

Behold Your Mother

Class 2
Marian Apparitions



O God, Father of mercies, who placed your people under the singular protection of your Son's most holy Mother, grant that all who invoke the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe, may seek with ever more lively faith the progress of peoples in the ways of justice and of peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



Private Revelation 101

“...no new public revelation is to be expected before the glorious manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ.” – Dei Verbum 4

“Throughout the ages, there have been so-called "private" revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ's definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history. Guided by the Magisterium of the Church, the *sensus fidelium* knows how to discern and welcome in these revelations whatever constitutes an authentic call of Christ or his saints to the Church.”

– CCC 67

Private Revelation 101

"Ecclesiastical approval of a private revelation essentially means that its message contains nothing contrary to faith and morals; it is licit to make it public and the faithful are authorized to give to it their prudent adhesion. A private revelation can introduce new emphases, give rise to new forms of piety, or deepen older ones. It can have a certain prophetic character and can be a valuable aid for better understanding and living the Gospel at a certain time; consequently, it should not be treated lightly. It is a help which is proffered, but its use is not obligatory (Verbum Domini 14)." – Pope Benedict XVI

Private Revelation 101

“A saint may have revelations, not from the Holy Spirit, but resulting from his own individual judgment and reasonings, so far as his intellect, influenced by pious dispositions and, imbued with opinions on any subject connected with religion, judges that he has the divine spirit when, however, he is in invincible error.” – Pope Benedict XVI

“...taking into account however the possibility that the subject might have added, even unconsciously, purely human elements or some error of the natural order to an authentic supernatural revelation.” –
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Private Revelation 101

“Even the experiences of the great saints are not free of those limitations which always accompany the human reception of God’s voice.” – Pope St. John Paul II

“It follows that anyone may, without injury to the Catholic faith, give no heed to these revelations, and differ from them, provided he does so modestly, not without reason, and without contempt.” – Pope Benedict XIV

Approval Process

- Investigation by the local bishop
- Three Types of Judgment:
 - Established as Supernatural
 - Established as Not Supernatural
 - Not Established as Supernatural
- What about an *Imprimatur*?
 - Not required for private revelation
 - Has no bearing on authenticity of the apparition

Marian Apparitions

- First recorded Marian apparition was to St. Gregory the Wonderworker in AD 238
 - Recorded by St. Gregory of Nyssa
 - Mary & St. John the Apostle appeared
 - Gave theological insight into the Trinity

Guadalupe (1531)

- Mary appeared to Juan Diego asking that he ask the bishop to build a church in her honor
- Miraculous image on Juan's tilma
 - 470 year old cactus cloth
 - No undersketch, pigment is unidentified
- Within 10 years there were 9 million Aztec converts
- Juan Diego was canonized in 2002

Rue du Bac, France (1830)

- Mary appeared to Catherine Laboure, a religious novitiate
- Mary asked her to have a medal made of her image – The Miraculous Medal
 - "All who wear it will receive great graces; they should wear it around the neck. Graces will abound for persons who wear it with confidence."
- Mary foretold of political & church upheaval
- St. Catherine Laboure's body is incorrupt

La Salette, France (1846)

- Mary appeared to Maximin Giraud (11) and Melanie Calvat-Mathieu (14)
- Mary's messages called for the urgency to turn from sin and repent
- A spring was found at the site and healings were attributed to the waters
- Controversy over “secrets”

Lourdes, France (1858)

- Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous
- “I am the Immaculate Conception”
- Bernadette dug in the ground to reveal a spring
- Over 5,000 miraculous healings
 - Medical Bureau established
 - 69 verified miracles
- St. Bernadette’s body is incorrupt

Champion, WI (1859)

- Mary appeared to Adele Brise and told her to evangelize & teach the faith
- Peshtigo Fire
 - Largest fire in US history – 1.2 mil acres / 2,000 deaths
 - "a wall of flame, a mile high, five miles wide, traveling 90 to 100 miles an hour, hotter than a crematorium, turning sand into glass."
 - People gathered at the chapel & fire parted
- Bishop Ricken approved in 2010

PILGRIMAGE

OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP
CHAMPION, WISCONSIN

SEPTEMBER 21 - 23, 2023

LED BY FR. TRAVIS STEPHENS

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DAY 1

- Visit the shrine of Maximillian Kolbe
 - Evening Prayer
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DAY 2

- Visit National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help
 - Learn about Adele Brise
 - Rosary Walk
 - Mass
 - Divine Mercy Chaplet
 - Visit Peshtigo Fire Museum
 - Evening Prayer
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DAY 3

- Morning Mass
- Visit Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine

Fatima, Portugal (1917)

- Mary appeared to Lucia de Santos (10), Francisco Marto (9), and Jacinta Marto (7) as Our Lady of the Rosary
- Mary asked for prayers for conversion of sinners
- Miracle of the Sun
- Secrets of Fatima
 - Vision of Hell
 - Foretelling of WWII, Communist Russia
 - Foretelling of persecution of Pope and the Church

Betania, Venezuela (1976-90)

- Mary appeared to Maria Esperanza 31 times over a period of 15 years
- Messages focused on reconciliation & love
- March 25, 1984 – 108 people saw Mary appear
- Over 500 miraculous healings reported
- Maria Esperanza had stigmata, bilocation, levitation
- Dec. 1991 Eucharistic miracle

Kibeho, Rwanda (1981-89)

- Mary appeared to Alphonsine (17), Nathalie (20), and Claire (21) calling for prayer & conversion
 - “These girls reported seeing a gruesome picture: a river of blood, people who killed one another, abandoned bodies with no one to bury them, a tree on fire, an open chasm, a monster, and severed heads.”
- Various healings & miraculous signs were reported during apparitions
- Other alleged apparitions of Jesus by 3 other girls & a boy were not approved



Mediation:
Immaculate Mary by Marian Grace