

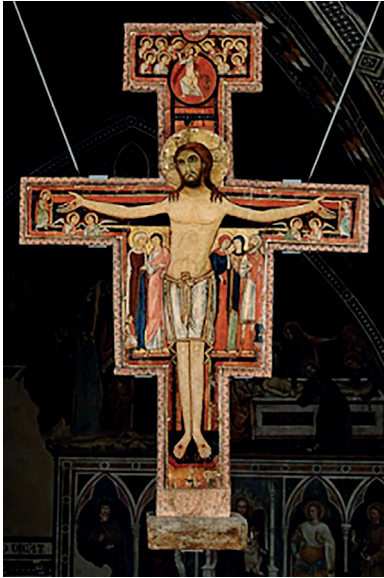
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*By Your  
Cross you  
have redeemed  
the world*



## FAVORABLE TIME FOR OUR CONVERSION

“Dear Brothers and Sisters, once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in His providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a “sacramental sign of our conversion”. Lent summons and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life. With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: “Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (24:12).”

**W**ith these words in his message for Lent 2018, Pope Francis urges us to begin our spiritual journey, exhorting us to become aware of the risk that our faith in Jesus Christ and our love for Him and for our brothers might cool down unto the freezing point, without even realizing it: “on the Mount of Olives, where the Lord’s passion would begin, in reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a

situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many”.

We are experiencing troubled and painful times in the history of humanity and of the Church, times in which the fundamental truths about man and life seem like blurred, and the heart of human beings is more exposed to

the risk of confusion and aridity. Therefore, we are even more called to seriously work on ourselves, on the reasons for our faith, on the awareness of being able to offer the world an evangelical proclamation to be a horizon of real hope for us and for the humanity that surrounds us, with all its expectations and wounds; therefore, we accept with humility the Pope’s invitation

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to re-enter ourselves, without any facade: *“We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us (...): What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to extinguish?”*

If we are mindful of these provocations in ourselves and around us, the more we must let ourselves be guided by the Church, by the maternal action of all her means of Grace, by surrendering ourselves to her guidance with an ever more open and attentive heart, in the certainty that the Good Shepherd never abandons His flock, but purifies and strengthens it through tribulations and trials of life. In particular, in this place of Marian devotion, we want to renew our commitment to the Father by the intercession of Rosa Mystica, Mother of the

Church, enhancing all the more, during this Lent, the guidelines related to the cult that has developed since the origins of Fontanelle in harmony with the liturgical season that has just begun i.e. by prayer, sacrifice and penance. In accordance to the reminding of the Pope: *“By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers”*. At the same time we accept the invitation to rediscover some of the typical commitments of Lent, such as fasting, almsgiving, abstinence, penance, as concrete gestures through which we can educate ourselves to offer the Father the most welcome sacrifice, that of our life, the tribulations that are putting us to the test, the patient

discernment of His will, the unconditional hospitality of the people entrusted to us, and the unexpected events that sometimes upset our projects or our days.

May Mary Rosa Mystica support us in this Lenten journey, so that we may arrive with a renewed heart to live more and more immersed in the logic of Easter hope: *“If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew (...).”* *“May the light of Christ rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds”*, and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God’s word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and charity.

**Mgr Marco Alba**  
Episcopal delegate

## COMMUNION OF SAINTS

It happens to me very often – but I think it happens to everyone sooner or later in life – to invoke my deceased loved ones, especially in difficult times and to ask them to help me. If we think further about it, this is a sure sign, though often unconscious, that we actually conceive that in some way they can sense our needs and react to them. Therefore, their life in one form or another, continues elsewhere from which they continue communicating with us in a mysterious but real way. And we are not mistaken because this whole relationship, which we feel alive and active, is nothing other than what the Church calls “Communion of saints”. That is, the union with God beyond death that includes not only those in life who have been close to us, as we instinctively tend to think, but also people of all places and all times. Yes – and this seems to me very good news – we are in constant communication not only with the people with whom we share life now, but also with all who have gone into eternity, whether they were

proclaimed saints or ordinary men and women, who, in spite of all their limits, sought and found God and now share together the Trinitarian life.

The problem is that we often do not seize the great opportunity that is granted to us to enter into inner and spiritual communication with this great world in which we are actually inserted; instead, we close ourselves in our little hearts. Maybe that is why we often feel lonely, abandoned, unhappy. Or, as unfortunately often happens, resorting to those who seek relationships with the other world, using ways against which the Church warns because they are misleading and dangerous. This because – it is always the Church who tells us so – if a paradise exists, also a hell exists, which tries to enter into a relationship with us, if we do not pay good attention.

The fact is that we have to understand well what meaning this has in order to live in a better way. The Christian faith tells us clearly: God exists and is a good Father who created the world and gave life to

## We have received

### FROM CAMEROON

### CHILDREN PRAY AND EXPERIENCE THE ROSARY

*The commitment  
of the Obeck parish  
located on the outskirts of  
the city of Mbalmayo*



For years the children of our parish, enrolled in catechism classes or active in the group of altar boys, are encouraged to the devotion towards the Virgin Mary, whom they venerate as “Rosa Mystica” in the Parish Church and as “Marie, Mère de l’Espérance” (Mary, Mother Hope) at the Grotto of the Center of our Community. At “Rosa Mystica”, children are taught about sacrifice, commitment to peace in families, and to listen to the Lord’s call. At “Marie, Mère de l’Espérance”, they learn to feel that they are part of the People of God and to always keep hope along the path of their life.

Cfr. “*Missione Redemptor hominis*” n. 121 (2017) 3.

### Thank you, Maria Rosa Mystica!

Donatella, 48 years, living in the province of Novara, reports a beautiful testimony of healing that we have summarized due to lack of space.

Since January 2011, I was afflicted by various dysfunctions and diseases from celiac to gastroenteritis to 100% lactose intolerance, and lack of iron. Often ankles, wrists, shoulders, and so on, were sprained. From 7 January 2014, suddenly my legs collapsed, ruinous falls followed, especially from the stairs: the consequence of these sudden falls was a rupture of the tibia and fibula and ankles. The surgeons encountered thousands of difficulties. Afterwards, I was afflicted by a difficult bone calcification. In 2016, in spite of all kinds of treatments, the ankles and legs remained swollen and I was in continuous pain, I moved with difficulty on crutches. In the meantime, I heard about Fontanelle and felt a great desire to go to that blessed place. On 7 September 2017, I came in the sanctuary of Maria Rosa Mystica of Montichiari. It was precisely the inauguration day of the new structure. On entering the water tub, I felt great relief and to my great amazement the pain disappeared. Now I do not need crutches or a stick anymore. Today, 118 days ago, Rosa Mystica healed me. Soon I will come back to thank her personally. I wanted to share my joy with you. The priest to whom I confided this, told me to inform you about it. Thank you Maria Rosa Mystica for having listened to my prayers. Donatella

each one of us out of love. He is a Father, who follows us while we are on this earth and helps us making a journey of spiritual progress that not only make us live better in this life, but also at the end, leads us to participate in an endless joy, to eternal bliss. To make all this easier, He sent us a special Brother, Jesus of Nazareth, His Word made man, who not only is a model, but who even transforms our nature in some way by uniting it to His divinity. And this because everyone from that moment on will become capable of reaching a great love – for God and for humanity – like He had demonstrated on the Cross and that had resulted in the Resurrection.

A great, beautiful design that should fill us with amazement every time, to which, nevertheless, we often remain indifferent if not hostile. Instead, a still very young woman, Mary, had sensed it very well, trusting completely in God, accepting to become part of it. We know how things went. At first a little hesitant on hearing that extraordinary Annunciation, she soon accepted to become the Mother of the Messiah. Then she bore and raised Him, becoming more and more aware of the mystery in which she

was moving, following Him to the Cross. She certainly had to endure a great deal, but surely and often also “magnified” the Lord, who does great things in the hearts of the humble, capable of recognizing Him. And after her assumption into Heaven, very close to the Son and in communion with all the saints, she continues her task so that each of us, so often distracted and superficial, will accept her Son, as she did in her time, so that He may also realize our life.

This is, in a few simple words, the great mystery in which we are immersed. Let us become aware of it: life is not only what we see and what our senses perceive. It has another substance, other dimensions, which our heart, if it just opens itself a little, can grasp and sense. Like “feeling” that our deceased loved ones are close to us. However, there is so much more that we can discover and experience. Things that can also turn this “valley of tears” as we recite in the Salve Regina, into a place full of joy and hope. May Mary help us to achieve it.

**Rosanna  
Brichetti Messori**

## We have received

■ *From Brazil* - My name is Fernando B. and I am from Brazil. My family is very Catholic and I always go to church, but I have never had as much faith in Mary as today. In 2008, at the age of 20, I discovered that I have multiple sclerosis, a disease for which there are no remedies. For a young man, this could be the end of the world and I felt so too. However, the day when, desperate and paralyzed, I was looking at the image of Our Lady Rosa Mystica, which I have in my room, I found out something that I still cannot explain. I heard sweet words, whispering in my heart, like, "My son, be serene because I am with you." Since then, I started a medical treatment, knowing that I am no longer alone, because Mary intercedes for me with Jesus so that I do not feel the disease. This year (2018) it is 10 years that I have this

### SCHEDULE FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2018 TIME OF LENT AND EASTER

#### Each Day

15:00 Confessions; 16:00 H. Rosary

#### Each Wednesday

15:00 Confessions; 15.30 H. Rosary; 16:00 H. Mass

#### Each Friday

15:00 Confessions; 15.30 H. Rosary or Stations of the Cross  
16:00 H. Mass

#### Saturday

15:00 Confessions  
15.30 H. Rosary; 16:00 H. Mass, Prefestive

#### Sunday and feast days

15:00-17:00 Confessions; 15:00 Adoration  
15.30 H. Rosary; 16:00 High Mass

#### Tuesday, March 13 – Monthly Marian Prayer Day

#### Monday, March 19 – Feast of Saint Joseph

15:00 Confessions – Eucharistic Adoration  
15.30 H. Rosary; 16:00 H. Mass

#### Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday

**Start of legal time: the celebrations will be postponed by one hour**

Blessing of olive oil, the Mass begins with the procession  
16:00-18:00 Confessions; 16:00 Adoration  
16:30 H. Rosary; 17:00 High Mass

#### Paschal Triduum – March 29-30-31

– *Holy Thursday*, normal schedule  
– *Good Friday*: 15:00 Stations of the Cross in memory of the death of our Lord  
– *Holy Saturday*: 15:00 – 17:00: Confessions  
17:00 H. Rosary (no Mass)

#### Sunday, April 1 – Solemnity of Easter of the Resurrection

16:00-18:00: Confessions; 16:00: Adoration  
16:30: H. Rosary; 17:00: High Mass

#### Monday, April 2 – Easter Monday

16:30: H. Rosary; 17:00: H. Mass

#### Sunday, April 8 – Divine Mercy Sunday

09.30 Community prayer  
10.30 Procession; 11.00: High Mass  
*In the afternoon, festive schedule*

#### Monday, April 9 – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

16:00 Confessions; 16:30 H. Rosary  
17:00 High Mass

#### Friday, April 13 – Monthly Marian Prayer Day

#### Wednesday, April 25 – Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist

16:30 H. Rosary; 17:00 High Mass

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disease, but I can say that for a long time I am living as if I were not sick. I feel that this sentence "My son, be calm and serene because I am with you" in reality means "My son, be calm, because I am forever with you". I follow the treatment and I have never had any side effects and all the medicaments seem just like water. The serenity I have today and which will continue until the day of my death, I owe to the intercession of Our Lady Rosa Mystica and to Jesus for listening to His Mother, granting many graces in my life. Today, I pray the rosary every day, one of the best things in my life. The trials will always be there, the most tested souls are the closest to God; today I know that whatever happens, I will always remain Catholic and close to Mother Mary. I salute you, dear Mother Mary, and I thank You, my God, above all... Amen!

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