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Happy Birthday Blessed Mother

By Trish Bell

September 8th is the Blessed Mother's birthday. It is a different kind of Marian feast because it celebrates something we all experience: birth into the world. No one knew how special Mary was that glorious day, but God would reveal His plan for her life in His time. That's how God works in all our lives. We go about our daily obligations, without seeing the "big picture." Our days seem unimpressive, peppered with victories, suffering, rejoicing and tears. Building block moments pile up with little significance until one day the Master's plan is revealed and we are stunned at the life we have lived and the masterpiece He made of us. What God requires from us is trust.

Mary trusted God in the face of many trials and triumphs. They are represented in the Mysteries of the Rosary. It unlocks Mary's dynamic story. Like a novel it unfolds with each decade. Some people listen to music while reading a bestseller. The "Paters", "Aves", and "Glory Bes" are the soundtrack upon which the Holy Spirit guides us. The Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries echo moments in our own lives for Mary was a mother, a believer and a

disciple, not so different than ourselves. Mary's perfect conformity to the will of God, however, made her blessed, thus elevating our lives as heirs of Christ. Because she was the Mother of God, motherhood became holy. Because she educated Christ and nursed Him, nurturing others became holy. Because she suffered with Christ, suffering became holy. In short, by virtue of her holy life, she made ordinary life, holy.

Jesus took this to the next level. He sanctified our lives. Because Jesus was rejected while proclaiming the Good News, we are blessed when we are rejected for His sake. Because Jesus was scorned, persecuted and crucified, we are blessed when we are persecuted for His sake. Because Jesus gave us His Body and Blood on the eve of His Passion and Death, we share His Life, Death and Resurrection each time we come to the Mass and receive the Eucharist. In Jesus, who is The Way, The Truth and The Life, we are a new creation! And our lives are new and holy when lived in Him. Yet, holiness is a quiet thing. People paid no attention to Christ nor were impressed by Him. Yet Mary served Him from the day He was born until His Resurrection and continued to serve the Church until her Assumption. Her unnoticed life is celebrated today, and a model to follow to become true disciples of the Lord.

It is customary to celebrate famous people who have gone before us, but on September 8th we celebrate the greatest woman ever born. Even now in modern times, Mary has spoken in approved apparitions, such as Fatima, Lourdes, Akita and San Nicholas, Argentina, urging us to return to God, amend our lives, and be disciples of love. Let us do as she asks! Let us pray the Rosary, following Christ in all the mysteries of our lives until His masterpiece in us is finally revealed. Amen.



AFTERGLOW OF THE EUCHARIST

By Karen Moore

Several years ago, our then prayer groups leaders, Maura and Hugh Mc Hugh, of Saint Paul Catholic Church in New Bern, attended a national charismatic conference. There they met a woman who introduced them to Afterglow of the Eucharist. Most of you have probably never heard of the Afterglow of the Eucharist. What comes to mind when you heard the word Afterglow? Many may think of the beauty of marital intimacy and the wonderful satisfaction and loving feelings that follow that intimacy. In the Song of Solomon, it is clear that the Lord wants to be intimate with us, and we with Him. The Church is to be the Bride of Christ. That phrase is full of intimacy. The Lord is continually calling us to holiness and to be one with Him. We are never closer that when we have received the Precious Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As Catholics we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist and that when we consume His Body and Blood, we are, at least for a time, filled with not only His Spirit, but His True Presence. The Afterglow of the Eucharist allows us to not only contemplate that Presence, but to be healed of our greatest need as the Body and Blood circulates throughout us.

The ideal use of the Afterglow of the Eucharist prayer is to minister to individuals directly after Mass – while the Presence of the Lord is within us and we are truly one with Jesus. Prayer teams are made available for the faithful to come and present their needs to the Lord, surrendering themselves to Him. If there are no teams present, we can say the prayer for ourselves, presenting our needs to the One Who already knows them.

In our parish, the prayer is used primarily to pray for healing for those in the hospital. When a Eucharist Minister

goes to the hospital, it is often hard to know how to pray. The Afterglow of the Eucharist allows the Eucharist Minister to bless the person as well as pray for whatever the Lord wants to do at that precise moment. Many who would never come to a charismatic prayer meeting, or come forward after Mass to be prayed with, will allow someone to touch them and pray for them when they are in the hospital.

Afterglow of the Eucharist Prayer:

O Great and Glorious God, You alone are Holy, and mighty is the work of Your hands. You have created _____ in Your image and likeness and You care for his/her every need and concern. We come before You now, calling upon the healing power of the Precious Body and Blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We plead for His mercy and grace to touch the body, mind and spirit of this, Your child. Having nowhere else to turn and in total surrender to You, Jesus, _____ places him/herself in Your loving arms. Reveal Yourself to him/her. Let Your mercy and forgiveness flow into his/her life. Heal in him/her what most needs to be healed at this time. Fill him/her with the Light of Your Divine Presence. Let Your Holy Spirit breathe new life into him/her, releasing Your peace and Your joy. Empower this child of Yours with the gifts of Your Holy Spirit, especially those most needed to not only grow in holiness, but to serve You. Above all, grace him/her with the gift of holy desire, so that he/she will long to be in Your Presence all the days of his/her life. We ask this in the authority of the Father, the Name of Jesus, and through the power of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

Begin to use this prayer to pray for yourself and your family. Use it as another tool in the arsenal that we are to have in order to fight against the foe. It, of course, can be prayed anytime, but it is meant to be part of our Communion with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ during the celebration of the Eucharist!

The Catholic Diocese of Raleigh Catholic Charismatic Renewal
PRESENTS

“FROM A NEW PENTECOST TO AN UNSHAKABLE KINGDOM”



GUEST SPEAKER PETER HERBECK

Saturday, October 20th, 2018

9:00AM-4:30PM

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church,
Cary, NC

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- The Unshakable Kingdom
- A New Pentecost
- Discernment of Spirits
- Charisms and Spiritual Gifts
- Forming The Next Generation

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Seating is limited. To register online please go to:
[https://stmichaelcary.weshareonline.org/
HolySpiritFullDayConference-October202018](https://stmichaelcary.weshareonline.org/HolySpiritFullDayConference-October202018)



****Early Registration is
now open!**

Tentative schedule for the conference:

8:00-9:00 AM	Packet pick-up; on-site registration	1:15-2:15 PM	Presentation #3: Discernment of Spirits
9:00- 9:30 AM	Welcome; Praise and Worship music	2:15-2:30 PM	Break
9:30- 10:15 AM	Presentation #1: The Unshakable Kingdom	2:30-3:00 PM	Presentation #4: Charisms and Spiritual Gifts
10:15-10:30 AM	Break	3:00 - 3:10 PM	Break
10:30-11:15 AM	Presentation #2: New Pentecost	3:10-3:40 PM	Presentation #4: Forming the Next Generation
11:15-11:30 AM	1-to-1 shared discussion and prayer related to morning presentations	3:40-4:00 PM	1-on-1 shared discussion and prayer related to afternoon presentations
11:30-1:00 PM	Lunch; Prayer Teams available for private prayer requests	4:00-4:25 PM	Large Group Prayer Experience led by Deacon Patrick
1:00-1:15 PM	Welcome back; Praise and Worship music	4:25-4:30 PM	Closing prayer
		5:00 pm	Mass in Church

Upcoming Events...

September 22nd, 2018

Regional Charismatic Prayer Gathering

New Creation Ministries Presentation

Saturday, September 22nd 10am-2pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 2817 Poole Rd. Raleigh NC

*Bring a dish to share ***please no desserts*

For more info contact Wendy Edwards.

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September 28th-29th

Save the Date! Catholic Charismatic Tent Revival

"Behold, I Make All Things New"

Guest Speaker Deacon Larry Oney(Steubenville)

Holy Name of Mary Church, Bedford VA

www.catchingfirerevival.com

October 20th, 2018

Save the Date! The Diocese of Raleigh

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference

"From a New Pentecost To An Unshakable Kingdom"

Saturday October 20th, 2018

St. Michael the Archangel Church Cary, NC

Featuring guest speaker Peter Herbeck

For more information about these events and registration please visit our website at

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