

October 4, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This past Thursday, we began the month of October which is dedicated to the Rosary. It is now more urgent than ever that believers and all people repent, confess their sins, pray, sacrifice continually, and pray the Rosary so that God will intervene to deliver us in these most perilous of times. Dear Mary, Queen of the Rosary, we offer you our praying of the Rosary each day this month so that peace and conversion may be brought back to a world that has fallen so far from the love of God! Please remember that this Wednesday, October 7 is the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary. It would be very good to pray the Rosary together with those in your home especially on this day. **The Rosary will be prayed before each weekend Mass and after each weekday Mass in church this month.**

This Sunday is also the beginning of Respect Life Month in the Catholic Church. We call the first Sunday of October Respect Life Sunday in our country. During these days when human life seems so expendable and disrespected on so many levels, we Christians are called to witness to the fact that every human life is sacred and made in the image and likeness of God. During the current election cycle, our bishops remind us of the importance of keeping this principle in mind when voting and engaging in the political process which is our duty as citizens. Please see Bishop Bradley's letter enclosed with this bulletin reminding us of our moral obligation as believers to engage in the political process in a Christian way. While the Church does not instruct us directly on which candidates to vote for, she always puts before us the basic principles of protecting and respecting the lives of all human persons as the preeminent consideration when choosing those who govern us. Far from being "one issue voters," faithful Catholics evaluate all those who seek public office by first judging their positions on those most crucial of issues mentioned in the statement below from the Second Vatican Council before other issues on which reasonable people can disagree. The following statement from one of the seminal documents of the Second Vatican Council, PASTORAL CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD, reminds us of the need to keep reverence for human life at the center of our concerns for society:

Coming down to practical and particularly urgent consequences, this council lays stress on reverence for man; everyone must consider his every neighbor without exception as another self, taking into account first of all His life and the means necessary to living it with dignity, so as not to imitate the rich man who had no concern for the poor man Lazarus. Today there is an inescapable duty to make ourselves the neighbor of every man, no matter who he is, and if we meet him, to come to his aid in a positive way, whether he is an aged person abandoned by all, a foreign worker despised without reason, a refugee, an illegitimate child wrongly suffering for a sin he did not commit, or a starving human being who awakens our conscience by calling to mind the words of Christ: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40). The varieties of crime are numerous: all offenses against life itself, such as murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia and willful suicide; all violations of the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, physical and mental torture, undue psychological pressures; all offenses against human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children, degrading working conditions where men are treated as mere tools for profit rather than free and responsible persons: all these and the like are criminal: they poison civilization; and they debase the perpetrators more than the victims and militate against the honor of the Creator." (Gaudium et Spes #27)

Please remember to come to some of our Holy Hours for the Church and the World which are happening every day in our collaborative through November 15. It is so important that we pray together in the Presence of Christ in these crucial times. If you cannot come in person, please pray in your homes. The prayers can be found on our parish website. We also encourage everyone to spend some personal time in Eucharistic Adoration this coming week at St. Stanislaus' 40 Hours Devotion. The Blessed Sacrament will be enthroned in the monstrance for quiet personal prayer from October 4 through October 6.

Finally, over the last few months, we have been proposing several spiritual messages about the days in which we are living that come to us through current visionaries and prophets in our Catholic Faith. Last week we mentioned a website called *countdowntothekingdom.com* which seeks to compile current messages from heaven, scriptural prophecy, and prophecy throughout the history of the Catholic Church, in order to discern where the world may be in its movement toward the Second Coming of Christ and the Last Judgement. The theologians who compile this website seek to be in complete union with all Catholic teaching and spiritual authority and do not promote any messages that have been judged to be in error or contradict the Catholic Faith. In particular, we mentioned the messages Gisella Cardia and Fr. Michel Rodrigue. All parishioners are encouraged to take kits of exorcised and blessed salt to consecrate their homes and property to Christ as a place of spiritual refuge for the challenging days that are ahead. There are still kits available in church if you need one. Fr. Michel also urges us to make a “General Confession” of one’s sins as soon as possible and to remain in a State of Grace by frequent reception of the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion, to pray the Rosary, to read the Scriptures, etc. In the next few weeks, we will come back to Fr. Miguel’s messages and distribute a few more items beneficial to bringing God’s spiritual protection into our homes and lives during these times. This week we will focus on the messages received by another seer named Luz de María de Bonilla. Her messages after 2009 have been approved by her bishop as authentic.

“Luz de María de Bonilla is a Catholic mystic, stigmatist, wife, mother, Third Order Augustinian, and prophet from Costa Rica, currently residing in Argentina. She grew up in a very religious home with great devotion to the Eucharist, and as a child, experienced heavenly visits from her guardian angel and the Blessed Mother, whom she considered her companions and confidants. In 1990, she received a miraculous healing from an illness, coinciding with both a visitation from the Blessed Mother and a new and more public calling to share her mystical experiences. Soon she would fall into profound ecstasy not only in the presence of her family—her husband and eight children, but also of people close to her who began to gather to pray; and they, in turn, formed a prayer cenacle, which accompanies her to this day. After years of abandoning herself to the will of God, Luz de María began to suffer the pain of the Cross, which she carries in her body and soul. This first happened, she shared, on Good Friday: “Our Lord asked me if I wanted to participate in His sufferings. I answered affirmatively, and then after a day of continuous prayer, that night, Christ appeared to me on the Cross and shared His wounds. It was indescribable pain, although I know that however painful it may be, it is not the totality of the pain that Christ continues to suffer for humanity.” [1]

It was on March 19 of 1992, that the Blessed Mother began to speak regularly to Luz de María. Since then, she has mostly received two messages per week and on occasion, only one. The messages originally came as internal locutions, followed by visions of Mary, who came to describe Luz de María’s mission. “I had never seen so much beauty,” Luz said of Mary’s appearance. “It’s something you can never get used to. Each time is like the first.” Several months later, Mary and Saint Michael the Archangel introduced her to Our Lord in a vision, and in time, Jesus and Mary would speak to her of coming events, such as the Warning. The messages went from being private to public, and by divine command, she must communicate them to the world.

Many of the prophecies Luz de María has received have already been fulfilled, including the attack on the Twin Towers in New York, which was announced to her eight days in advance. In the messages, Jesus and Mary express their profound sadness over man’s disobedience of the Divine law, which has led him to align with evil and act against God. They warn the world of coming tribulations: communism and its coming peak; war and the use of nuclear weapons; pollution, famine, and plagues; revolution, social unrest, and moral depravity; a schism in the Church; the fall of the world economy; the public appearance and world domination of the antichrist; the fulfillment of the Warning, the Miracle, and the chastisements; the fall of an asteroid, and the change of terrestrial geography, among other messages. All this is not to frighten, but to urge man to turn his gaze toward God. Not all of God’s messages are calamities. There are also proclamations of the resurgence of true faith, the unity of the people of God, the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the final Triumph of Christ, the King of the Universe, when there

will no longer be divisions, and we will be one people under the One God." (Taken from: <https://www.countdowntothekingdom.com/why-luz-de-maria-de-bonilla/>). For a complete catalog of messages, please go to the above mentioned website. For our reflection today we are providing the last message given to Luz taken from the same website:

St. Michael the Archangel to Luz de Maria de Bonilla on September 25th, 2020:

Beloved People of God: May the blessing of the Most Holy Trinity descend upon each one of you. The People of God are faithful at all times, attached to the true Magisterium of the Church, committed to living in the Way, the Truth and the Life, staying far away from evil and everything that offends the Most Holy Trinity. At this moment, and little by little, Divine Love is separating the wheat from the chaff; our King and Lord Jesus Christ will not allow the chaff to end up with the wheat (cf. Mt 13:24-30). Instead, both are being tested so that some would be filled with the need to live in union with Divine Love and so that others would have the opportunity to go back to being part of the Holy Remnant. [1] The possibility stands before you of being among those souls who offset the pains that ought to be suffered by this whole generation, which is offending the Sacred Hearts over and over again with each passing moment. People who remain attached to their human ego will not be able to ascend spiritually, but will sink down into the mud, and without noticing it, through their own pride, they will condemn themselves. I call you urgently to live and profess the true faith, being called to follow Christ in spirit and truth. (cf. I Jn 4:1-6) It is not enough to repeat prayers from memory; at this time man must give birth within himself to the love for which Our King and Lord Jesus Christ has been waiting and which human beings have not given Him. This generation must give to the Most Holy Trinity that which human beings have previously refused to give, surrendering to false ideologies, going astray through modern innovations belonging to the devil and thereby falling into a process of transformation from being creatures of God to being creatures given over to evil, relying on the devil. All receive the wind, the light of the sun, and all are illuminated by the moon, but not all are aware that the life of man is nourished by these elements. So it is in the spirit: All hear the Divine Word of Sacred Scripture; they read it, but not all nourish themselves with it. They receive it, but not all apply it to themselves: not all nourish themselves with it or bring it to life. Therefore, not all will be purified in the same way, the difference lying in the way in which they have lived and practiced the Commandments of God's Law... You are made in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26) ... How are you living out that image and likeness of God? Degrading it or making it grow? Everyone is responsible for this, everyone is responsible for their future and the fruits that they will reap. The forces of nature have been altered by the same convulsive forces found in the center of the Earth and those coming from the Universe, hence natural disasters and those coming from Space are more frequent and more severe. Coastal regions need to be vigilant and prepared: the waters of the seas will rise up mysteriously, flooding them; bear in mind that water purifies, and nature wishes to purify the evil that man is pouring out upon earth. The seasons are being shortened and are being repeated one after another, taking man by surprise. [2]

Pray, children of God, pray for Ireland, it will suffer severely. Pray, children of God, pray for America, it will surprise the world. Pray, children of God, pray, the immorality of this generation will make it suffer to the core. The Antichrist [3] will exalt himself before the People of God and many of God's children will fall out of fear and ignorance. Chile will be shaken and the people of Argentina will rise up in turmoil and great suffering; in turn, humanity will experience that suffering and some people will seek refuge in this southern land. Beloved People of God: Wait actively, not standing still in the spirit. Humanity needs to grow, to come closer to self-knowledge, and needs to surrender to the Divine Will; otherwise you will not be preserved, you will fall in the face of the weight of evil. Wake up, wake up, wake up! Victim souls are suffering, offering up and giving themselves for those who are living in sin. Sin seeks sin, good seeks the good. Be one in the Sacred Hearts. Who is like God? There is none like God!

Commentary by Luz de Maria

Brothers and sisters, at the end of this Message, Saint Michael the Archangel granted me this vision:

The sea rises, stirred up by a force that does not come from nature, but which is caused by man himself; it is a sort of wave that passes under the sea floor and shakes everything in its path, and as it advances, the force increases and there is a fierce movement that alters some tectonic faults, as a result of nuclear testing. Momentarily I see the earth's surface and roads, buildings and houses being moved by force; some collapse, there is a moment of noise and then shuddering silence followed by people wailing. I see various countries in sequence that I am able to identify and where great earthquakes are expected. Suddenly he shows me people, some in a clean basket and others in a muddy basket, and he says to me: look inside. And I look...My God! The mud is burning like lava from an erupting volcano and within it I can see human beings blaspheming against God, in the other basket I see people praying in the midst of tribulations; they do not stop, but pray to God with great love, and they are helped and guarded because of not ceasing in their prayers. This is how the vision ended.

As we have mentioned week after week, the best way to prepare for whatever is to come is to pray, especially the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to repent and come to Confession, to come to Eucharist Adoration and Holy Mass if you are physically able, and to fast and do penance and acts of charity for the conversion of others. As we also have been encouraging for the last six months, please remember that the grace of Christ that we receive in His Sacraments is our sure refuge during these days. We are all being called to find refuge in Confession and to Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist. Please remember the Catholic precept to confess sins in the Sacrament of Penance and to receive Holy Communion at least once during or near the Easter Season. Confessions are done in a socially distanced way in the church or outside on the parish grounds. If you are unable to come to church or someone is home-bound and in need of any of the Sacraments, please let us know and the priest or deacon will come to you!

In Mary, the Queen of Peace,

Fr. Derda, Fr. Steve, Deacon Russ and Deacon Ed