

Nothing is Impossible for God

The Annunciation

*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; **for nothing will be impossible for God.*** LUKE CHAPTER 1:26-37 (NABRE)

The Last Supper Discourse

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith^{} in God; have faith also in me. **If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it.**"* JOHN CHAPTER 14: 1 & 14 (NABRE)

The Good News of the Gospel and the birth of the Christ Child reveal God's almighty power coming to mankind in God's unique way. Jesus works miracle after miracle. For God, His Word only needs to be willed, and an act—any act— is accomplished. All our hope is in the Lord. And those who hope in the Lord will not be disappointed.

God will act if we have Faith and if we ask. He knows what is best for us, but in the mystery of God, He desires that we participate in His work of salvation: He desires just a few loaves and fishes to feed the five thousand, He rewards the faith of the men who lower the invalid through the roof, and He asks the blind man what He wants of Him.

At the wedding feast of Cana, consider that Christ already knew the servers were out of wine, but yet He only acted upon the request of His Mother. The turning of the water into wine was done in the presence of His disciples. God is revealing to His first priests and His Church the importance of reliance on prayer and the role of His Mother.

In God's plan of salvation, God desires that we ask in faith. And, He will act. Our need for faith and reliance on Him is interwoven throughout scripture. Centuries later, He reminds us of the need to pray through His Mother. One such reminder occurred in Pontmain, France on January 17, 1871. The Blessed Virgin appeared and a banner was revealed which said, "My Son permits Himself to be moved". Ten days later the Franco-Prussian war ended and Pontmain saved when an armistice was signed.

God is working in our world. Do not doubt it. The second Psalm has clear words for our times: "Why do the nations protest and peoples conspire in vain? Kings on earth rise up and princes plot together against the Lord and his anointed one. "Let us break their shackles and cast off their chains from us!" [and] The one enthroned in heaven laughs." Now is the time to pray and fast for the Church, Catholic schools, our country, and our world. God desires that we ask; He will not disappoint.

May the Christ Child bring the Peace which the world cannot bring to your home!

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St. Joseph

Protector of the Holy Church, pray for us!

The Light of Christ

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Isaiah 9:1 (NABRE)

Even a spark lights up the deepest darkness. And, of course, Christ is the light of the world. In Matthew 5:16, our Lord tells us, "Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

In this academic year, your gifts are supporting twenty-five different students. Because of you, children are daily enlightened by the truth of the Gospel and being instructed in an environment where the source of all knowledge and wisdom is revealed. We extend to you the words of thanks from both the parents and students you are helping. Their gratitude is great. You truly have revealed the light of Christ to each of them.

God entrusted Jesus and Mary to St. Joseph. Pope Benedict XVI teaches us:

The growth of Jesus "in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man" (Lk 2:52) took place within the Holy Family under the eyes of Joseph, who had the important task of "raising" Jesus, that is, feeding, clothing and educating him in the Law and in a trade, in keeping with the duties of a father.

Jesus perfectly honors His earthly parents! Our Church and schools need his aid. Pope Leo XIII (composer of the Prayer to St. Michael) wrote this prayer to be said after the Rosary:

"To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities."

"O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness."

"As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen."

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