

MEDJUGORJE INFORMATION CENTER OF LAS VEGAS

February 2012

Announcement of the monthly Mass at Holy Family

Holy Sacrifice of
the Mass in Honor
of Our Blessed
Mother, Queen of
Peace

"To pray for individual peace and mind of heart, peace in our family and peace in the world we live in, to encourage prayer for the conversion of all peoples to Jesus Christ."

**THURS, FEB 23,
2012:**

Recitation of the
Holy Rosary at 6:00
p.m., Holy Mass
follows

CELEBRANTS:

Monsignor Franzinelli and Fr. Frank Yncierto

LOCATION:

Holy Family Roman
Catholic Church

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Our Lady's Message given to Marija, January 25, 2012:

"Dear children! With joy, also today I call you to open your hearts and to listen to my call. Anew, I desire to draw you closer to my Immaculate Heart, where you will find refuge and peace. Open yourselves to prayer, until it becomes a joy for you. Through prayer, the Most High will give you an abundance of grace and you will become my extended hands in this restless world which longs for peace. Little children, with your lives witness faith and pray

that faith may grow day by day in your hearts. I am with you. Thank you for having responded to my call."



Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje Message given to Mirjana on the Day for Non-Believers, February 2, 2012:

"Dear children; I am with you for so much time and already for so long I have been pointing you to God's presence and His infinite love, which I desire for all of you to come to know. And you, my children? You continue to be deaf and blind as you look at the world around you and do not want to see where it is going without my Son. You are renouncing Him - and He is the source of all graces. You listen to me while I am speaking to you, but your hearts are closed and you are not hearing me. You are not praying to the Holy Spirit to illuminate you. My children, pride has come to rule. I am pointing out humility to you. My children remember that only a humble soul shines with purity and beauty because it has come to know the love of God. Only a humble soul becomes Heaven, because my Son is in it. Thank you. Again I implore you to pray for those whom my Son has chosen - those are your shepherds."



Our Blessed Mother asks us to pray for families. This has been over 30 years that she has pleaded with us and we can see, over time, the erosion of families that have surfaced.

We do not have to go into details about this as we are not blind for what is around us for we are all affected in one way or other within our own families, yet, it is paramount to remind all of us that the current mandate ("preventive services" - a category including contraception, sterilization, and abortion-causing drugs) that is before us in our beloved Country is making the situation for life even worse. As Roman Catholics we believe that taking any life as in abortion is an intrinsic evil, which also tears down the family, which we believe consists of one father and mother and which Blessed Pope John Paul II taught us that the domestic Church starts first in the family. And so we remind and implore you to please pay attention and urge you to read our dear shepherds writings and commentaries so that we may study, learn and grow in our faith and also to share this with others. It is that critical.

Let us also pray for those mothers and fathers who are home schooling their children. May they be blessed. May the Holy Family of Jesus, beloved Mary and dear St. Joseph surround you with their love and guide you in your ways. Our Lady Queen of Peace, intercede for us! Thank you. <http://youtu.be/B2JNloGXelA>

MONSIGNOR'S WORDS

<http://youtu.be/bhW7v4qItjI>



Today's Gospel. It fits in very well with the message of the seer of Medjugorje, Mirjana Soldo and on February 2nd of this year. She says that the Blessed Mother communicated this message to her. She said,

“Dear children; I am with you for so much time and already for so long I have been pointing you to God's presence and His infinite love, which I desire for all of you to come to know. And you, my children? You continue to be deaf and blind as you look at the world around you and do not want to see where it is going without my Son. You are renouncing Him - and He is the source of all graces. You listen to me while I am speaking to you, but your hearts are closed and you are not hearing me. You are not praying to the Holy Spirit to illuminate you. My children, pride has come to rule. I am pointing out humility to you. My children, remember that only a humble soul shines with purity and beauty because it has come to know the love of God. Only a humble soul becomes heaven, because my Son is in it. Thank you. Again I implore you to pray for those whom my Son has chosen - those are your shepherds.”

Your Priests, your pastors.

So that is the lesson. So the big thing is that Our Lady is calling us. Let me tell you about the wonderful thing about this. Our Lady is talking to Mirjana, a visionary, and the message is not only for her, principally for the visionaries but also to be shared with everyone else who the visionaries have made available to them through the communication systems of today.

And the wonderful thing is that this message of Our Lady really hits it right on the head of a nail. No two ways about it, and the wonder is this, she has called us and recognizes that this is a world that is going in different directions than what the Lord hopes for them and wants for them. And they are all prideful, and jealous, and looking to outdo one another. And if you know humility, they are not looking out for one another, they are looking out for themselves. And this really touches on our own country that we have to really recognize that the Lord speaks to us through the messages that she gives to children.

These visionaries are no longer children; they are now grown up, married, mothers and fathers and they still speak to us. We should take attention to what they say for our own happiness, and for our own hope, and for our own salvation.

The Lord wants us to listen, to listen to His people and particularly wants us to listen to His Priests but He also, at the same time, recognizes that His Priest are only human beings like themselves so He asks you that you pray for them because they have the responsibility of being models with you. Our Lord is asking you to pray for His Priests because they need your prayers. Without your prayers, the Priests are not going to be able to do the things that they are called to by their vocation and by their ordination. So pray for Priests, pray for young Priests, pray for more vocations. What more can I say? Any more you want said?

A NOTE FROM PERLA:

We have been deeply blessed all these 30 years to have all of the six visionaries at certain times to travel all over the world, humbly and untiringly bringing us Our Lady's messages and her presence with us. What an extraordinary and incredible time we live in. Ivan has been the most visible one. In these last months Mirjana, Vicka and Marija have also been traveling most recently to nearby Countries, Italy, Spain, etc. We are most grateful to God that through technology, you tube, streaming live, etc., they have more access to the whole world in getting out Our Lady's messages., in a way like never before.

For sometime now, one can join in to the Official Medjugorje Website for the entire evening program. www.medjugorje.hr. Last year, through Mary TV, on November 17, 2011, in Vienna we were able to connect live streaming with Ivan during his apparition at St. Stephens Cathedral. The Archbishop of Vienna, Cardinal Christopher Schoenborn thanked Our Lady and Ivan and spoke of the **importance of not missing this time of Our Lady's visitation!**

Just recently again, through Mary TV live streaming in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Our Lady appeared to Medjugorje visionary Ivan Dragicevic and gave us this message:

Message from Our Lady Queen of Peace to Ivan on January 31, 2012, in St. Joseph Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan for all who were able to be there and for all the faithful tuned in through internet. **Ivan greeted us all by beginning with. "My dear Priests, my dear friends in Christ, and also in a special way everyone who is joining us in prayer over the internet, I would like to greet all of you as well."**

This includes also those who tried to join in but could not because of an overload of people trying to connect. Mary TV apologizes for this and has it up in their archives for those who missed it. Remember with God there is not time and space. He looks at the effort and desires of the heart. You can now experience the whole program in its entirety at www.maryTV.tv

Our Lady came very joyful and happy and she greeted all of us with the greeting, **"Praised be Jesus, my dear children!"** After that she extended her hands over the priests present here and prayed over them for a longer time. And after that she prayed over everyone present here and she prayed for a longer time for those who are sick among us. And after that I especially recommended all of the sick present here to her. After that Our Lady blessed us with her motherly blessing and she blessed all of those things that you brought to be blessed. And after that Our Lady turned to all of us and said:

"Dear children! Today also I am calling you to personal conversion. You be the ones who will be converted, and in your lives be witnesses. Love, forgive and bring the joy of the Risen One to this world where my Son died, and where people do not feel the need to seek Him and discover Him in their lives. You be adorers of my Son and may your hope be hope to those whose hearts do not have Jesus. Dear children, thank you again today for having responded to my call."

I then recommended all of you to her, all of your needs, all of your petitions, all of your families. After that Our Lady continued to pray over all of us here, and in that prayer Our Lady departed in the light and in the light of the Cross, with the greeting, ***"Go in peace my dear children!"***

It is amazing that all these 30 years plus, Our Lady Queen of Peace has been with us and through her chosen visionaries at home and abroad, giving us these messages. Untiringly calling us to our personal conversion. Trying to awaken us from our slumber that ***"God Exists."*** That her Son Jesus, our savior died out of love for us. Our Lady Queen of Peace wants to reawaken us up so that we will be able to see, to hear and to feel with our hearts.

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A NOTE FROM PERLA (CONT'D):

Through Mirjana, from Naples, Italy, February 2nd of the month special messages for those who do not know the love of God, she says to us: ***"...I am with you for so much time and already for so long I have been pointing you to God's presence and His infinite love, which I desire for all of you to come to know"***.

Sadly she tells us that we remain deaf and blind to her words. She tells us we listen to her while she is speaking ... ***"but your hearts are closed and you are not hearing me..."*** She gives us the way out of this deafness and blindness. ***"...You are not praying to the Holy Spirit to illuminate you..."*** Each of us has to ask ourselves this question? What is making me deaf? What is blinding me to hearing her, ***"...my children pride has come to rule, I am pointing out humility to you..."*** Once she said: ***If you want to be very happy, lead a simple humble life, pray a great deal and do not delve into your problems but leave God to solve them"***

Throughout all these 30 years she has given us many messages to pray to The Holy Spirit. To begin our day by praying to the Holy Spirit.

Very early on she gave this message: ***"Dear children, you do not know how many gifts God is sending you through me. God is giving you great graces. You do not understand this. So pray to the Holy Spirit that he may illuminate you. If you knew how much grace God is offering you, you would pray continuously..."***

We are nearing Lent. May this be a time for us with renewed fervor to begin to live her messages:

From the beginning she gave us the main messages, also known as the "Five Stones" Prayer: praying with the heart; praying the Most Holy Rosary. Fasting: Wednesday's and Friday's, on bread and water, not to starve but to learn how to live the life of the poor. Holy Bible: daily and in our families. One Holy Thursday Our Lady gave a message: ***To-day I am going to reveal a spiritual secret to you. If you want to be stronger than evil, than trials, create an active conscience for yourselves. She said: "pray sufficiently in the morning, read a page of the Gospel and root the Divine Word in your hearts and remember it during the day, live by it, particularly in your trials and, by evening, you will have become stronger.."*** Confession: monthly or more if we need it. Holy Eucharist: attending daily Mass as often as possible.

Let us once again begin and diligently revisit these five stones of prayer, let them prepare us and open our hearts and abandon ourselves in real communication with Jesus to be converted and by our example be witnesses to those we encounter daily so that this Easter, like the visionaries, we too may be able to ***"...bring the joy of the Risen One to this world..."***

KID'S CORNER:

"How has Our Lady's messages from Medjugorje affected your life?"



McKayla Philippi (13 y/o Seton Home Schooled 8th Grader):

"I have grown up with Our Lady's messages. Having Mother come to the earth everyday is normal for me to think about. When I hear of people that have never heard of Medjugorje it makes me very sad. My mom has been teaching my family about Medjugorje since I can remember. I try and tell others why Jesus wants His Mom to help us believe in Him. Jesus gave us His Mom at the foot of the cross. The Blessed Mother is our mother and she is giving us instructions everyday from Medjugorje on how to be good. She wants us to love Jesus with all our hearts and souls, just like she does. Our Lady is telling us is to pray, make sacrifices by fasting and go to monthly confession. She wants us to especially pray the family the Rosary. The Blessed Mother says that the Rosary will help to keep my family together and help get us Heaven. My family uses scriptural Rosary books to help us to meditate. Meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary is really meditating on the Gospels and New Testament through the eyes of the Mother of God.

Our Lady also encourages us to go to confession once a month. This helps me to keep my soul clean and helps me to avoid offending God. I think that many people need to understand what sin is. So many of our friends and family don't know the teachings of the Church and cannot remember the Ten Commandments. Sin is saying no to God's Laws. We live in a society that has forgotten God's laws. They are many Catholic resources to help you examine your conscience. I would recommend getting one that will help you to make a good confession. This will help you to receive the graces necessary to grow in holiness. That is what the Blessed Mother is encouraging us to do.

Our Blessed Mother also recommends fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays. Jesus Himself fasted for forty days in the desert. It helps us to be spiritually strong and we can also help others by offering our sacrifices and fasting up for them. On Wednesdays and Fridays my four brothers and I write down three things that we are going to fast from. This helps us to encourage one another. My mother tries to fast on bread and water because this is what Our Blessed Mother says is the best way to fast.

Our Blessed Mother is also encouraging us to make the Mass

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CONVERSION CORNER:

BY TRACEY PHILIPPI



This is the short version of my Medjugorje conversion. The full version would be the length of a book. It will be challenging to accurately describe what happened to my life almost 13 years ago. My husband Mark and I had two beautiful children. We were Sunday going Catholics. I prayed a Hail Mary and the Angel of God daily. That was pretty much the extent of my Catholic faith. I was on the fast track with my career. I had worked for 5 years as a critical care BSN, RN. I was hired as a cardiac drug research nurse and worked for the Heart Institute of Nevada and Cardiovascular Consultants of Nevada. During one of my drug research assignments, I was offered a position with one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world, Merck. I soon found myself traveling the country, and within two years I had been promoted to a senior position in the company. I was making a very good salary, big bonuses, company car, and prestige. My husband Mark was also making a name for himself. He was the head strength coach at UNLV, and started competing on the world stage as a professional athlete. Mark won America's Strongest Man in 1997. Mark soon found himself as a regular sports figure on ESPN. Our careers and lifestyle were so busy and full that we felt very content on having just a boy and a girl. We believed the God had blessed us with being able to afford private schools, a nanny, housekeeper, and all of our material possessions, what more could we want. We were living the American dream. But inside my heart I felt restless. My heart ached every time I would leave the house, sometimes not seeing my children for days if I were traveling. I had been primed by the culture that a modern day mother does not stay at home. The goal was success and self- fulfillment. This misery I was feeling made me falsely believe that if only I could get that next promotion, make more money, and buy more clothes, I would be much happier. This was the trap I was in. God would not allow me to experience rest in my soul when I was so far away from living the truth and fulfilling my true vocation as a wife and mother. I was blinded. I truly thought that I was doing the right things. I did not know that I needed a conversion. The famous quote from St. Augustine sums it up " My soul was restless oh God, until it rested in you." Hopefully you get the picture of where I was in my life.

In the summer of 1999, Mark was competing in the World's Strongest Man in a country called Malta. I went with him. I did not know at the time anything about Malta. During our time there my heart started to stir. There were beautiful Catholic shrines everywhere on this island. Mark had an event one afternoon and it was very rainy. I stayed in the bus in between events. The bus driver was a very gracious and kind man. He shared with me the history of Malta and how St. Paul on his journey to Rome had been shipwrecked there. St. Paul had converted the island after being bit by a poisonous snake. To this day Malta has remained a Catholic country. I remember contemplating this and realized that I knew nothing about the deep history of my faith. Mark and I returned to Las Vegas but something had happened to me in Malta. A desire that every human heart has, "Why am I here, who made me, and what is truth?" After our return, I was picking up my son at St. Viator's pre school and started talking to another mom about my trip to Malta. I then asked Angie how she was doing. Angie responded that she had just come back from Medjugorje. I quickly asked her about Medjugorje. Angie had shared with me the story of the visionaries and Our Blessed Mother's messages. I was stunned and could not stop asking her questions. A few days later, Angie brought me a book on Medjugorje. I was headed off on a business meeting in Santa Barbara. I started reading the book while I was on a plane. I could not put it down! What happened to me that night in the Biltmore Hotel, I will never forget. It completely changed the course of my life. My question why was Jesus sending His mother to the earth everyday was answered. As I read the messages I felt Our Lady speaking right into the center of my heart. I heard her message. I felt the weight of my sins. I felt the horror of where my life was, through the eyes of God, and I saw my place in hell if I did not change the course of my life. God had in an instant revealed to me that when we go against His laws we put ourselves in grave dangers. I was prostrated on the floor in my hotel room crying out to God to forgive

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CONVERSION CORNER (CONT'D):

me. I cannot find the words to describe what I was feeling, except deep sorrow over the state of my life, and unbelievable awe that Our Lord was sending His Mother to the earth to warn us and to convert us. It was a real St. Paul like conversion. I wasn't riding a horse or stuck by lightning but nonetheless, in an instant God had revealed to me the state of my soul and the great gift of His forgiveness and mercy.

My life from that moment would never be the same. The journey to where I am today is credited to the great Mother of God and her messages of Medjugorje. I knew that God was calling me to stay at home, raise my children, keeping my marriage open to the gift of life and to learn my Catholic faith. I will never forget telling husband that I would be resigning from my job. It was very difficult and painful during the early part of my conversion. I was totally alone with no support going through a complete 180-degree direction turn in my life. We would need to totally transform our life style and finances. With much credit to my husband, he did not understand what was happening to me, but he stepped up to the plate and worked extra to support us so I could stay at home. My husband, many close family members and friends thought that I had gone off the deep end. This was very difficult for me. I felt the rejection and indifferences from all corners of my life.

In very short time period, I went from being a full time working mother with a successful career to being a full time stay at home mom. Yes, there were many days that this transition was challenging. I had to make many adjustments. My soul was experiencing much need transformations. I could not get my hands on enough Catholic books and resources. I would spend hours at the Divine Mercy bookstore. Soon I found EWTN and Catholic radio. I was like a kid in a candy shop. I was awakened to a world that I did not know existed. Our Lord had infused a thirst in my soul for truth, a thirst to follow Him. I immediately started to the best of my ability following the instructions of the Blessed Mother. Going to Confession, praying the daily Rosary, fasting, reading the Scriptures and going to daily Mass and receiving the Eucharist. This is the remedy to a godless world. What gifts our God has given to His Church.

Within 8 months, I conceived our third child, and have been blessed to have 3 more children. I have been a home schooling mother for 12 years. How I came to home schooling is a whole other story. It wasn't something that I ever imagined that I would be doing. In fact is something that I at first I did not want to do. To make a long story short, I knew in my heart God was calling me to do this. I had to respond and trust that He would give me the graces I needed to home school. It has been one of the greatest blessings to our family.

The Lord knew that I was going to need some support and direction. Within months of my conversion (1999) I found a parish in Las Vegas that had 6 pm daily Mass. It was the parish of Holy Family. I would drive every night over to the eastside of town with my children. Our Lady was leading me to a holy priest, Monsignor Ben Franzinelli. During this time Monsignor Ben preached and taught with vigor about our Blessed Mother's messages and God's call to living a holy life. I learned so much from Monsignor Ben and will be so ever grateful to him and his love for the Church and Our Lady. The Lord provided all I needed to be strengthened and nourished during this time. Being alone on my journey was very difficult and lonely. But at the same time the joys and happiness that my soul felt I cannot describe. God had also heard my prayer and my lamenting for my husband's conversion. My husband Mark was Confirmed in the fall of 2003. He also has responded to Our Lady's call, and leads our family of seven in the daily Rosary.

My prayer is that all people hear and responds to the call of Our Blessed Mother. Our Lord has been sending His Mom to the earth everyday for over 30 years from a small village in Medjugorje, Bosnia to six children, now adults. The message is urgent. We are living in a world that is self-destructing. Our hearts have grown cold to the voice of God and His Holy Catholic Church. I lived most of my life following the culture of death. The culture of death is one that is self-centered. It is closed off to the gift of children, and does not respect

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GET READY FOR LENT!

Cleaning up the Soul, Just what the Doctor of Life Our Lord Jesus
Recommends:

Examination of Conscience

Recall your sins. Calmly and honestly ask yourself what you have done with full knowledge and full consent against God and the Church's commandments.

- ◇ Do I pray to God every day? Have I thanked God for His gifts to me?
- ◇ Did I put my faith in danger through reading material that is hostile to Catholic teachings? Have I been involved in non-Catholic sects? Did I engage in superstitious practices, such as palm-reading or fortune telling?
- ◇ Did I take the name of God in vain? Did I curse, or take a false oath?
- ◇ Did I miss Mass on Sundays or holy days of obligation through my own fault? Am I attentive at Mass? Did I fast and abstain on the prescribed days?
- ◇ Did I disobey my parents or lawful superiors in important matters?
- ◇ Did I hate or quarrel with anyone, or desire revenge? Did I refuse to forgive? Was I disrespectful?
- ◇ Did I get drunk? Did I take illicit drugs? Did I consent to, recommend, advise, or actively take part in an abortion?
- ◇ Did I willfully look at indecent pictures, watch immoral movies, or read immoral books or magazines? Did I engage in impure jokes or conversations? Did I willfully entertain impure thoughts or commit impure acts, alone or with others? Did I use artificial means to prevent conception?
- ◇ Did I steal or damage another's property? Have I been honest in my business relations?
- ◇ Did I tell lies? Did I sin by gossiping about others? Did I judge others rashly in serious matters?
- ◇ Have I envied other people?

CONVERSION CORNER (CONT'D):

God's laws. It encourages immodest fashions that promote sins of the flesh, modern secularism, pornography, feminism, relativism, and indifference to the Catholic Church's teachings on contraception, divorce, and the holiness of marriage between a man and women. Blessed John Paul II called it the culture of death.

It pains me to know that there are many people who have chosen to disregard the messages of Medjugorje. They fail to see the awesome gift that God has given us through the loving care of His Mother. Many times I hear people say that the Church has not approved them. Most people do not understand that the Church cannot officially approve an apparition until it has ceased. The apparitions of Medjugorje have been ongoing everyday since 1981. They are the longest ongoing public apparitions recorded in the 2000-year history of the Catholic Church. I can only give you my testimony on what Our Lady's messages did for my life. She led me into the heart and soul of her Son's Catholic Church. Our Lady led me to Confession, the Holy Eucharist, prayer, penance, and conversion. I beg all who are listening, please respond to Our Blessed Mother's call. She is showing us the way to live a holy life and how to attain Heaven for all eternity praising and worshiping the Blessed Trinity. She wants us to love her Son and to do His will, for His will is the will of Our Heavenly Father, who has given us life. Praise be Jesus Christ!

KID'S CORNER (CONT'D):

the center of our lives. In my family we try and go to daily Mass to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Himself. Jesus Himself said, "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you will not have life in you." This is why going to Mass everyday is a wonderful way to get all the help Jesus is offering to us.

These are all the things that I have learned from Our Blessed Mother's messages from Medjugorje. They are the same things that Our Lord has always taught us through His Holy Catholic Church. Our Blessed Mother is helping to remind us and encourages us to listen to her Son Jesus.

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Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Oral Prayer: call Perla at 489-9336 for location

First Fridays, 6 p.m.

Our Lady of Las Vegas, one hour of evening prayer, which confession is being held, followed by the Holy Mass at 7 p.m. and then one hour of Adoration and Benediction to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Contact Edna at 580-2783.

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MEDJUGORJE INFORMATION CENTER OF LAS VEGAS MISSION STATEMENT:

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Our purpose is the publication of a quarterly newsletter and to maintain an active website (www.lasvegasmariancenter.com), principally to inform our readers of current Vatican and Catholic news unreported by the secular press and to provide current and updated information regarding reported alleged and approved apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. [Discretion is always necessary in discernment of news about any alleged apparitions.] In addition, The Center offers monthly Masses in honor of Our Lady Queen of Peace, pilgrimages to various spiritual sites, brings guest speakers and conferences to the Las Vegas area.

We encourage prayer and the practice of the Roman Catholic Faith in conformity with the teaching and absolute authority of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI and his successors