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NEWSLETTER



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Feature: “Trust in our
Consecration.”

Your Questions answered by
SDBV Founding Father
Br. Mariamartin de la Cruz

The Feasts of September

**This
Month:**

Calendar of Saints
Highlights
Bl. Mother Teresa
September 5th



The Sons & Daughters of the Blessed Virgin Welcome You!

FROM the FOUNDER:

Dear Children of Mary...

SDBV would like to welcome you to our Newsletter which we will be publishing monthly and sending to all who donate \$20 or more. It will feature a small highlight of a saint of the month, a question and answer, a list of the saints feast days for the month, and a little blurb from me on whatever I decide to blurb about.

Today I would like to encourage you to trust in your Consecration to Mary, and your Consecration to the Father if you have made your consecration to Him. St. Louis De Montfort says that as long as we do not formally renounce our consecration, Our Lady is always active on our behalf, even if we are not conscious of it or purposely participating in it. Therefore our consecration is always at work mystically in our souls, obtaining for us everything for our good. There are times when we suffer greatly and do not have the ability to consciously think of God or have the strength to give anymore. Sometimes it feels as if the full weight of the Cross is on our heart, overwhelming us to the point of moral exhaustion, and it feels as if we haven't the ability to seek for ourselves. Well, these are times when God allows us to feel the depths of our weakness without supernatural support and without experiencing His presence or consolation, just like Jesus did in His Agony in Gethsemene. All that is left is to trust and depend on our consecration. To trust and depend on our consecration is to trust and depend on Our Father, Jesus, and Our Lady for it is They to whom we are consecrated.

God bless you and Mary keep you
Br. Mariamartin



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

This month we celebrated the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin.

The Church celebrates it on Sept. 8th because it is 9 months after the Immaculate Conception which is celebrated on Dec. 8th. Our Lady told Vicka in Medjugorje that she was born on Aug. 5th. So I guess we can celebrate it twice!

From left to right: St. Gregory the Great, Triumph of Cross &/or Our Lady of Sorrows, St Francis of Assis with Stigmata, St. Matthew, St. King Wenceslaus, St. Michael & St Jerome.

Q & A's



Q: What is the meaning of the parable of the talents?

A: What are talents? A Roman talent was a measure of weight which was used as a measure of money. A gold talent is a sum of money which would equal about \$660,000. in US currency today. A silver talent would be worth about \$6,500.

What is Jesus representing with the talents? He is using a talent to represent the graces God gives to men. He gives more to some less to others. Many people understand it to mean the natural talents which people are gifted with, but that is not the case. Some people are asked to give up their talents and receive supernatural gifts that they had no previous ability in, in order to give greater glory to God, and not allow for people to attribute to men the work of God in and through men.

Why does the man given one talent bury his? He does not want to work, he is slothful. He was also fearful, but not fearful due to abuse or maltreatment, but out of wickedness. When someone is afraid due to being abused, they do not have a bad will but the good will of preserving their good. They may have difficulty thinking of another's good above their own, but their desire to preserve the graces they have been given shows good will and gratitude to God who gave to them. This man did not care about His master's desires or interests. The abused person has a disability of sorts, the unjust servant has full ability but a bad will.

If the man who gives the talents to the servants represents the Father, then why does he appear mean and unjust? Since God is just and merciful, we must understand that He is severe because the man is unjust and wicked in his intentions; he has a bad will. Our Father gives according to true ability, therefore the man was given responsibility for something that he was fully capable of and was simple and easy to fulfill as well, as the master stated, "you could have put it in the bank to draw interest at least." So his burying of the coin is an excuse for his not wanting to work at all. And again, his lack of desire to work is not because he is overwhelmed with a responsibility he truly can't handle. He is very capable or he would not have been given the task. He simply has no interest in the Father's will, only his own will to do nothing.

From those who met her...

September 5th marks the memorial of Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. It seems that anyone who has met her has an "experience" that they will never forget. How many times when people wrote (as we did once), emailed or asked her to visit-- she responded *herself*! She made herself totally touchable and available, such was her poverty.

Here's one man's story: "When I shook her hand the 2 things I remember are-- How firm her grip was, how strong... and her features were more clear and striking than in any picture... and looking into her eyes I froze as if I was pulled out of time, ... all I could say was "thank you, Mother." He also recounts how there was a priest there who asked for her blessing but she refused saying, No, it is you who must bless me! And humbled, the priest did so.



The official site for the cause of her canonization is <http://www.mogetherteresacause.info/>

"We are not social workers. We may be doing social work in the eyes of some people, but we must be contemplatives."

Liturgical Calendar: SEPTEMBER

(not on calendar) / Sunday overrides memorial

- 3 St. Gregory the Great
- 5 (Bl. Mother Teresa)
- 8 The NATIVITY of the BL. VIRGIN
- 9 St. Peter Claver
- 12 The Holy Name of Mary
- 13 Saint John Chrysostom
- 14 The Triumph of the Holy Cross
- 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
(St. Catherine of Genoa)
- 16 St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian
- 17 St. Robert Bellarmine
(The Stigmata of Saint Francis)
- 18 (St. Joseph of Cupertino)
- 19 St. Januarius
(Our Lady of La Salette)
- 20 St. Andrew Kim
- 21 St. Matthew
- 23 St. Pio of Pietrelcina
(Our Lady of Ransom)
- 24 Sts. Cosmas and Damian
(The Holy North American Martyrs)
- 28 St. Wenceslas
- St. Lawrence Ruiz & co.
- 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
- 30 St. Jerome



Can you guess this months Saints?
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Do You have Questions?



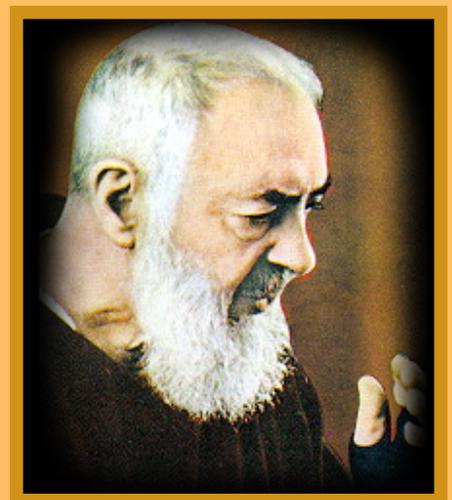
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