show them what redemption really is and that it truly exists and is for them. Whatever the reason, most people do not know, have not fully experienced this redemptive love, and therefore do not fully realize and experience the great gift they have in Jesus. They spend so much time and effort trying to ensure their own happiness by attempting to prevent all possible harm.

But it is the poor in spirit who are rich in grace, those who weep who are comforted, those who are persecuted who receive a hundred fold in this life and the next, those who suffer who have God as their friend, those who are merciful, those who forgive even when it is not deserved or sought, who receive mercy and are true children of the Father who rains on the just and the unjust alike.

God has loved us so much as to give us a way to live with sorrow. Sorrow is a part of life whether we have a relationship with God or not. We may not suffer the same things with a life in God as opposed to a life without Him, but we will suffer nevertheless; it is part of the human condition and experience. But in God it has meaning and purpose and can be transformed into good and graces for ourselves and others. To me it is the difference between suffering for suffering's sake and suffering that brings life and creates and restores all things to good and gives peace to our very souls, to the deepest depths of our being.

Jesus said, “unless a grain of wheat dies it will not give life.” Jesus did the ultimate in generosity and compassion for our sufferings. He made it so death is not an end, it is always followed by resurrection. So death gives life, sorrow brings joy, suffering brings comfort, pain brings relief, and sin brings God’s pity because He knows the misery it causes us. Everything that our human nature tries to avoid in order to avoid sorrow can be a means of inviting God into our lives in a deeper and more intimate way. And because He is our Father, who created us out of love for us, He will not refuse to give us what we ask, and even more, what we truly need.

No other religion has a redeemer. They have their holy men, teachers, prophets and lawgivers. They all have a path, some to human perfection, some to prosperity, some to moral virtue, some to peace in this life. Many are the gods that are sacrificed to, but no other god has sacrificed Himself for us. No other god has taken upon Himself the sins of the world from beginning to end to make us His sons and daughters. No other god gives Himself as the means to Himself. No other god says, “I made you to love you, to give to you, and to have you with Me for all eternity in perfect joy and happiness.” No other god says, “no matter what you do, how much you fall or fail, no matter your sins, if you’ve known Me or not, no matter if you’ve left me, if you don’t believe in Me or love Me, no matter where you’ve come from or where you want to go, no matter if you are weak, poor, no matter what you’ve suffered at the hands of others or of your own doing; come to me as you are and I will make it better, give to me and I will carry the burden for you, repent and I will pay the price for you. I will be the scapegoat, the whipping boy, the sacrificial lamb. Give to me, I will do what you can’t. I did not come to condemn but to save. I am the Love, I am the Mercy, I am the Redeemer, and I came for you.” Amen.



This Month Jesus gave a message to Anne (Direction for Our Times) that is a great aid for living our life-journey in true freedom.

My dear apostles, I am directing you. I am giving you guidance. I am prompting you, again and again. Do you hear Me? Are you learning to separate My voice from the voices of the world? Do you hear Me when I urge you to greater and greater abandonment? You are suffering, I know. I am listening to your prayers and I am with you in your pain. Please do not think that you are experiencing suffering simply because you are serving Me. Look at those who do not serve Me or even those who do not know Me. Are their lives free from suffering? I am helping you to reject the temptation to believe that if you were not walking this path with Me you would be freed from suffering. It is not true. It would be true to say that if you were not united to Me, you would be suffering without the benefit of My companionship. Such lonely suffering. Such hopeless pain. Instead, I offer you the widest variety of consolations. I offer you understanding of the relationship between sacrifice and holiness. I offer you soothing graces to assist you in preparing your soul for heaven and bringing others comfort and grace. Dearest apostles, you are surrounded by heaven. You are surrounded by grace which supports you, even when you feel you are unsupported. If you feel you cannot stand, allow yourself to fall back and rest in My arms. I will care for you and give you all that you need to continue. Your life is changing, it is true. This should not alarm you. You should expect your life to change as I draw you more and more fully into the plan that I have for your time of service to heaven. It is always the way that I bring you forward, never backward. There is always movement and change. If you were to reject service to Me, your life would still change. Change comes in life whether you are serving heaven or not serving heaven. You may wonder why I am telling you these things. I am helping you to resist the temptation to attach your commitment to Me to suffering. If you are suffering, it is because suffering is part of My plan for you. Each life will include suffering. Beloved apostles, you are trying so hard to serve heaven. Please believe that heaven is serving you, too. You are protected and loved. You need only remain on the course I have laid out for you and all will be well.

(February 1, 2010)

Reportedly, St. Terese of Lisieux is to have said, “The more we trust Him the more we enable Him to act.”



# Real *Love* & True *Hearts*



Our Lady of Fatima:

"My Immaculate Heart will never abandon you, but will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."  
6/13/1917

## God is Love ....

Love is...  
Patient,  
Kind,  
Grateful,  
Upright & of Pure Intent,  
Childlike & Simple,  
Generous,  
Seeks the Good of Others,  
Meek & Forgiving,  
Rejoices in the Truth  
& What is Good,  
Believes, Hopes, Endures  
All Things...

### Love Endures Forever!

(1st Cor. 13 Adapted)

"The heart is the Home of God"  
God the Father  
Seeing w/the Eyes of the Soul

 "In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph."  
7/13/1917  
Fatima 

"Freedom" is a true "Peace" in your hearts,..."  
12/12/04  
OL Emmitsburg

TLIG  
"My Sacred Heart Is Your Heaven"  
11/28/96  
&  
"Set Our Two Hearts Like A Seal On Your Heart-----  
Let Your Heart Be Like A Garden"  
10/2/91

  
"Only in the simplicity of your hearts is your salvation."  
9/15/07  
Queen of Peace

Why suffering?  
The Father points to His Divine Paternal Heart & says;  
"This is the point of it..."

"Your hearts are the portals of peace in this world and the next."  
God t/Father  
"Seeing..."  
11/28/99

Seeing w/t. Eyes of the Soul  
Bk 3/59

*"There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment, and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love.*

1 Jn. 4:16 & 18



# Liturgical Calendar: FEBRUARY

(not on calendar) / Sunday overrides memorial

February 2010

- 2 The Presentation of the Lord (F)
- 3 Sts. Blasé & Ansgar (OM)
- 5 Agatha (M)
- 6 Sts. Paul Miki and Companions (M)
- 8 St. Jerome Emiliani, St. J. Bakhita (OM)
- 10 St. Scholastica (M)
- 11 Our Lady of Lourdes (OM)
- 17 Ash Wednesday (Fast)- Lent begins
- 22 Chair of St. Peter (F)
- 23 St. Polycarp (OM)

*+Though St. John tells us we all sin, it's important to differentiate that "sinners", St. Bernadette clarified, were those who loved sin.+*



This month there were not enough free monthly Saint pictures online to make the Guess the Saints game.

## The Right Spirit of Lent

Our Lady Of Joy (Emmitsburg)

has some wonderful things to say about this time of the Church season...

April 13, 1997

The meaning of Lent is Love and Joy. It is the fulfillment of the Scripture. The Lenten season should not be viewed as a time of hardship, but as a time of joy to share in the Love of Jesus.

More can be found these dates on below link

**March 05, 1998**  
**February 24, 2008**

<http://www.centeroftheimmaculateheart.org/>

## Do You have Questions?



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