

October 21, 2018 – 29th Sunday Ordinary Time



*MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED
NOW AND FOREVER!!!*

SPIRITUAL PONDERINGS

Images of the Blessed Virgin Mary Koratty of Muthy

The next image that Ann Ball presents to us in her book titled: *The Other Faces of Mary: Stories, Devotions, and Pictures of the Holy Virgin Around the World* is called Koratty of Muthy.

Koratty of Muthy

This image of Mary titled “Koratty of Muthy” is one of the oldest devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary in all of India. She comes to us from the Syro-Malabar Catholic Rite. These are Catholics who are living in India who can trace their spiritual roots all the way back to St. Thomas the Apostle.

According to ancient tradition there was a battle between to royal families and one member of one of the royal families was killed. The pall bearers of this royal family member carried the casket quite a distance and then all of a sudden the casket would not budge. It was there that they decided to build a Church.

After reading three different accounts about the Koratty Muthy, I could not find anything that explained how this became a very big pilgrim site but it I did not. I did find three interesting legends that I speak deeper spiritual truths about devotion to Mary.

The first legend entails a rich landowner stealing bananas from

poorer landowners and being stricken with a mysterious illness until he confessed his sins and made an offering to the image Koratty of Muthy as restitution for the evil he had been doing. This shows us, like many Marian apparitions that the Blessed Virgin Mary has a soft spot of the poor.

The second legend deals with a train that broke down outside the shrine and after the people prayed at the shrine it the train started again without any problems. This reminds us that if we do things God’s way all things will work in our favor.

The third was that there was supposed to be an Airforce base built on the Church land. The contractor promised quick progress but became afraid when he saw a woman who appeared to be the Koratty of Muthy standing in the middle of the supposed base. This reminds us that our Blessed Mother is the Queen of Peace.

PRAYER TO KORATTY MUTHY (HAIL MARY OR AVE MARIA)

Virgin full of goodness, Mother of Mercy, KORATTYMUTHY I entrust to you my body and soul, my thoughts, my actions, my life and my death. O my mother Korattymuthy, deliver me from all the snares of the devil. Obtain for me the grace of loving my Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, with a true and perfect love, and after him. O Mary, Korattymuthy, to love you

*with all my heart and above all things. O my Korattymuthy, mother of God, help me in obtaining all the favors I now need and seek especially (please mention your personal prayers) Amen.
Hail Mary! Koratty Muthy, pray for us (10 times)*



THE PRAYER FOLLOWING MARY'S EXAMPLE

All-powerful and ever-living God, in the plan of your wisdom, she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with Him in heaven. May we follow her example in reflecting Your holiness and join her hymn of endless life and praise. Amen.

**October 21, 2018 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 146 Gospel
MK 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Spiritual Reflection:

It seems that in every cop show there is eventually an episode in which the main character agrees to become a bad guy's hostage if the bad guy agrees to let the other hostages go free. Jesus knows that He is willing to exchange His life for ours. James and John want the glory of being the hero but they are not yet ready to offer their lives for others. The important thing is that one day they will be ready. Where we are in our faith life today is not the end of the story.

Spiritual Questions:

1. Why do you think John and James want to seek thrones of power?
2. Why is God's way so different than that of humans?
3. Where do you want to be in your faith journey next week at this time?
4. How are you going to let God bring that about in you?
5. Are you ready to give your life as a ransom for any?



MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS - Pro-Life Prayer

Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin, Help of the Christians, we place ourselves under your motherly protection. Throughout the Church's history you have helped Christians in times of trial, temptation and danger. Time and time again, you have proven to be the Refuge of sinners, the Hope of the hopeless, the Consoler of the afflicted, and the Comforter of the Dying.

We promise to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, to proclaim His Good News of God's love for all people, and to work for peace and justice in our world. With faith in your intercession, we pray for the Church, for our family and friends, for the poor and abandoned, and all the dying. Grant, O Mary, Help of Christians, the graces of which we stand in need.

Quotes of the Week

Has this world been so kind to you that you should leave with regret? There are better things ahead than any we leave behind. - C. S. Lewis

People hasten to judge in order not to be judged themselves. - Albert Camus

God bestows more consideration on the purity of the intention with which our actions are performed than on the actions themselves. - Saint Augustine

Man can hardly even recognize the devils of his own creation. - Albert Schweitzer

If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.
If there is to be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.
If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbors.
If there is to be peace between neighbors,
There must be peace in the home.
If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in the heart. -Laozi



May we have the grace in our time to put an end to all attacks against life. May we see an end to abortion, abuse, euthanasia, and the death penalty.

May we serve Jesus with fidelity and love until death. Help us and our loved ones to attain the boundless joy of being forever with our Father in heaven. Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us!



Please join us in praying a special prayer each month for Catholics who have fallen away from their faith.

MARY, QUEEN IN THE HOME

O Blessed Virgin Mary, you are the mother and queen of every Christian family. When you conceived and gave birth to Jesus, human motherhood reached its greatest achievement. From the time of the Annunciation you were the living chalice of the Son of God made man. You are the queen of the home.

As a woman of faith, answer the prayers of the mothers who have tried to raise their children in the faith but who now see their children living lives contrary to the faith. Watch over our families and reunite them all with the bond of faith. Let children learn about such a faith that they may be inspired by your obedience to God. Let parents learn and model dedication and selflessness based on your unselfish attitude. Let all families honor you and remain devoted to you so that they may be held together by your example and your intercession. Amen.



PRAYER(S) OF THE WEEK

THE CHAPLET OF THE EVEN DOLORS OF OUR LADY

How to pray the Chaplet of the Seven Dolors of Our Lady

The Chaplet of the Seven Dolors of Our Lady has a total of 58 beads and a medal of the first dolor. There is a total of 7 sets of 7 beads, with 3 additional beads and a crucifix. On each of the seven beads if prayed the "Hail Mary...".

On the separating beads is prayed the "Our Father...".

On the 3 additional beads is prayed the "Hail Mary..." in remembrance of the tears of Mary that were shed because of the suffering of her Divine Son. These are said to obtain true sorrow for our sins.

The 7 groups of 7 Hail Mary's are recited in remembrance of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, namely:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon.
2. The flight into Egypt.

3. The loss of the Child Jesus.
4. Mary meets Jesus carrying His Cross.
5. The crucifixion.
6. Mary receives the body of Jesus from the Cross.
7. The body of Jesus is placed in the tomb.

After each set of seven beads is said the following prayer:

- V. Pray for us, O most sorrowful Virgin.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Concluding prayer:

Lord Jesus, we now implore, both for the present and for the hour of our death, the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Thy Mother, whose holy soul was pierced at the time of Thy Passion by a sword of grief. Grant us this favor, O Savior of the world, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

TRIVIA

| Last Week's Answers | This Week's Question |
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| <p>What do the following symbolize?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apple - B2. Arch - D3. Ark - C4. Armor - A <p>A. Resistance to Evil B. Original Sin, Eve, C. Mary, Noah, Ark of Covenant D. Victory</p> | <p>True or False</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Our Lady of Fatima is the name of one of the Apparitions of Mary that took place in France.2. Kateri Takewitha was a member of the Sioux nation.3. Adam and Eve had three children4. God made people on the sixth day according to author of Genesis. |



Humor

Joe: What do you call wood when it's scared?

Bob: I don't know.

Joe: Petrified!

Michael: What treat do eye doctors give out on Halloween?

Matthew: I don't know. What?

Michael: Candy corneas.

A photographer goes to a haunted castle determined to get a picture of a ghost on Halloween. The ghost he encounters turns out to be friendly and poses for a snapshot. The happy photographer later downloads his photos and finds that the photos are underexposed and completely blank. **Moral to the story:** The spirit is willing, but the flash is weak.

A book never written: "All That's Left of Me" by Myra Maines.

Brett: What do mummies like listening to on Halloween?

Brent: I don't know.

Brett: Wrap music!