

October 28, 2018 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time



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

# SPIRITUAL PONDERINGS

## Images of the Blessed Virgin Mary Our Lady of Siluva

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 Our Lady of Siluva.

### Our Lady of Siluva

In 1608, Our Blessed Mother appeared to some children near the small town of Siluva in Lithuania. Most of the people in the town were poor farmers. The children described Mary appearing to them as a woman with long hair standing on a large rock holding a child in her arms. The children spoke about how they were amazed at the amount of tears that flowed from the woman's eyes. The speechless children ran to the nearest Church which happened to be Calvinists. The Calvinist preachers told the people that the children had seen the devil but as he spoke the woman appeared again. The preacher finally gathered enough courage to ask the lady why she was crying. Her response was "Formerly in this place, my Son was honored and adored, but now all that the people do is seed and cultivate the land."

Fast forward many years, and a new law is passed that allowed the Catholic Church to reclaim property that had been unjustly taken from them by the government and various protestant Churches but only if they could find the

appropriate paperwork. In search of such paperwork for a nearby Church a blind man led them to the rock where the blessed Virgin Mary appeared and he regain their sights and miraculously the needed paperwork was discovered.

Pope Pius VI gave official Church approval to the apparition but unfortunately the communist in 1975 suppressed the devotion to the best of their ability. Devotion to our Lady under the title of Our Lady of Siluva continued to grow. There is currently an image of Our Lady of Siluva at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.

While looking for a prayer to go with our Lady of Siluva, I came across a few websites that referred to this image of the Blessed Virgin Mary as the "Patroness of Those Who Pray for Lapse Catholics." Proving once again that our Mother is constantly at work supporting those who desire to bring people back to her Son.

I am going to end today's reflection with the following quote from St. Josemaria Escriva: "All the sins of your life seem to be rising up against you. Don't give up hope! On the contrary, call your holy mother Mary, with the faith and abandonment of a child. She will bring peace to your soul."

*A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF SILUVA*



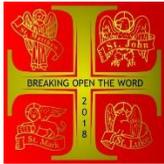
O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Thou who didst appear to the shepherds in the fields at Siluva, Thou whose tears did bathe the rock where once an altar stood, Thou who didst with plaintive voice say: "You plow and seed here where formerly my Son was honored," grant that we, moved by Thy tears, may, once as our Forefathers did, revive the spirit of adoration of Thy Son in our fallow hearts, strengthen the tottering structure of the shrine which is the family, and seek forgiveness for our negligence and sins.

O Mother of God, we desire to raise up the glory of Your revelation from forgotten ruins, that we may all the more honor Thee, the Patroness of Lithuania, and with Thy help obtain for us the spirit of a living Faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## RETURN OF LAPSED CATHOLICS TO THE SACRAMENTS

Almighty Father, . You desire not the death of the sinner, but that he may be converted and live. Pour out upon us Your mercy and hear the prayers of Your servants. Soften the hearts of Your children who have strayed from the true path which You established for their salvation. They are now forgetful of their duties as Catholics, and pursue the pleasures of the world. Grant that they may

quickly return to the practice of every Christian virtue, so that their lives may shine with the integrity of faith, the fervor of piety, and the ardor of charity. Restore them all to Your sacraments and the life of Your grace, through the merits of the most precious blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen



# BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

**October 28, 2018 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 149 Gospel MK 10:46-52**

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.



### **Spiritual Reflection:**

The opposite of love is not hate, but indifference. Indifference creates evil. Hatred is evil itself. Indifference is what allows evil to be strong, what gives it power. - Elie Wiesel. See how the crowd did not care anything for Bartimaeus until Jesus shows an interest in him. Their not caring led them to treating Bartimaeus in an unchristian manner.

### **Spiritual Questions:**

1. Why does Jesus ask Bartimaeus what it is that he wanted? Would it have been pretty obvious?
2. How do we treat people that we wish would just go away?
3. How should we act knowing that Jesus cares for everyone especially those that others have rejected?
4. How can you encourage others to come closer to Jesus?
5. What would you do if you regained your sight? Bartimaeus followed Jesus would you?



## Quotes of the Week

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. -Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love." Saint Mother Teresa

"Genuine love is demanding, but its beauty lies precisely in the demands it makes." Pope Francis

"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love." Saint Mother Teresa

"To have a right to do a thing is not at all the same as to be right in doing it." G.K Chesterton

"The saints did not all begin well, but they ended well." St. John Vianney

"Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about." St. Jeanne de Chantal

"The devil fears hearts on fire with love of God." St. Catherine of Siena

"To be tempted is a sign that the soul is very pleasing to the Lord." St. Padre Pio

"It isn't good to let our thoughts disturb us or worry us at all." St. Teresa of Avila

# PRO-LIFE

## 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.

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 ALL SOULS

How to pray the Chaplet of Our Lady's Tears

This devotion is prayed on the popular Marian Rosary of 59 beads.

1. On the Crucifix, recite the Psalm "Out of the Depths."
2. On the large beads, say the "Lord's Prayer."
3. On the small beads, recite the following invocation:  
"O good Jesus, have mercy on the soul in purgatory or (mention name) and grant to them eternal rest."
4. First decade, begin with the following prayer:  
"I offer You, my Savior, this first decade for the souls of

all of my relatives, through the Precious Blood

which You shed for them in Your Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. O good Jesus, have mercy on them!"

5. Say the Our Father. & Repeat the Invocation "O good Jesus..." 10 times.

6. Second decade, begin with the following prayer:  
"I offer You, my Savior, this second decade for the souls of all those who have shown me kindness, through the Precious Blood which You shed for them in Your Scourging. O good Jesus, have mercy on them!"

7. Say the Our Father. & Repeat the Invocation "O good

Jesus..." 10 times.

8. Third decade, begin with the following prayer:  
"I offer You, my Savior, this third decade for the souls of those whom I have at any time offended, through the Precious Blood which You shed for them in carrying Your Cross to Calvary. O good Jesus, have mercy on them!"

9. Say the Our Father. & Repeat the Invocation "O good Jesus..." 10 times.

10. Fourth decade, begin with the following prayer:  
"I offer You, my Savior, this fourth decade for the souls of my friends and companions, through the Precious Blood which You poured forth upon the Cross, and through the sorrows which Mary, our tender Mother, endured at the foot of the Cross. O good Jesus, have mercy on them!"

11. Say the Our Father. & Repeat the Invocation "O

good Jesus..." 10 times.

12. Fifth decade, begin with the following prayer:  
"I offer You, my Savior, this fifth decade for the soul of my father and/or Mother and/or relative. I offer You, for this soul so dear to me, the Precious Blood and the sacred water from Your Heart, pierced by the lance. O good Jesus, open to this soul the gate of heaven, and grant me the grace to be reunited with it forever in the bosom of Your goodness."

13. Say the Our Father. & Repeat the Invocation "O good Jesus..." 10 times.

14. Finish the Chaplet by saying:  
"O good Jesus, have mercy on the soul or souls in purgatory or (mention name) and grant to them eternal rest.

# TRIVIA

Last Week's Answers	This Week's Question
<p>True or False</p> <p>1. Our Lady of Fatima is the name of one of the Apparitions of Mary that took place in France. F- Fatima is in Portugal</p> <p>2. Kateri Takewitha was a member of the Sioux nation. F – She was part Mohawk and Algonquin</p> <p>3. Adam and Eve had three children – T Abel, Cain, and Seth</p> <p>4. God made people on the sixth day according to author of Genesis. - True</p>	<p>True or False</p> <p>1. When a person dies he or she becomes either an angel in heaven or demon in hell.</p> <p>2. People in purgatory cannot be helped by our prayers.</p> <p>3. Anyone can baptize in an emergency</p> <p>4. Jesus never let anyone walk away from Him in the Gospels.</p>



## Humor

