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JESUS IS LORD TO THE GLORY OF THE FATHER



IF MY REQUESTS ARE FULFILLED, RUSSIA WILL CONVERT & THERE WILL BE PEACE. IF NOT SHE WILL SPREAD HER ERRORS & MANY NATIONS WILL BE ANNIHILATED.

THE RACE IS ON!

Only a few short weeks until our great Harvest Festival, a Festival of Thanksgiving for all that God has blessed us with. It is a day of joy as we realize what awaits us as God's children if we but remain faithful to Him, confident that He will give us the graces to get through the suffering we all must face. He did, & we are called to follow Him to the cross & through it. He has paid the price..all we have to do is to enter in. Our ticket of admission was our Baptism. We have only to live it out with the graces we received then & surround ourselves with like runners.

What is & always has been the most paramount is the salvation of souls, our own & those the Lord has put in our path. All else is secondary. For some, life is a sprint; but for most of us it's a long distance marathon & we need help & encouragement along the way; fellow runners who spur us on, rest stops to refuel & a heart bent on getting to the finish line, home to the Father.

In this time of confusion in our Church & in our country, we need coaches & spiritual forces that can keep us on the right track. St. Antoninus has always been a church of orthodoxy endowing us with the Truth & graces we need in the sacraments & producing fruits of servants for the mission & it is place of joy in the worship of the King. Such a place is a gem & needs to be supported in order to continue. So we ask you to help us continue & grow deeper in our worship & service of the King.

Come join us in the most important thing we can do: praise, worship & serve our King. Come & experience & add to the joy of knowing who we are, Whose we are & where we are going.



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF GREAT ROSARY RALLIES

The whole country & a great part of the world will be uniting in praying the Rosary on Oct. 16, the closest Saturday to the anniversary of the miracle of the sun at Fatima. Go to americanneedsfatima.org to get information as to how to form your own prayer team. It is very simple. Just gather some people in a prominent spot & pray the Rosary together. America Needs Fatima might be able



to supply a banner for your team. Call them ASAP at 866 584 6012. You can always use them at future rosary rallies at any time. The rosary is usually prayed at noon, local time but get out there & do it when you can. We are living Fatima & so much evil that is happening is a result of our not heeding her.

DON'T WAIT TILL THANKSGIVING TO BE THANKFUL.

Often in our culture we move too fast & end up taking too much for granted. What if no one came to pick up the garbage, which is happening in some places or if you didn't get mail regularly delivered, that happens here all the time. Or what if there was a fire in your house & there were no firemen to come to the rescue often at great risk to their own lives? Or there were shootings going on in your neighborhood & the police had been defunded & no one came to help? Take time out & stop by your local fire house or police station or better yet get a group together to stop by & express your gratitude, appreciation & support. They would be very touched by that. Three of our parishioners did exactly that after Mass one Sunday & one of them whose son was a fire chief & was in NYC at 9/11 & for many weeks afterward shared her story of how she prayed for his safety every day for the 25 years he served. You could see how moved they were by the support behind the front lines.



OCTOBER 7: FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY....

...marking the 450th anniversary of the victory at Lepanto, when greatly outnumbered by Moslem invaders bent on taking over Rome & Europe, Pope V requested all pray the rosary in league with Don Juan of Austria whom he had appointed to command the Christian fleet. He knew this was a spiritual battle & armed himself & his men accordingly. He prohibited any blasphemy on board the ships & ordered his men to fast for 3 days. No women were allowed on board to avoid any thoughts of lust & had priests on board to hear confessions & grant absolution. Rosaries were given to all the men & on the eve of battle he ordered all to pray the rosary in solidarity with the Pope who was praying with them in Rome.



An image of Guadalupe which had touched the original in Mexico graced one of the ships in the Armada.

We are now in a spiritual battle even greater than Lepanto. Are we anywhere near the battle preparations they implemented? Are we using the weapons God gave us? For, though we are the targets, He knows the battle is far beyond our means. Are we cooperating with the grace He pours through His Mother? The only thing that matters in this battle is the salvation of souls & this is a war that can only be fought on our knees.

The requests she made at Fatima have been repeated over & over again in further visitations, locutions backed by signs & wonders & miracles to let us know the messages are from heaven & need to be heeded.

Our priorities have & need to shift dramatically to put us in His will & on His narrow path. A lot of what we spent our time on has become superfluous. We need to refocus on our reason for being here & keep our hearts fixed on heavenly realities while fulfilling our tasks & responsibilities as long as we remain here. We need to question the motivation behind the works we do & make sure they are offered up for God's glory & not our own. Lord, increase our faith so that when You return, You will find faith on earth among those who seek to love You as You have loved us.

LIFE WILL NOT BE WHAT IT WAS.

...& neither will the Church. Priorities need to be changed there as well. We no longer have the luxury of a lot of dialogue & discussion & opinionating. We need to get down to the brass tacks of our faith. Pope Benedict XVI shared his vision of the future of the Church as far back as 1969. He saw what was coming.

As is by now obvious to most, the people, the nation, the world & the Church are in serious need of purification. And we are in it now & just at the cusp of it if we do not respond.

We have no need of a Church that celebrates the cult of action in political prayers. It is utterly superfluous & therefore will destroy itself.

The future of the Church will be reshaped by saints, by those whose minds probe deeper than the slogans of the day, whose minds see more than others see because their minds embrace a wider reality.

Instead of discussing our faith, in a purified Church, we will worship. We will live our faith, not analyze it. Instead of dissertations, lectures & theses & controversies, there will be prayer. The Church will be a more spiritual Church, not presuming upon a political mandate. The politics will be that of Jesus; it will be following Jesus, NOT worldly figures. There will be humility & obedience.

In faith & prayer, she will again recognize the sacraments as the worship of God & not as a subject for liturgical scholarship.

When the trial of sifting is past, a great power will flow from a more spiritualized & simplified Church.

The Church is facing very hard times (we are in them). The real crisis has scarcely begun. We will have to count on terrific upheavals. (We are living those)

But I am equally certain about what will remain at the end: not the Church of the political cult, which is dead already, but the Church of faith. (Pope Benedict XVI, 1969 interview)

In the end, lost souls wallowing in angst will be looking for what was planted in their hearts at their creation & we, the remaining faithful, must be ready to embrace them & show them the way...back home. So arm yourselves with the Spirit who will empower you & prepare you to care for the lost anguished souls.

LET US NOW PRAISE FAITHFUL SERVANTS.

A bit of a paraphrase from the Book of Sirach but how important it is to pause & thank & encourage & appreciate those around us God has gifted with leadership & spiritual gifts. We have been greatly blessed by the Divine Adoration Prayer Group that meets here every Saturday from 3-6PM to pray & share the Word of God by different members of the prayer group. Hearts have been touched; lives have been changed, people have been healed & focus has shifted from the things of this world to heavenly realities. Fr. Trevor called us to that years ago in a conference here entitled "Keep Your Hearts Fixed on Heavenly Realities." Everyone seems to have a greater sense of this world passing away. ...quickly.

So secrecy was the byword as all wanted to surprise Nkiru with a celebration to honor & thank her, a thing she would never tolerate if she knew about it, such is her humility & focus on what the Lord wants of her which does not include parties in her estimation. But all scurried about warning everyone not to spill the beans. Some pretext was given to move the prayer meeting to the church so a team could decorate the hall & they did so beautifully, the people coming in for an event the next day insisted they be kept up.

Many testimonies & words of thanks followed & NK patiently listened to & gratefully acknowledged all. A sumptuous meal followed & gratitude & grace filled the air. So come on by on Saturdays at 3 & see what God is doing.



ARM YOURSELVES, GET TO A SPIRITUAL BOOT CAMP FOR TRAINING.

And one is coming up Oct. 29-30 at St. Mary's in Middletown, NJ led by Encounter Ministries which sponsored the last Conference on Healing which was dynamite...full of the fire of the Holy Spirit. We are in the war for our souls & all soldiers need training & the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Go to www.DOTCCR.org/propheticbootcamp to register & take more recruits with you. Then let us not just go to a great conference where we learn how to use the gifts but let us resolve to leave from there & go out & use them to bring people to Christ while we still have time to do so.