



# IMMACULATA

*Happy those who endure in peace.*

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## Maria's miracle roses

(Ed. note: Maria Ullmer, OFS, sent an email about her roses. I asked her permission to print the story here) I recently sent you a picture of a statue of our Blessed mother and a vase with roses. It is a little miracle. As you know, May is the month of our Blessed Mother. So, day before yesterday I asked her to please send me some white roses or even just one to let me know that my precious daughter, Jeanette Marie (who left this world almost 40 years ago but is as present to me as if it was yesterday) was ok.

Yesterday morning I looked out the window of my husband's study. I had planted a white rose bush in front of the window some years ago and it would grow every year maybe a little bit bigger. But yesterday I saw that it had grown tremendously. I mean the bush is just HUMONGUS! Wish you could see it. Laurita, who comes once a week to help me clean the house, was here so I asked her to please cut a few of the roses and put them in a vase next to the statue of our Blessed mother that you see in the picture.

I must tell you that none of the other rose bushes had bloomed. None of the pink ones or the red one or the yellow; just this HUGE white one. Of course, I will continue to pray for my darling daughter and ask all of you to do so also, just in case she still in purgatory (which I don't believe is the case). So, the prayers will be in praise and thanksgiving.

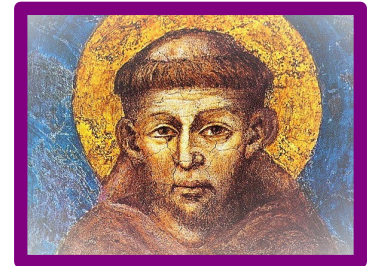
Your sister in Jesus and Mary,

*Maria*



In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

**1 Jn 5:2-5**



### June Feast Days and Holy Days for Secular Franciscans

- 2. Bl. Jean Pelingotto, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1304
- 7. Bl. Himiliane Cerchi, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1246
- 10. Bl. Edouard Poppe, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1924
- 13. St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1231
- 14. Bl. Zephirin Jimenez, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1936
- 17. Bl. Pierre Gambacorta, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1435
- 20. Bl. Micheline de Pesaro, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1356
- 22. St. Thomas More, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1943
- 23. St. Joseph Cafasso, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1860
- 24. Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- 27. Bl. Marguerite Baeyns, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1879
- 29. Sts. Peter and Paul, Plenary Indulgence
- 30. Bl. Raymond Lulle, Martyr, Franciscan



## **Chapter X. On the chastisement of the body**

There are many, who while they sin or receive injury, often blame their enemy or neighbor. But it is not so: because each one has in his own power (his) enemy, namely the body, through which he sins. Whence "blessed is that servant" (Mt 24:46), who having surrendered such an enemy into his own power, has held it always captive and wisely guarded himself from it; because, as long as he has done this, no other enemy, visible or invisible, will be able to harm him.

**ADMONITIONS  
OF  
ST. FRANCIS**

Helen Ann and John Wagner, OFS, will be hosting

## **WAGNERPALOOZA II!**

featuring evening prayer, a potluck dinner, and karaoke. You'll laugh, you'll pray, you'll sing! (Hopefully, the singing won't make you laugh). The shindig happens on Saturday, August 17 from 3:30 PM and into the evening. All Immaculata OFSers and candidates are invited to the Wagner home for this evening of fun and fraternity.

## **Minister Message**

At Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, an expectant mother was seated with her husband in the pew in front of us. As the liturgy proceeded, Mom was apparently experiencing a lot of movement from her unborn baby or, perhaps, she was experiencing false labor contractions (she was very pregnant). I couldn't help but notice her movements as we all sat or stood or kneeled. One motion she had, though, impressed me: when she was standing, she gently rocked back and forth. I had the notion she was trying to soothe and calm her little one. It further struck me that mother's rocking motion was identical to one she would be using after the baby was born, holding baby in her arms.

The current horror of certain state legislatures (including Virginia's) crafting measures to allow abortion up to birth was brought home to me by this lovely young woman cradling and rocking her baby still in the womb. Legislative "crafting" indeed -- the craft of the diabolical. Yet, in the face of evil we are still called to love by Him who commands us to it. We are to have mercy, as St. Francis admonishes us.

## **Eucharistic Adoration at Local Churches**

### St. Mary Immaculate Conception (Fredericksburg)

- ▶ Daily – 6:30 am to 9 am
- ▶ Wednesdays – 12:30 pm to Friday 9 am

### St. Matthew (Spotsylvania)

- ▶ Friday April 5 – 8 pm to 12 midnight

### St. Patrick (Fredericksburg)

- ▶ Monday (w/Miraculous Medal Novena) 7 pm to 7:30 pm
- ▶ Thursday (Holy Hour) 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- ▶ First Fridays – from Thurs. Holy Hour to Fri. 9 am

- ▶ First Saturdays – 7:50 am to 9 am

### St. William of York (Stafford)

- ▶ First Fridays – after 9 am Mass to 6:15 pm

### St. Anthony of Padua (King George)

- ▶ Fridays – 9:30 am to 6:15 pm

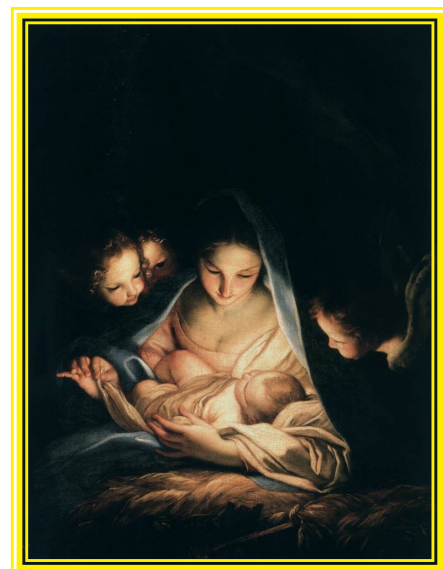
### St. Jude (Fredericksburg)

- ▶ Fridays – Exposition after 12:15 pm Mass



And so we love our enemies. I pray God's mercy on the souls of those who would end the lives of these most innocent, like that precious one next to us on Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus, I trust in you.

— Skip Wallace, OFS



*The Holy Night — Marratta*