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This
Month
Highlights:

God's Indwelling



“They shall be little and poor in the world’s esteem, and abased before all like the heel, trodden underfoot and persecuted as the heel is by the other members of the body. But in return for this they shall be rich in the grace of God, which Mary shall distribute to them abundantly.”

St. Louis de Montfort

FROM the FOUNDER:

Dear Children of Mary...

Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday) is the last Sunday in March this year. Jesus knew what awaited Him when He entered Jerusalem. He was not taken in by the adulation of Hosanas thrown His way. He knew they were only zealous for an earthly kingdom that they believed the Messiah would bring, and that when He would be condemned to the cross the Hosanas would turn into “crucify Him.”

Let us not be deceived either. As long as there is sin in the world, there will be suffering. And as long as the adversary of our souls is allowed, good will be persecuted. As St. John says in the book of revelation, “the accuser of our brothers is cast out, who night and day accused them before God.” Persecution from the evil one will have an end when the promise of Our Lady is fulfilled in the era of peace. Until then we will have our share of this cross. And in return for this we shall receive an abundance of graces from Our Lady, as St Louis says.

If we want for these graces to take full effect we must learn to suffer well. One of the keys to suffering well is to surrender it all to Our Lady. Allow Her to transform it in us and to mould us from it that it may be fruitful. If we focus inordinately on our suffering it becomes like toxicity in our souls the way spoiled food is for our bodies. If we allow Her to be sovereign over our suffering, we shall be free of added anxiety, and trust that Providence shall watch over us and we will be made holier and obtain graces for ourselves and others.

Suffering is no longer a mark of punishment like that of Cain’s, but a mark of predilection for those He desires to make into a perfect image of His Son. May we have the courage to allow Her to do so.

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



From left to right : St. Katherine Drexel
St. Casimir, St. Colette, Sts. Perpetua & Felicity,
St. John of God, St. Patrick, St. Joseph, The Annun-
ciation & St. Toribio



God's Indwelling



I would like to reflect on the indwelling of the Holy Trinity. God literally dwells in us by grace. Why? Well, for what it does for us, and for what it does for Him. He truly enjoys dwelling in His children. When you love someone you enjoy their presence no matter what you are doing. He is the same with us. Only He made us and so He really knows us, He knows who He made us to be, and so He can delight in the person of who we are even more.

He considers it His greatest pleasure to dwell in us. Why? Because that is love, love is always about being united with the one loved. And Our Father does not just love but is Love, which means He can only love, and that all His actions are love. It is His nature to love and that means it is His nature to give and to give generously. And since He knows He is what we need, He wants to dwell in us so that He can give us more and more in order to make us truly happy.

Some may be tempted to think His indwelling is about worthiness. But if His desire to dwell in us were about worthiness, in the true sense of the word, He would not desire it, for "who is like unto God", as St Michael told Lucifer. But it is about His love for us, the love He had in creating us, the love He

had in dying for us, the love He has for us in desiring for us to be with Him for all eternity, which was His purpose in creating us. I realize most of us had not quite right models of parenting, and therefore believe God only loves us when we are perfect and does not want to be with us when we aren't, and that we not only need to heartily repent but make up for it by an excessive show of sacrifices, but Our Father is not like that.

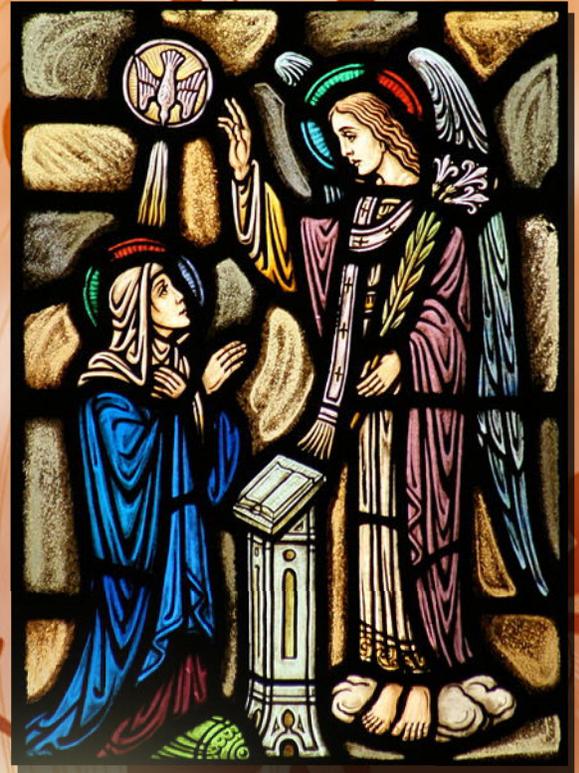
He understands us, and knows when we have good will and good intentions and how hard we try but that weaknesses get the better of us and how we just can't seem to rid ourselves of certain imperfections or compulsive behavior. But what is offensive to God is not weakness but bad will, the will and desire to do evil, knowing full well its evil and sinning without repentance.

By His indwelling He not only manifests His love for us but His desire to be in communion with us. So let us converse with Him who dwells in us. Let us cultivate this relationship of interior love. Let us give ourselves generously to this Presence whose only desire is to pour Himself into us that we may experience what it is to belong to Him, to be loved, saved, redeemed, transformed, sanctified, divinized and eternally happy. Amen.

COLLAGE

ANNUNCIATION

*Let it be done to me
according to thy word...*



Liturgical Calendar: MARCH

(not on calendar) / Sunday overrides memorial

- 3: St. Katherine Drexel
- 4: St. Casimir
- 6: (St. Colette)
- 7: (Perpetua & Felicity)
- 8: St. John of God
- 9: Frances of Rome
- 15: Fr. Eusebio Kino
- 17: St. Patrick
- 18: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
- 19: St. Joseph (S)
- 23: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo
St. Rafqa Rayes
- 25: Annunciation of the Lord (S)



Can you guess this months Saints?
Answers on bottom of pg.2



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Questions?



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*A Blessed Palm Sunday
& Holy Week
to Everyone!*