

Meditation #1 October 18, 1998. Meditation on the Incarnation of Jesus

(SE #101-109)

Dear God, I beg You to please give me the grace that the three powers of my soul—my memory, my intellect, and my will—will be for the greater glory of God. Immediately, I thought, “I think about this all the time, there is nothing new I am going to learn.” After practicing the discernment of spirits, I determined that this idea did not come from the Holy Spirit, so I disregarded it, went to the church, and meditated for an hour.

The faces of the Trinity are looking at each other, our beautiful creation, and ungrateful men going astray. Men are cutting “spiritual corners” because they think they know better and Satan is snaring them. The Father is very kind but authoritative looking, with white hair and beard. The chests of all three are attached to each other and the Sacred Heart of Jesus is at the center, exposed and radiant. I do not clearly see the face of the Holy Spirit. As I watch, all the different peoples on earth, in great blindness, wounding and killing, go down to death and descend into hell. Together the Holy Trinity says, “It is time.” Those words echo in **My Memory**, “It is time. It is time.”

My Intellect starts asking, “WHY wait? Why not save us sooner?” God let 4,000 years go by. 2,000 years from Adam to Abraham, 2,000 years from Abraham to Jesus.

I am a trouble-shooting engineer. If there are no problems, I am not needed. People take things for granted when things go WELL. When there are many problems, and a long time goes by, and they can't fix it, I look like a hero for coming up with a correct solution. If I present the same solution and it is accepted at the beginning, and it works, everyone says, “No big deal, thanks, good-bye.”

I understand the wisdom of God for waiting, and it gives me great enthusiasm and great hope. Jesus will come again at the proper time. It is good for man's humility to have advanced technology. Our technology is so advanced that we have the ability to destroy ourselves, but even though we are foolish sinners, Jesus will save us. In the future, people will say: “Look at those people, who sent satellites out of the solar system, yet were so proud and rebellious that the Antichrist caught them.” Digital technology will record what a big mess we are in. It will be used to give glory to God when he saves us.

We tried all other methods, but our failures will prove that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Secondly, our pride causes problems. God uses humble Mary to help fix them. When God exalts Mary, God is exalting humility for everyone to imitate.

My Will. I resolve to try to be more humble. I will no longer despair over the sinful conditions of the world, but will have great hope that WHEN Jesus saves us it will give great glory to God.

Meditation #2 Praise Divine Majesty

(SE #23)

WE ARE CREATED TO PRAISE, REVERENCE, AND SERVE HIS DIVINE MAJESTY, AND THUS TO SAVE MY SOUL (SE #23).

Steps during meditation:

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I draw a blank. Nothing comes to my mind.

Use the MEMORY to repeat the sentence. We are created to praise, reverence and serve His Divine Majesty, and thus to save my soul.

I begin Praising Jesus, my God and Creator.

Decided to make a holy hour to praise, reverence and serve His Divine majesty. Christ the King is the Eucharist.

During the holy hour, I use my INTELLECT to ponder how “other things” help us to attain the end for which we were created. For example a car.

A car transported us here to the retreat, which helps me to attain the end for which I was created.

A car could transport us to a movie theater or a bar to waste time or fill memory with moral decay.

Is the car good or bad? I have to make good use of all “other things.”

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Long life/short life – Everything is short when compared to eternity.

WILL: Use “other things” to give glory to God; to praise, reverence, and serve the Master by making a holy hour every day. Presently, I attempt to do a holy hour every day, and I know it is important, but sometimes, there are things to do, people to see, places to go, and the holy hour gets left out. This meditation will help me focus on the purpose for which I was created.

Meditation #3 THE FALL OF THE ANGELS

(SE # 45-54)

Dear God I beg you to please give me the grace that the three powers of my soul—my memory, my intellect, and my will—will be for the greater glory of God.

MEMORY: What do I see, hear?

All angels are happy, I see several choirs of angels. Of all their differences, Lucifer is the most beautiful, and he is acting like a good parent to the others.

God's Will included creatures who were going to be more beautiful than Lucifer.

Lucifer means "carrier of light." These new creatures would be the "bearers of light." The Light of God would actually live inside of them.

Pride broke out. Lucifer did not say God is good, wise. The truth is that he loved his position more than he loved God and the other angels.

When he found out the creature of the Blessed Mother was going to be more beautiful than him, he said, "I will not serve!"

The angels were asked to help humans out of love, so we could receive Holy Communion and be sons and daughters of God. This would raise their position in heaven also; but envy entered them, because we were given the opportunity to grow more than them. The grapes of their soul fermented with envy, pride, and changed love into hatred.

One act of pride has them lost in the fires of hell. How many times do I harbor thoughts of pride, envy, or jealousy?

What would I have done if I were in Lucifer's place? Serve or not serve?

Thank you God for leading me not into temptation.

Third point- One mortal sin, and they are in the fires of hell forever. How often do I deserve it? Sin is showing ingratitude towards God. Thank you Jesus for giving me so many chances and for strengthening me by Your grace.

MEMORY: While growing up, I was mad at God because my favorite football team did not win. How foolish. How unfair to be mad at God. How insignificant that game was. How long forever is.

It is hard to accuse God, when you see Him on the Cross. Jesus tries so hard to save us. He truly loves us, and wants to live in us. He gives Himself to us. This gift is so precious that creatures will spend all of eternity in hell out of jealousy for what God gives us. I am too lazy to welcome Him into my body with love. I am too lazy to adore Him. Dear God, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Jesus please strengthen me so I do not become proud or envious.

Thank you, and I look forward to spending eternity with You in heaven.

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Meditation #4 MEDITATION ON HELL

(SE# 65- 71)

Dear God, I beg you to please give me the grace that the three powers of my soul—my memory, my intellect, and my will—will be for the greater glory of God.

MEMORY: The meditation started by recalling yesterday's thoughts. I was walking around the town of Garabandal and then turned onto a quiet path.

INTELLECT: I am in a test similar to Lucifer's. I find out that the Blessed Mother will have a higher position in heaven than me. Envy and pride ferment in my "heart of love," and turn it into hatred for God and His creatures. God wants me to help these "humans" get greater glory than me; I say, "I will not serve!"

The real life memory of being mad at God over a football game comes back. I remember becoming angry because my favorite team was losing. I curse God and accuse Him. As I am pointing my finger at God, St. Michael the Archangel grabs me by the back of the neck. As one would thrust a spear into the ground, he flips me over and thrusts me into hell. Plunging down at a very fast speed, I see souls in a whirlpool of hot lava.

At that moment during my walk along the path, I smell the strong odor of manure and try to avoid it. In hell, there is no avoiding the foul smell of sulfur forever and ever.

I hear loud screams, curses, and swearing everywhere. As I plunge further into hell, the pain intensifies. Other souls are punching me, and I am punching and kicking back.

I remember that someone once said, "If Jesus would say to a damned soul, I will forgive you, stop cursing and say you are sorry and enjoy heavenly bliss," the damned soul would say, "Never!," and then curse God and plunge himself into hell.

As I fall deeper into hell, I see Jesus. In a heroic way, He dives through a window towards me. His arms open wide as He falls and I see His motion stop as He is now on the Cross, calling out to me. In spite of how hard He tries to save me and inspire my heart to stop cursing, I continue to plunge. I see Mary crying. I understand that She is crying because one of Her children, whom She loves, is being lost forever in the fires of hell.

Realizing how wrong and foolish I have been, I look at her tears and cry out "Mercy!"

With that, I find myself in the last rung of the fires of Purgatory. My hands and body are burning as I hang on, but I know I have been saved from spending all of eternity in hell. A big smile comes across my face. What a break!

WILL: I resolve to respond to Mary's call and offer up prayers and sacrifices, so that sinners will not make the foolish mistake of choosing hell, forever and ever.

Meditation #5 MEDITATION ON TWO STANDARDS

(SE # 136-148)

STANDARD ONE:

The devil appears very large in size. The smoke looks like a large thundercloud, very turbulent, with fire. His growl sounds like thunder. I am still in the last ring of Purgatory and the Lord shows me a vision of my eternal life in hell if I had not called on His Mercy.

I am among them now. They all hate God. I notice the demons are very afraid of the devil. They cannot attack God or the devil, so they release their fear and hatred by attacking humans, in any way that God allows them.

The devil tells them how to fish for men. The bait is riches.

We are in Naperville, one of Chicago's suburbs. I see some nice homes and white picket fences. There are swings and slides in several of the small, but well-kept yards. At every house there is a demon whispering; "You need a bigger house, a better car, so everyone knows that you are a winner, you are a success. You must be better than that stupid, mediocre neighbor of yours, who will never amount to anything. He is a loser, a failure. You must take out a loan and buy a bigger car so everyone knows you are a success. That is what is important, and it will be true, because when your neighbors see that car, they will say, "Wow, look at that car, he must be very wealthy, very successful."

The man works more hours than a slave. He neglects God and his family. The chains are around him. Without mental prayer, he is blind to the situation. He thinks he is free, but he is the hardest working slave. He will get human applause and human envy as his only reward on earth, then all of eternity in hell afterwards. The man is empty, and is already starting to curse and blame God for his miserable life.

STANDARD TWO:

Then I am back in another part of town. Jesus is with His disciples. He sends them to catch men also, using poverty instead of riches, insults instead of applause, humility instead of pride.

His disciples go around catching souls like fish for Christ, but the fish do not like the bait. All of the people run away from the disciples. The disciples get discouraged and become lukewarm. They think, "How can we evangelize them, if they do not respect us? We must have nice cars so they think we are successful." They get so preoccupied with this that they do not have time to love God or their neighbor.

Things do not go well, the whole Church and its evangelization effort suffers.

Then God says, "Here is our Lady. She is My gift to you. Holy Mother is very easy to love, and as you spend time with Her, She will teach you how to love Jesus—Eucharistic Jesus, the Bible, and the Mystical Body, the Church. She will teach you how to love Jesus so much that all temptations, frustrations, and distractions will seem like straw. She will teach you how to love using mental prayer, and how to unmask the deceptions of the enemy. She will show you how to use mental prayer so that you will build up your treasure in heaven."

The disciples went all over the world promoting "True Devotion to Mary," and the "Triumph of the Immaculate Heart" occurred. They came to love Jesus the way Mary did: with Her whole heart, mind, soul, and body.

During the meditation my INTELLECT makes me realize that it takes VIRTUE to love Eucharistic

Jesus: faith, hope, and most importantly love. However, even a monster can love Mother Mary in a holy way. By this love, the monster will develop virtue through baby steps, and will then be prepared to love Jesus.

Without practicing True Devotion, my work for Jesus would be very rigid, like the Pharisees and Sadducees, not tender and intimate.

WILL: I will keep on practicing and promoting True Devotion, Totally Yours, to Jesus through Mary.

Colloquy: Oh Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for giving me the opportunity to be a holy slave of love to Your most Blessed Mother. Amen.

Meditation #6 EARTHLY KING

(SE#91-99)

I see a gold crown that he is willing to take off. He is 45 years old, in good shape, very wise, and willing to work. He looks similar to King David. He wins most battles and loses few. People know that God chose him, and God is with him.

The king asks us to join him in conquering the lands of the infidel. Work with him by day and watch with him by night: "He that shares in toil with Me may share in the victory."

The challenge is for a noble cause. We respond with a "YES" because it is for the good of our families, our families' children, and the entire nation, for the glory of God.

The one who says "NO" is fearful and selfish; he thinks only of himself. He ought to be condemned.

PART TWO:

We see a large Host, Holy Communion, elevated by a beautiful gold monstrance.

In the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus says, "I want to conquer the entire world. I want to reign in every heart. I want to reign in every Church in the world so that people can worship Me and I can pour out My graces and love upon them."

"To spread devotion to Me, you must labor in penance, fasting, prayers, insults, and persecutions. Don't be envious or proud, but give glory to God the Father."

I hear Eddie say, "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will."

The Lord sent Eddie as a general to battle the infidels. The prayers of three holy women who were on the retreat purchased a multitude of the heavenly host to join him. The boot camp of mental prayer prepared Eddie; Fr. Francis gives him a blessing.

(Note: Eddie joined an order to evangelize and promote perpetual Eucharistic adoration chapels in Africa.)

I say to the Lord: "Here I am Lord, I come to do Your will. Speak Lord, Your servant is listening."

There is a pause, and then I say to the Lord, "Here I am Lord, I come to do Your will. Speak Lord, Your servant is listening."

There is another pause, and then I say to the Lord a third time, "Here I am Lord, I come to do Your will. Speak Lord, Your servant is listening."

The Lord says, "Go to My Mother at the foot of the Cross and help out with a Mother's 1,000 cares. She will let you know how to serve Me best."

I know the Lord is referring to the miraculous Cross at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, Illinois.

I go to Mary and pray the "Hail Mary." I imitate the way the angel Gabriel said it, and my soul is filled with consolation. I imagine giving Mary my heart and my mind and I renew the St. Louis Consecration, to Jesus through Mary:

"I, a faithless sinner, renew and ratify in thy hands, Oh Immaculate Mother, the vows of my Baptism. I renounce forever Satan, his pomps and works, and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before. In the presence of all the heavenly court, I choose

Thee this day as my Mother and mistress. I deliver and consecrate to Thee as thy slave, my body and soul, my goods both interior and exterior and even the value of all my good actions, past, present, and future, leaving to Thee the entire and full right of disposing of me and all that belongs to me without exceptions according to Thy good pleasure for the greater glory of God in time and eternity. Amen.”

After that, I look at Jesus Christ, the Eucharist, and say, “Dear Jesus, thank you for giving me an opportunity to be a holy slave of love to the Blessed Mother. Amen.”

Meditation #7 Loyola Shrine:

MEDITATIONS ON THE ANNUNCIATION AND CHRISTMAS (SE #101-117)

(I was driving and did not write down the entire meditation).

EXAMPLE OF POVERTY:

Ask a man if he would like to sleep in a fancy five-star hotel or a one-star hotel that has dirty sheets and termites. The man will pick the five-star hotel.

While the man is in the five-star hotel, with fine food and wine, lock the door, and show him through the window: Mary and Joseph are on their way to Bethlehem, where Jesus will be born.

The man busts down the door to leave the prison of the hotel so he can go to Bethlehem to be with the baby Jesus.

Will: Practicing detachment helps you to rush at these opportunities. Otherwise, the fear of sacrifice may discourage you from sharing these true love experiences.

Meditation #8 SERMON ON THE MOUNT—Matthew 5

(SE #278)

*Climbing up to the Pines at Garabandal, Spain to do the meditation.

Seeing the multitudes, Jesus went up to a mountain. He sat down and His disciples came to Him. The green grass and fields look beautiful while climbing the mountain. I see a blue sky and soft white clouds, and feel the sun's gentle warmth. I look at the town below. All the people there look so little from up at the pines. I hear the chirping of several types of birds; it sounds like an orchestra. I hear the sounds of crickets, the wind blowing through the trees, and the clanking of cowbells echoing up the mountain. I hear the buzzing of bees and flies, and even the wind caused by a bird's wings. The air is filled with the Christmas scent of pine needles.

All of creation is evangelizing to me about how great God is. It is very peaceful, and the noises calm the soul. Just as people and houses look so small, so do their problems. The beauty and graceful movements of a butterfly makes me think of God the Creator and what He is trying to tell me.

“Speak Lord, your servant is listening!”

It was as if Jesus was standing next to me at the pines.

The peacefulness of this place is why I brought My disciples here. I want them to meditate on what I say with minimal distraction.

Sitting down, I pick up a beautiful daisy with a yellow center. The white petals are open wide and have a pinkish color underneath. God says, “I love you!”

“Blessed are the poor in Spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.”

If you become a slave to your possessions, you wouldn't have the opportunity to have God tell you He loves you with a daisy.

Blessed are they that use their memory, intellect, and will to give greater glory to God.

As I sit and lean against the rocks on the backside of the fourteenth station of the Cross, a lizard jumps on my back and scampers off. My discernment of spirits tells me this is a distraction, and I resume my meditation.

“You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world.”

The salt of the earth will help preserve people from corruption and becoming rotten.

The light of the world helps draw them toward God in truth. Glorify the Father in heaven.

“I did not come to destroy the law, but to fulfill it.”

The Old Testament is like the stem of the daisy; it lifts up the pedals so we can see it. Jesus is rooted in the Old Testament, but He is like the flower that is opened up wide to give all His love. The pink part of the pedals reminds me of the blood and suffering of Jesus' love.

Jesus says, “Live the law with your heart. Have good will and your reward will be great in heaven.” If not, you will pay the last penny you owe in Purgatory or lose it all in hell. “If your right eye causes you to sin...if your left hand causes you to sin.”

No excuses! Take God seriously. Don't be a fool! Time on earth is short. Meditate often on God to make wise decisions.

The spirit of the world is full of divorce, arguments over possessions, and unholy distractions. Be a hero in focusing on God and loving. Love your enemies. Do good to those that hate you. Pray for them that persecute and slander you. This is how you get reward in heaven. What merit is it to do good to those who love you? Be perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect.

Oh God! Please give me the grace that the three powers of my soul—my memory, my intellect, and my will—will be for the greater glory of God.

Meditation #9 MEDITATION ON JOHN 14

Fr. Budovic gave an example during the points. As a mother leaves, her child cries. As we read the words of Jesus to His apostles in the scriptures, it was as if Our Lady was talking to us. She said that after the apparitions in Medjugorje are over, she would no longer appear on the earth. This is a special time in salvation history, when God is going to use Our Lady to crush Satan's head and She will give birth to the new era.

We enjoy going to Our Lady's shrines, listening to Her messages, and being Her apostles to help people believe in Jesus fully, hope in Him completely, and love Him tenderly.

When I read John 14, I associate Jesus saying goodbye to His apostles with Mary saying goodbye to us: "Let your heart be not troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me (Mary)."

My heart is calmed by Her instructions, and I don't cry like a child losing his mother.

"No man comes fully to Jesus, but by me. It is God's will that it is so."

I say, "Show us Jesus, and that will be enough for us."

Mary replies, "Guy, I have been with you so long, and have you not known me? Don't you believe that I am in Jesus and Jesus is in me? Don't you remember what Jesus promised? (John 17:21) Otherwise, believe for the sake of miracles and conversions. If you believe, you will do greater miracles and conversions."

The works of Mary will give glory to God.

The works of Angel members will give glory to God.

Promise of the Rosary #11: You will obtain all that you ask of Me by the recitation of the Rosary.

Ask Me anything, and I will do it for you.

If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Do whatever Jesus tells you (John 2:5).

Pray with your heart, 15 decades of the Rosary every day.

Fast on bread and water on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Go to Mass and receive communion every day.

Go to confession at least once a month.

Read the Bible.

Penance.

Holy hour, adoration of Jesus.

Pray for peace in your hearts, families, the Church, and the whole world.

Loving meditation on the perfection and mercy of God and the imperfections of man.

"And I will ask Jesus to send the Holy Spirit upon Angel members, to live with you forever."

"I will not leave you orphans. I will be with you through My messages and through mental prayer."

"In the day of the warning, you shall know that I am in Jesus and you are in Me, and I am in you. Jesus prayed that we may be one."

"He that has My messages and lives them, is he that loves Me. He, that loves Me is loved by

Jesus and we will love him and manifest Ourselves to him.”

“I am the Queen of Peace, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives. Let not your heart be troubled. Be not afraid. Jesus gave Me these commandments to give to you.”

“Arise! The time is approaching!”

Colloquy:

Thank You Father for sending Mary, the Queen of the Angels, with a message for us to love Jesus more and to grow in virtue. Please give me the grace to die to my own self and my own inclinations and to be a holy slave of love to Jesus through Mary.

And thank You for giving us the grace that the three powers of our soul—our memory, intellect, and will—will be for the greater glory of God. Amen.

Meditation #10 The Passion and Death of Jesus

John 19, Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23

*Meditation at the Church of Santa Toribio, which is located about 30 miles from Garabandal and contains a very large relic of the true Cross.

Fr. Budovic defined “consolation” as quiet, peace, and joy in the soul.

“Desolation” is anxiety, disturbed and abandoned.

Step 1. Dear God, I beg You to please give me the grace that the three powers of my soul—my memory, my intellect, and my will—will be for the greater glory of God.

Step 2. Contemplating the large relic of the Cross.

Step 3. Dear God, please give me the grace of sorrow and compassion, because You suffered and died out of love for me, for my sins, to save me from hell, and to enjoy bliss in heaven.

I see Jesus getting nailed to the Cross. As the clank of the hammer strikes the nail, I hear Jesus groan and the Blessed Mother cry. I know that He does not have to suffer, but He is doing it to save me.

The Mass starts. It is the feast of St. Matthias.

“As the Father loves Me, so I love you, that your joy may be complete.”

As I look at the Cross, I know that Jesus is suffering for my sins. He experiences incredible pain as the nails rip into His hands and feet. Jesus is suffering, but He has consolation, interior joy from the Father, because He knows He is doing the Father’s will.

Jesus is united with God as He says, “Father, forgive me, for I know not what I do.” His inner consolation attracts me like a magnet, and to be near Jesus, I fly up to the spot where the good thief, Dismas, is hanging on the Cross. I look at Jesus and say: “Jesus remember me, when you come into your Kingdom.” Jesus smiles painfully as the blood drips into His eyes and says: “You will be with Me in paradise.”

Then, I am at the foot of the Cross, holding the Blessed Mother’s arm so She does not fall. Her arm is splattered with blood. Jesus says: “Woman, behold your son. Behold your mother.”

I understand that I have to take care of Her and learn from Her all the lessons I carelessly neglected during Jesus’ ministry.

Jesus says, “I thirst!” He wants everyone to ask Him to come into His Kingdom, and He will give them His Mother.

They give Jesus vinegar. This is not what He wanted. In their human attempt to quench His thirst, it burns His wounds and He suffers even more. They should have given the gift to the Blessed Mother. She would have ensured that it was pleasing to Jesus.

The bitter gift has Jesus lose heart, and the Father’s Presence and consolation leave Him. Jesus is suffering the most at this moment. Jesus says: “My God, My God, why have you abandoned Me?”

As one without the gift of sorrow and compassion I think to myself: “Jesus is God, He knows everything, why is He asking ‘Why?’” I look at Jesus’ anguished face. He is looking up to Heaven. There is an earthquake.

I am back in the Garden of Eden after the fall. God says, “Adam, where are you?” I see Adam

with his head behind some bushes, and the rest of his bare back exposed.

I think to myself: "He is God, He knows everything. Why is He asking that question? I am not God, and even I can see Adam hiding. He does not know how to play that game well."

My INTELLECT reasons, "God asks this because He wants Adam to know that He is looking for him, and that He is near."

There were two special trees in the garden: the forbidden "Tree of Knowledge," from whose fruit Adam would die the death, and the "Tree of Life," from whose fruit Adam could have life eternal (Genesis 2-3).

The garden changes rapidly as leaves would change with the seasons—from spring to summer to fall and winter. I know that the garden is dying, and I want to take this opportunity to see the Tree of Life. This is the antidote to Adam's sin; as God promised, "Whoever eats from this tree will live forever." I walk around the garden and hear the cracking of dead, fallen leaves under my feet.

"There it is! What a beautiful tree! I have looked for it for so long." As I watch, the color of its leaves rapidly turns golden and then brown. In a few moments, all the leaves and twigs fall and there is nothing left of the Tree of Life but the wood of the Cross and there is Jesus, He is nailed to it.

Jesus is looking up. His face is very much in anguish as He says: "My God, My God, why have you abandoned Me?"

The Blessed Mother is holding my arm, telling me, "Jesus is dying FOR YOU, out of love, and He wants to be alive IN YOU, out of love, to strengthen you so you will not be a slave to sin and will live forever."

Meditate on what My Son has said: "Behold thy Mother...My God, My God, why have Thou abandoned Me?"

Jesus is God; He knows why the Father is leaving Him. But He is letting me know that He is looking for me, and that He is near.

He is leaving His Father and Mother so He can be united with His Bride, Me and the entire Church, and the two shall become one flesh (Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:31-32).

This is the greatest sacrament. This is the greatest mystery. The eternal sacrifice of the Mass gives us the sacrament of love: Holy Communion, by which Jesus lives in us and transforms us.

The Blessed Mother says, "Now be a good Angel member and pray the Rosary, meditating on the scriptures at the foot of the Cross. This will be the flaming sword that will help you guide others back to receiving the fruit from the Tree of Life so that they might live forever."

I think to myself, "Is that what I have been doing while praying at the Cross at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, in Illinois, for so many years?"

Jesus says, "It is finished! Father into Thy hands, I commend My Spirit." Jesus dies.

Our Mother cries.

The soldier pierces Jesus' side, and blood and water flow forth, covering both of us. I look at Mother a little confused, because She told me to stand here, at the foot of the Cross and now I am covered in blood. Mother says, "You must go to confession and be washed by the blood of the lamb before you are worthy to receive Him in Holy Communion. Stay humble and don't be afraid. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

“Have mercy on us,” I reply.

Will: I want to be Totally Yours forever.

Colloquy:

Lord Jesus, thank You for giving me Your Mother to help me understand how much You love me and want to give me Your gifts through Your Church. I promise that I will not spit at You and Your gifts as they did during Your passion, but, like your Mother, I will stay close to you in good times and in bad until we are united forever in unimaginable happiness in heaven. Amen.

Pray one “Our Father” with Jesus.

EDDIE’S COMMENT ON THE GARDEN OF EDEN:

As the leaves fall off the Tree of Life, the true Cross is revealed.

“Unless a grain of wheat dies, it remains alone, but if it dies, it bears much fruit”

(John 12:24).

When the Blood splatters on us, new seeds are sown. The apostolic Church will sprout up all over the world. In winter, the seeds look dead; in springtime, all is renewed. The Church is a Tree of Life, from which everyone can eat of its fruit.

Meditation #11 THE ROAD TO EMMAUS—Luke 2

(SE #303)

*Meditation before the Blessed Sacrament in the church of Garabandal.

Speak Lord, Your servant is listening. Here I am Lord, I come to do Your will.

Angel Vow: “Dear God, I beg You to please give me the grace that the three powers of my soul—my memory, intellect, and will—will be for the greater glory of God.”

Welcome prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, St. Michael, Angel of God.

Renew St. Louis DeMontfort’s Consecration: “I, a faithless sinner...”

Ask for grace to increase my faith in Jesus’ Presence in Holy Communion.

The disciples are walking, sad and sulking. They are talking about the story they heard of Jesus’ Resurrection, but they have no faith. To see Jesus suffer was too much for their minds to comprehend. Their minds are closed. Jesus was so completely humiliated that they went into despair and lost all faith and hope. Even though they heard of the vision of angels, it was not enough to keep them from despairing.

Jesus is walking beside them. Their heads are down. They are almost in shock. Jesus speaks to them of Moses and all of the prophets concerning Him.

Today’s disciples are Jesus’ priests, men and women religious, and Catholic lay people. Some of them have lost faith in the Eucharist. A priest can go through the motions of the Mass and Adoration, but inside the hearts of the people, Modernism, practical atheism, and intellectual pride have caused them to lose faith.

They hear about the miracle of the Eucharist at Lanciano, Italy, similar to the vision of the angels. Both testify that Christ is alive, but they still do not believe.

Our Lady is molding Br. Eddie to be a missionary of the Blessed Sacrament. Mental prayer helps his mission. Jesus uses Br. Eddie to quote all the scriptures in the New and Old Testament that show that Jesus, the Lamb of God, is alive and should be adored in every church in the world. The eyes of those who don’t believe are held and they don’t see how Jesus is using Eddie. However, the priests and lay people get a burning desire in their hearts. To remove their sadness, the Lord gives them a miracle of grace: Jesus shows His face to them at Communion time.

The faithful start telling others that Jesus is alive in Holy Communion. We must start a perpetual adoration chapel at our parish so He can be worshipped, loved, and adored.

Jesus said that we are to help Br. Eddie, learn from him, and pray for him because Jesus wants to reign as King in all churches.

Point 3: “On the road to Emmaus.”

They invited Jesus to stay. He took bread, blessed and broke it. The disciples saw the physical Jesus vanish and transform into the appearance of bread. They were so astonished that they approached the Host with great reverence, fear, love, and amazement. They saw the bread, and then Jesus’ holy face appeared. He smiled at them and said, “I chose to be humbly hidden for those who are slow of heart in believing in all things that the prophets have spoken of.”

They replied; “Oh, Aha! We remember now that You said:”

My Father gives you the true bread from heaven (John 6:32).

I am the bread of Life (John 6: 35).

He that eats My flesh and drinks My Blood, lives in Me and I in him (John 6:57).

This is the bread that came down from Heaven, you that eat this bread shall live forever (John 6:59).

“We get it!” the disciples said. “With Your Glorified Body You can come to us, even though the doors are locked, and walk directly into us to strengthen us. You want to come to us in a humble, hidden way at Holy Communion. This is just like when you came to us as a baby, humble and hidden. Only the honest shepherds that loved you and the wise men that meditated found you. You are the daily bread that You talked about in Your prayer. You made this an everlasting covenant between God and man (Matthew 26:28). You are doing this because You want us to practice mental prayer, as did the wise men. So, therefore, we will always beg God for the grace that the three powers of our soul—the memory, intellect, and will—will be for the greater glory of God.

The disciples were burning with zeal. Like magnanimous Angel Members, they went back to the holy city to share with the brothers.

Meditation #12 THREE KINDS OF HUMILITY

(SE #165-167)

*Meditation in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. In general, I think it is important to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament, but often times I remember that there are things to do, people to see, places to go and I have a very short visit.

Why meditate on humility? Pride leads to all sins. Humility leads to all virtue.

To acknowledge that God is creator is an act of humility.

The first degree of humility is necessary for salvation; it is to subject and humble myself to obey the law of God our Lord. Would I consent to violate a commandment or commit a mortal sin to save my life on earth, even if God had made me lord of all creation?

The second kind of humility is more perfect than the first; it is that I neither desire nor am I inclined to have riches over poverty, to seek honor rather than dishonor, nor to desire a long life rather than a short life, provided only that, in either alternative, I would promote equally the service of God our Lord and the salvation of my soul. Besides this indifference, not for all creation, or to save my life, would I consent to commit a venial sin.

The third degree of humility is the most perfect kind. Assume that the first two kinds of humility are already achieved. In order to be like Jesus Christ our Lord, and if God would be equally served, I would desire poverty with Christ poor, rather than riches; insults with Christ, rather than honors; desire to be considered as worthless and a fool for Christ, rather than to be esteemed as wise and prudent in this world. So was Jesus Christ treated before me.

Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

FIRST DEGREE: I can't think of anyone who is living the first degree of humility. I think of Eve. She had everything. The devil told her she would be like God if she commit a mortal sin, even though she would truly die. She did not have humility. She was not truthful to her understanding of herself as creature and God as creator.

SECOND DEGREE: I can't think of anyone who is living the second degree of humility. I think of Peter. He walked with Christ: he chose poverty over riches, dishonors over honors, he did not prefer long life to short life, and he said I am willing to die for you Jesus. If the Sanhedrin and the Roman court held Peter up and said, "Deny Jesus or die," he would have died. He would die a noble death, in front of everyone, for God. However, when a handmaid questioned him, and Peter thought he was going to get lynched in the dark, he cursed and swore and said; "I do not even know the man" (venial sin).

THIRD DEGREE: The Blessed Mother, the New Eve. She preferred to remain hidden, and asked the Gospel writers not to write about Her. God allowed minimal praise for Her, until the time that He would exalt Her to the world as the boast of all His created works. She will be exalted after the world sees how She is practicing the third degree of humility in our day.

The devil appeared before the throne of God and said: "I will destroy Your Church, but I need more time and more power. I will make your children hate You, rebel against You, be filled with pride, lust, greed, envy, wrath, sloth, and gluttony. Give me 100 years..."

The devil starts by feeding them corn with little stains of manure. "Don't worry, the rich and famous know it is a delicacy." Then he makes all kinds of noise, saying: "Let's Party, Eat, Enjoy." This is a disorderly attachment to corn. As time progresses, he gives them more corn covered

with larger and larger manure stains. We become more used to the smell, taste, and the darkness of manure. After 50 years, it looks like manure with corn kernels coming out of it. This is the food we are eating. After 80 years, we are completely immersed in the manure. Our entire earthly home is submerged in it. Corn is a good gift from God. The manure stain is a venial sin. The manure covering the corn is a mortal sin.

As Our Lady is enjoying the beautiful vision of God in Heaven, She asks God: "Let me help restore Your Church. I will help them love You, follow You, and be filled with faith, hope, love, justice, prudence, fortitude, and temperance."

God said, "YES," and sent Our Lady to the manure pile. Although it cost Her a great deal of suffering to look at and smell the manure, She used Her hands to feel through it to find Her children.

As She finds Her children, she says, "God exists and He loves you. He did not create you to be children of the serpent, as little worms digging through the manure eating polluted corn. He created you to be sons and daughters of God." She tells them how to apply the power Jesus gave them through His Church in order to break the chains they are in.

To be a holy slave of love to Jesus through Mary is a great privilege. Mary is so good and beautiful. I just love hanging around Her to help Her with any menial tasks that She wants accomplished. I join Our Lady in Her mission. However, the smell is so bad that I cannot approach the spot where She is digging. All I can do was hold my nose and watch at a distance. She has to work pretty hard to catch one. She pulls them out with Her fingers, washes them with Her tears, and sits them down in front of the Blessed Sacrament, where they are transformed from worms into people. It is a very slow and treacherous process.

They are resisting, and I become impatient because the smell is so foul. I yell out: "Come on Our Lady, let's get out of here. They don't even want your help." She stops Her work, looks at me with those blue eyes and a little manure on Her cheek, and says very seriously, "Is that how you love My children?" She then goes back to work.

Wow, She silenced me again with one short sentence. Look at how much She loves them. I continue to watch with admiration, and at the same time, as they resist, I have to use all my self-control to not heckle at Her.

I notice that to be more efficient, She is digging several holes in the big manure pile called earth. One hole is called Fatima, one is Lourdes, one is Medjugorje, one is Garabandal, and one is the Cross. After a long time, She has several people from each hole half-converted and sitting in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Then I see a demon whispering to one of them who stands up and says: "Hey we are the only true conversion hole!" He starts to throw manure at the people who come out of other holes. Many fire back. Our Lady turns Her head because She is caught in the crossfire. Several people are hit and fall back into the hole. Several people who were throwing at them lose their balance and fall back into the manure pile as well.

The situation looks so hopeless and pathetic that I cannot even say anything. Our Lady is working so hard that I feel very sorry for Her because of how everybody is treating Her. Our Lady regains Her composure and then goes back to work: "God exists and He loves you!"

"Wow, this is certainly an example of the third degree of humility." As I think about this, Our Lady catches one, washes him off with her tears, and sits him down in front of the Blessed Sacrament. He is sitting there wiggling and wiggling around and then he falls off the chair. I start to chuckle. He wiggles back to the manure pile, and I cry out, "Mother he is going to fall in there again!" Our Lady grabs him in the nick of time and sits him back down on the chair in front of the

Blessed Sacrament. He is half worm and half man, and still wiggling. I try not to laugh and finally say, "Who is this?" I walk up along side of him, and pay my respect to Jesus. I get on my knees, make the sign of the Cross and bow down. I look straight ahead at Jesus in the appearance of the Host. I turn to the right and look at the wiggly converting soul, and at the exact same time, he turns to look at me. When we are face to face, I realize that I am looking into a mirror. The sarcastic smile is wiped off my face.

I snap out of the meditation, turn my head, and realize that I am still in front of the Blessed Sacrament. It is easy for me to imagine a worm costume on top of my head. I feel that all-too-familiar wiggly feeling in my gut that I have things to do, people to see, and places to go. This time, the truth comes over me and convicts me and I respond by not leaving so soon.

I say to Jesus: "I get it, the holy hour is more important than all my other endeavors."

There is a pause, I look at the Sacred Host seriously and say: "Jesus, Mother got me again."

WILL: From now on, a holy hour in front of Jesus is the number one priority.

Meditation #13 CONTEMPLATION TO ATTAIN THE LOVE OF GOD

(SE #230)

*Meditation in the Church of Saint James de Compostela.

Love is sharing deeds, not only words. It is the mutual sharing of goods.

“Dear God, please give me the grace...”

Looking at the last vision of Fatima. The crown is on the Holy Trinity. There is a crown on the Blessed Mother, plus a multitude of Angels saying, “Holy, Holy, Holy!” Sts. Anthony, Francis, Dominic, Ignatius, etc., with zeal are begging God to help me.

Please give me intimate knowledge of the many blessings I have received, that, filled with gratitude for all, I may in all things love God and serve His Divine Majesty.

Speak Lord. Your servant is listening.

First Point: Blessings of creation and redemption.

I see God the Father, taking the inside of a pencil (carbon) and mixing it with water and air (hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen). God molds the mud with great care in my mother’s womb until I am made. He looks like a sculptor working a piece of clay. God then breathes life into me and my soul is joined to the mud as it takes shape. God is happy. God says, “I love you. I always want you to be good and love me with your whole heart.”

“Sure, of course,” I reply.

God also gives a beautiful earthly home with air to breath, water to drink, food to eat, and sunshine to keep warm. God gives us animal and plants to enjoy, and family and friends to love and share with. God’s creation is surely magnificent.

However, I quickly go astray and find myself tumbling down into hell. As I am sliding off the cliff, the Blessed Mother calls out to me. Jesus dives through a window in an heroic act to save me. Blessed Mother says, “Cling to my Son Jesus,” and I do.

She then says, “Imitate my son Jesus.”

“I don’t think I can,” I say. “I am afraid of pain, and I don’t like fussing with religious ceremonies.”

She says: “You just have to be filled with the fire of God’s love, and then all frustrations, temptations, distractions, and even pain will seem like straw, which you can zealously give to God as a little flower of love.

“I don’t know where to begin,” I reply.

“Consecrate yourself to Me, God can mold your soul in Me as He molded your body in your mother’s womb.”

WILL: I resolve to often renew the 33 days preparation for Total Consecration by St. Louis De Montfort.

Meditation #14 May 15, 2002. SINFULNESS AND DIVINE MERCY

*Three years later: Eddie Wagner's ordination in Rome, May 13, 2002.

*Adoration Chapel, St. Mary Major Church (Rome)

"Dear God..."

Look at the crib. This is the path Jesus had to follow to undo the first sin.

Look at the angels in the state of grace, happy, singing...

In the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus says to me, "Be like Me, simple humble, silent, but always present."

Fr. Francis gives me a note. If I am more humble, God will work miracles through me.

I fall asleep.

3:00 p.m.: Prayed the Divine Mercy Prayer.

I remember how important it is to call on God's mercy to stay humble (Salt meditation).

MEMORY: What do I see, hear? Look at the angels, happy, singing. They get the news that others will be elevated higher than them. Some fall, with envy, prejudice, and pride.

INTELLECT: How should they have acted? With humility, they would have praised God for His brilliant plan of mercy.

Lord, you are giving me new ways to know, love, and serve You.

Russia and Africa will be the new leaders of the Church. I must praise God's mercy. I must not judge, but ask for mercy on sinners.

INTELLECT: Think of Adam and Eve. Why did they sin? They wanted to please themselves more than God.

WILL: I will try to please God always.

MEMORY: A person with one mortal sin went to hell. I sin over and over again.

INTELLECT: By justice and without God's mercy, there would be no hope for me.

WILL: Thank God for the gift of conversion and perseverance. Ask God to have mercy on other sinners like me.

Colloquy:

I look at Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and say: "You postponed your eternal life and happiness to die for my sins."

What have I done for Christ? Respond to His Mother.

What am I doing for Christ? Respond to His Mother.

What will I do for Christ? Respond to His Mother and be more humble and merciful.

Meditation #15

THE CALL May 16, 2002.

*St. Dominic's Cell Santa Sabina Rome.

Secular king—calls him to go with him and conquer the country.

Jesus Christ the King—imagine the synagogue where Jesus preached.

What Christ did, we did. What Dominic did, we did.

“Dear God...”

We must be united in battle under one King, Jesus Christ.

Jesus is calling all of us to build up His Kingdom.

Churches are built over pagan ruins.

Jesus' throne in our hearts over the pagan past.

He rules.

Through meditation, you will see how Jesus' Kingdom will be established in our hearts.

MEDITATION INTERRUPTED:

RETREAT MASTERS must light and launch the rockets (retreatants) and get out of the way. If they do not take off, retreat masters must fix them, launch them again, and get out of the way.

Do not dwell on telling them how smart you are for lining up the rocket, nor the work you did to fix the launch pad, nor the description of all your beautiful flights. Launch them and get out of the way. The Holy Spirit must communicate to the soul directly or it is not meditation.

RETURN:

Our Lady is His General and has the orders on how to build up the Kingdom.

It is the most important thing in the world to listen and do with the heart everything She asks. Prayer with the heart is the most important above all. Know that your soul is the greatest battlefield of your entire life. Your example will help others do battle.

Fight enemies of Pride, Lust, Greed, Wrath, Envy, Gluttony, and Sloth.

Build up the Kingdom with, Faith, Hope, Charity, Prudence, Justice, Temperance, and Fortitude.

Use tools of humility, purity, charity, patience, mercy, penance, fasting, and zeal.

By starting an adoration chapel, Fr. Eddie will establish Jesus' Kingdom in a parish.

Mental prayer will transfer Jesus from the throne in the parish to the throne in our hearts.

We need both for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart.

Will: Persevere in learning and teaching others how to meditate so they can teach others how to meditate.

Jesus will reign on the throne of our hearts.

Meditation #16 Pentecost Sunday. May 19, 2002.

MEDITATION ON THREE KINDS OF HUMILITY (SE #165)

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She smiles and points out a place next to Her. I realize that Jesus is inside of Her, strengthening Her, and telling Her what to say.

I give Her the key to my heart, and She thanks me for building that house for Her and Jesus. She opens the door to my heart. I see inside the little house, which has many bricks similar to those of the House of Loreto. Each brick has something written on it. They say, "prayers," "penance," "confession," "sacrifice," "charity," "pilgrimage," "patience," "Mass," "messages," "Rosary," "prudence," "fasting," "peace," "sharing," "Eucharist," "Adoration," "perseverance," "Joy," "kindness," "books," etc. I realize the house was built over the years; one little brick by brick, by doing the little things that Mother wanted me to do.

I did not design the house located in my heart; I just put many of the bricks in there by doing what She asked. I continue working joyfully because Jesus and Mary are living in me. I beg them to never let me lose focus on them and I offer them little bricks of poverty, insults, and being a worthless fool for Christ so that they can continue to build.

The grace received from Adoration was the mortar that connected the bricks daily.

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