



## THE GLORY OF GOD SHINING ON THE FACE OF JESUS - THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

*Lord, show us the Father. Jesus said, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." John 14:8-9*

*For God, who said,  
"Let light shine out of darkness,"  
made his light shine in our hearts to  
give us the Light of the knowledge  
of God's glory displayed in the face  
of Christ. 2 Cor. 4:6*

In each Luminous Mystery we can find the 'knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.' Cf. 2 Cor. 4:6 Thus, these Mysteries of Light add a whole new dimension of grace to the original rosary prayer given to St. Dominic by our Blessed Mother as a weapon to defeat the soul robbing errors of his day. The errors of our present day threaten not only souls but the very fabric of the human person and of the cultures that nurture humanity. To defeat this heart freezing, mind numbing darkness, meditation on these light-filled mysteries can turn the Sword of Saint Dominic into a space-age Light Saber. The Wonders of the Rosary, Donald H' Calloway, MIC, Cf. pp. 23

To open hardened hearts, the Blessed Mother gave Saint Dominic the Angelic Psalter – 15 Our Fathers and 150 proclamations of the Incarnation of the Son of God, which became the first part of the Hail Mary. In the 13th century he preached in opposition to those who believed in two equal god-like Principles one good and the other evil and who taught that all material things are evil. They argued that if all matter is evil, God, who is all good, could not assume a human body since in itself it would be evil. Hence, Jesus could not be both God and man. Bread, wine, water and oil would also by nature be evil. Therefore, there could be no Incarnation or Salvation and no grace conferring Sacraments.

By adding meditations on the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries, St. Dominic provided the faithful with knowledge of Christ's Incarnation,



Death and Resurrection. Their Faith thus fortified, the beads in their hands became a Sword of Divine Truth against the lies of the Enemy.

Today we face the same errors with their consequences. But even worse, some believe that Evil is more powerful and desirable than Good. Some go even further believing in no god, good or evil. But, if there is no God, who is our all-powerful and all-good Creator then, there are: no Divine, Natural or Moral Laws; no inalienable rights or dignity or eternal destiny for the human person; no objective Truth, only the 'tyranny of relativism' or Nietzsche's 'will to power.'

As we meditate here on the Luminous Mysteries, we will walk with Jesus from his Baptism in the Jordan to the Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. In each Mystery we will gaze on the Glory of God, his self-revelation, shining on the face of Jesus. And in each Mystery, we will find the light of grace available to us in the Sacraments. Jesus reassuringly calls us, "He who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

**JESUS' BAPTISM IN THE RIVER JORDAN -**  
As John the Baptist baptized Jesus, the heavens opened, the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descended on Jesus and the Father's voice was heard, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3:16 The Light radiating from this mystery is the glory of God's self-revelation in Christ – his Trinitarian Nature: three Divine Persons in one God. At our own Baptism our souls were adopted by God. As the minister of the Sacrament pronounced, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," a listening heart could hear, "This one, too, is My beloved."

MARRIAGE FEAST IN CANA - Late in the day, Mary, his mother, said to Jesus, "They have no wine." Wine being symbolic of joy, she could have said,



"They have no Joy." Jesus responded by turning over 100 gallons water into fine wine. In this first miracle, Jesus revealed his divine identity as the Father's creating Word. Just as in the beginning, the Father spoke 'water' into being through his Word; in Cana the Word 'spoke' wine into the water.

Something similar happens at every wedding. At Creation, God

said, "Let us make man in our image, male and female let us make them." Cf. Gen. 1:26 In Holy Matrimony the 'two become one flesh.' Mk. 10:8 To sustain this total self-gift over a lifetime can be very difficult and daily sacrifice irksome. But sacramental grace and prayer together can turn the water of a human relationship into the wine of an eternal love story. "Love can make it easy, and perfect love can make it a joy." Pre-1967 Rite of Marriage.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD



AND THE CALL TO CONVERSION - The people, God had chosen for his own, rejected Him as their King saying, "We want a human ruler with a conquering army like everyone else has!" But Jesus came as a prophetic Teacher preaching, "Repent, and believe in the Good News - the kingdom of God is at hand." It is again within your reach! When his detractors asked to 'see' the kingdom, Jesus said, "The kingdom of Good does

not come with observation. For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you". Cf. Luke 17:20-21 Jesus demonstrated this shift from an external to an internal kingdom when he healed the paralytic who had been lowered through the roof. Seeing his faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven." To some who objected, he said, "Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?'" Matt. 9:2,7 We, too, can hear these words of forgiveness and healing spoken to us in the Sacraments of Penance and the Anointing of the Sick because the Kingdom of God is truly 'at hand' in them.

THE TRANSFIGURATION - "Upon Mount Tabor, Jesus was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light." Matt. 17:2

Jesus wanted his disciples to see the glory that he had with the Father before the world began. Cf. Jn 17:24. Then it is the

voice of the Father that speaks to them out of the bright cloud that overshadowed them, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him!" Cf. Matt. 17:1-5



The disciples heard the Father's loving voice and glimpsed the divinity of Christ to prepare them for the horror of his Passion and the scandal of the Cross. To prepare us for the doubt, suffering and death that comes into every life the Holy Spirit comes to us in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST- Jesus took bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me." Matt. 26:26-28

The word 'covenant', kārāt berīt, spoken by Jesus in the institution of the Eucharist in Hebrew literally means to "cut a covenant." A covenant is a promise of faithful relationship. God made

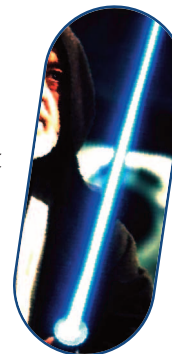


superabundant promises to Abraham who, against all odds, believed Him. This faith was credited to him as righteousness and God 'cut a covenant' with him. In this ancient ritual a series of animals were cut in half and then the

participants walked between the cut carcasses, as if to say, "May what happened to these beasts happen to me if I ever break faith with you. I will keep my promise even if it kills me!" Read Genesis 15:12 and notice that Abraham did not walk between the slaughtered animals only God did.

Our Creator entered his Creation through the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, knowing what loving us would cost him. He knew that we would crucify Him. He came anyway because in and with the Father he had promised to love us, even if it killed Him. And, because of our infidelity, it did. Ah but, Love conquered from the Cross and Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to his Father's right hand in Glory. And because he instituted the Sacraments of Holy Orders and the Holy Eucharist, we can enter into this new Covenant of Love at every celebration of Holy Mass.

CONCLUSION - The power of the Rosary remains the Angelic Psalter's repeated proclamations of the Incarnation. And as we meditate on the joys, sorrows and glory of the Word who became flesh, our knowledge of him slowly turns to love. However, in the events of his life, called 'luminous', like lightning strikes, in an instant of time, the ineffable light of the Eternal Glory is revealed in his divine Son as Trinity, Creator, King, Father and Covenant Keeper. By meditating on these revelations, each 'Our Father' of our rosary can turn into an orb of Light. Thus, transforming every five-decade Sword of Truth into a radiant, Hope-emitting Light Saber empowered by Love. Now, we have 'at hand' a weapon to defeat the forces of this present Darkness and to open minds and hearts to God's marvelous Light - here by grace and hereafter in Glory!



"Like a stream is a servant's heart in the hand of the Lord. Wherever it pleases him God directs its way."

Cf: Prov. 21:1

Sister Mary Magdalen's story is not a chronicle of 100 yrs. of life or even 82 years of profession as a Dominican Nun but simply the story

of servant's heart in the hand of her Lord. On August 15, 1938, she entered the Monastery of St. Dominic in Newark, NJ where she chose for her profession motto, "Ecce Ancilla Domini" - Behold the Handmaid of the Lord.



The movement of sister's heart in grace can be glimpsed in one of her favorite scripture passages - the Ezekiel's prophetic vision of living water flowing from the right side of the temple. As Sister progressed she allowed herself to be carried by providential waters which became more and more challenging to navigate. Like the Prophet she "was led into the water that began as a trickle and became by stages deeper until it became a river." And the flow of grace had a similar effect in her life: "On the bank of the river there were very many kinds trees and their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing." Cf. Ez. 40-47

The trickle began when at twenty-seven a dispensation from Rome allowed her to become Mother Mary Magdalen, Sub-Mistress of Novices. In 1950, she joined the Monastery Council as Mistress of Novices. After fifteen years, she was elected Prioress for three years. Then she was returned to the Novitiate where she remained until she began a nine-year term as Prioress during the challenging late 1960s and 1970s. Then, with her Dominican heart set on study and formation, she continued to serve her Novices for many years.

When the demographics of the Monastery's Inner-City neighborhood shifted, the nuns considered relocation and found property, not unlike the beautiful Verona hills of sister's girlhood. But to determine God's will the sister's said a Novena to the Holy Spirit. On the ninth day the doorbell rang. It was Father Jim Ferry seeking prayer support for the former Dominican parish of St. Antonius. He had been assigned as pastor of a new Charismatic Parish Community of prayer and evangelization composed of priests, religious sisters, laymen and laywomen. The Holy Spirit, through these priests, brought a renewal of prayer and praise to the nuns that effected a new fervor in their contemplative life and

**SISTER MARY MAGDALEN, OP - "A TRUE DOMINICAN" PART 2**  
*Anita Elizabeth Braun - 100 years +- November 15, 1921— May 18, 2022*

**Liturgical Prayer.**

During this same time, the Master of the Dominican Order was calling on isolated, autonomous Monasteries of Nuns to reach out to one another for mutual sharing and support. Assiduous study was encouraged as a form of regular observance; and collaboration, to assure consistency of initial and ongoing formation, became a new goal.

As Prioress of the first Monastery of Dominican Nuns, founded in 1880, Sister Mary Magdalen acted on the Master's call. She contacted other Prioresses and all saw the need for mutual support for themselves and their Novice Mistresses. By 1975 they had formed the first Conference of Dominican Nuns in the USA. Then Dominican friars were contacted to help develop the needed study programs. Pictured are nuns and friars at their 1985 planning meeting and 1988 program for Newark Nuns. Below, in 2000, Sister celebrates with other Novice Mistresses at the Dominican House of Studies in DC where her Novice had just concluded her four-year Theological Formation Program.

As soon as Liturgy in the vernacular became an option Sister obtained diocesan permissions to explore praying the Divine Office in English. An opportunity was provided to work with a Dominican friar from India studying nearby and together they matched already approved English texts and the Grail Psalter to the existing Divine Office in Latin. Mr. James Burns, an organist and composer, wrote suitable chant while ancient hymns translated by Benedictine Nuns from St Cecilia's Abbey, Isle of Wight added gentle beauty. With diocesan approval, this form of the Divine Office was prayed as long as the Nuns remained Newark.

In 2002, the Lord turned his Hand and the flow of Sister's life. The dearth of vocations having struck her inner-city home, the Newark Nuns, by unanimous vote, decided to disperse. Thus, they



*A Message from the Cloister*

**Ah, we would make Him loved:  
 Ignite the world with Living Flame,  
 Make all creation bless His Name;  
 To every thirsting heart proclaim,  
 'God loveth thee - exceedingly!'**

**So that He might be loved,  
 God bids us spend our earthly days  
 In Contemplation's single gaze,  
 Her potent Act of silent praise  
 Of Hidden Love - enthroned above!  
 Go, then, and make Him loved!  
 Hands filled with fruits of prayer;  
 Oh, take this life we long to share  
 And spread its gladness everywhere!  
 'Tis Love's Own plea - eternally!**

*Mother Mary Magdalen - 1955*

could strengthen other Dominican Monasteries with their gifts and resources.

Sister Mary Magdalen did exactly that, when in 2004, she and five of her sisters were welcomed into Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament. Sister shared freely her wit and her wisdom, especially with the young. And in her years of diminishment, by her prayer-filled perseverance and fidelity, she demonstrated the meaning of a Dominican life 'spent totally for the glory of God and the salvation of souls'.



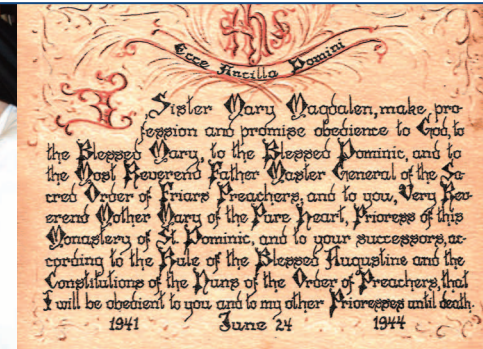
Fr. Jim Ferry, Auxilliary Bishop Joseph Francis



Mr. James Burns, Mother Mary Veronica, Prioress



80th anniversary of profession.  
 Sister renews her vows



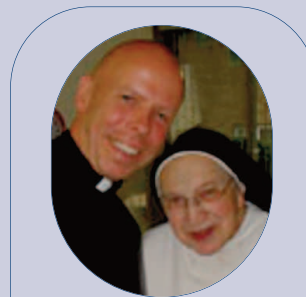
Master of the Order, Fr. Bruno Cadore, OP  
 A greeting of mutual respect and joy!



Sister, as Monastery Council Member,  
 inspecting renovation worksight.



Enjoying acting with the Novices in a  
 Feast Day 'drama'.



*Father Colin Kay,  
 one of Sister's spiritual sons and  
 Celebrant at her  
 Mass of Christian Burial.*



At 99 yrs. Sister worked in the  
 Altar Bread Dept. until the day  
 she was initially hospitalized.

Ever at the heart; and in the hearts of her Community.  
 Below: The sister who sculpted the Stations of the Cross at the Monastery of  
 Our Lady of Grace chose Sister as a model for: Jesus meets his Mother.



2004 Rear: Sr. Mary Margaret, Sr. Mary Cecelia, and Sr. Clara Marie  
 Front: Sr. Mary of the Holy Child, Sr. Mary Magdalen, Sr. Mary Dominic

*Well done,  
 my good and faithful  
 servant.  
 Come, share  
 your master's joy.*

*Mt. 25:23*



YOUR ROSES FOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER ARE BLOOMING



Sr. Anne Mary and Sr. Mary Elizabeth in Mt. Tabor Chapel, Ortonville, MI

Share our Video !

**The Habit of Prayer**

“From the beginning, I longed to live the contemplative life.”

In **October 2021** many of you pinned roses on our Rosarys for Vocations Board. Our Blessed Mother went right to work.

In **January 2022** two joyful Dominican Nuns from Our Lady of Mt. Tabor Monastery came to join us. St. Dominic and the Angels, who served his hungry friars miraculous bread came with them to grace our Refectory.

In **May 2022** *The Habit of Prayer*, an award winning video produced by Sr. Mary John from the Sisters of Mother Mary of the Eucharist launched on YouTube.

**July 22-23, 2022** Vocation Discernment Overnight Retreat - See pictures below.



*When I found him whom my heart loves.... I would not let him go.* Cf. Song of Songs 3:4



“Did the Lord steal your heart?” Sister asked, and a participant answered, “Yes, but he is playing hide -and-see with it.”

They came seeking. They found time to praise, to adore, and to listen to the Lord. They found Dominican Contemplative Life and discernment tools. They found friends, counseling, encouragement, and joy!

Please, keep them in your prayers.



2022 ROSARY TRIDUUM ~ OCTOBER 7 & 9  
Father Michael Monshau , OP



Father Michael Monshau will be our Triduum preacher. Fr. Michael, a long time friend of the nuns, is a Dominican friar from the Province of St. Albert the Great, the Central Province of the USA. Currently he is the Prior of St. Albert the Great Priory in Minneapolis, Minnesota and teaches homiletics at St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Father, also, acts as the Provincial Promoter of the Dominican Priestly Fraternities for the Chicago Province.

Formerly Fr. Monshau taught in the theology department at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, the ‘Angelicum’. His picture here is taken from a video interview he did while in Rome.

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NINETEENTH ANNUAL SWEEPSTAKES

It’s Sweepstakes time again at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament! The proceeds of this annual event help us to maintain our Monastery and the grounds. They provide us with peace of mind in the event that unexpected needs arise. And most importantly they allows us to continue our life of intercessory prayer and praise before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

So, once again we turn to you, our faithful friends, to support our 2022 Sweepstakes effort. Enclosed in this issue of *Echoes* you will find nine tickets, which we believe the Lord will use, with your help, to make this years Sweepstakes a great success.

As in the past, the grand prize will be \$1,000.00. There will be one second prize of \$500.00 and five \$100.00 prizes for the third place winners.

On Thanksgiving Day  
the drawing will take place after our 7:15 AM Mass

You need not be present or make a donation to be eligible to win,  
but we would really love to have you here.

Please, REMEMBER to write, on every ticket, the name, address and phone number of the person entering the Sweepstakes. You can’t be a winner if your information is not on the ticket drawn!

“We thank our God every time we remember you.” Philippians 1:3



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## ROSARY TRIDUUM ~ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> THRU SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

*Please join us as we honor Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary with three days of prayer and petition.*

**Friday & Saturday - October 7 & 8 starting at 7:00 PM:**

*PRAY THE ROSARY,  
RECITE THE TRIDUUM PRAYER  
CELEBRATE HOLY MASS*

Followed by Compline, the Night Prayer of the Church,

**Sunday - October 9 at 10:30 AM:**

*PRAY THE ROSARY,  
RECITE THE TRIDUUM PRAYER  
CELEBRATE HOLY MASS*

*Followed by the distribution of Blessed Roses*

*There will be no 7:15 AM Mass on any of these three days.*

*On Friday and Saturday: The Chapel will be open from 8:00 AM-2:30 PM.  
Our doors will reopen at 6:30 PM for the 7:00 PM the Rosary Triduum*

*Sunday the Chapel will open at 9:00 AM and close after Triduum Celebration of Holy Mass.*

**Father of holiness, for the journey of your pilgrim Church on earth, you have provided the Virgin Mary as a sign and beacon. Through her intercession, hear our petitions, sustain our faith and enliven our hope, that no obstacle may divert us from the road which brings us salvation. Grant this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**



*\* Please unite with us by praying the rosary at home if you are unable to join us in our Chapel .*