

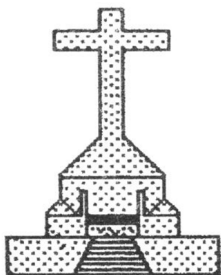
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led by Fr. Martin Morris

**3rd Sunday of the month
4pm**

21st December 2025

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ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2026

led by Fr. Martin Morris

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- **No medical or care support is provided.** All pilgrims must be over 18 and able to care for themselves or attend with a carer.
- **Wheelchair users are welcome** but must book with an able-bodied helper and inform Northern Star Travel of all needs in advance. Wheelchairs not pre-advised may be refused by the airline.
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OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

Given 25th November 2025 to Marija Pavlovic



“Dear children, In this time of grace, I am calling you to follow me. Pray for those who do not pray and do not want peace and joy, which only the Most High can give. May your souls be united in the joy of expectancy and your heart will be filled with peace. You will be convinced, little children, that all will be good and that God will bless all; because the good that you give will return to you, and joy will enfold your heart because you are with God and in God. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

(With Ecclesiastical approval)

Reflection by Fr. Martin Morris

Spiritual Director of Medjugorje Centre NE

Dear Brother's and Sister's of Medjugorje North East and beyond, Our Lady never stops loving us, Our Lady, Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of God is the Mother of us all, and she opens up the way to God for each of us. Let us believe in Our Lady's love, let us trust in her love, and so walk the path of Faith and holiness she traces for us today.

Our Lady begins this message by reminding us that we are in a **‘Time of Grace.’** With Mary's coming to Medjugorje, we entered into a special time, a privileged period in Church history, where we were invited into the school of Our Lady, and in that school, we received the gift of Praying with the heart, i.e. praying with faith and love at a deeper level. When Our Lady says we are in a time of Grace, it is the time of her presence with us, when she shows us the path to conversion. We have also begun the season of

Advent. A holy spiritual time of preparation and renewal, a time of vigilance and prayer to prepare us for the Nativity of our Saviour. Advent points us forward as we await the Blessed hope, for the coming of God's kingdom. This too is the time of Grace, and Mary accompanies us along the way.

Then Our Lady says, ***“I am calling you to follow me, pray for those who do not pray, and do not want peace and joy, which only the Most High can give.”***

Our Lady asks us to follow her. Hers was way of humble faith and complete trust in God. Hers was the way of surrender and abandonment to the will of God, and was happy to do his will. She was the one who pondered and treasured the mysterious events of her Son's life, death and Resurrection, and even at the darkest moment of Calvary, she never doubted. She was the first

Disciple of the Lord, and whose heart was always saying 'yes' to God. She calls us to follow her Faith and love for Jesus. To follow the path of humble service.

Then our Lady asks us to ***'Pray for those who do not pray.'***

For those who have forgotten the love of God in Christ Jesus, for those who think they are too busy to pray, for those who have become overwhelmed by the cares and worries of life. Our Lady asks us to pray for them. To make intercession for them, that hearts will open to the gift of prayer, as a flower opens to the sun's rays. We need to be generous and disciplined in deciding for prayer, because our Lady reminds us that there are some who do not want 'peace and Joy'. Which come from God, the Most High.

" May your souls be united in the Joy of expectancy and your heart be filled with peace." Our Lady speaks of the 'soul' and 'Heart.' - the deepest place of the human person. It is at the deepest level of our being, that God wants to touch us. We should often pray for the gift of an 'Expectant faith.' A Faith that believes in the love and action of God in our lives, a Faith that helps us to see God's presence in us and around us.

"You will be convinced little children, that all will be good, and that God will bless all, because the good that you give will return to you."

God is the Father of goodness, and only desires to give to his children all that is good. Our Lady wants us to be convinced about this. This is the

conviction of Faith, that does not disappoint. That means not allowing negativity or sadness to take root within us. It means walking the path of Faith, like Our Lady convinced of the love of God. For it is only through love, like the love of Our Lady, that we can do deeds for others that bring us great blessing's. It is not the quantity of good deeds, but rather the inner sentiment with which the deed is done. Love is the inner strength and power that makes each accompanied deed immeasurable and eternally effective.

The 'Joy and peace', towards which Our Lady is calling us, is an expression and a fruit of divine love. St. Paul says, "God loves a joyful giver." (2 : Cor: 9:7.). This means saying no to egoism, selfishness and possessiveness any wrong relationship towards oneself, towards others and towards God. Let us be like Our Lady, and follow her example who gave herself completely to God in joyful humility, as a gift to him for others. Jesus warns us in the Gospel, "What are you doing when you do something good for someone from whom you expect a favour in return ?" (Matt: 6 :1-4)

So let us have the conviction of faith, during this Advent season and beyond, that all will be good, and that the good we do will come back to us, because we are following Our Lady, and so we are with God and in God.

A Blessed advent,
Fr. Martin Morris



REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL
of The Community of The Beatitudes
www.sremmanuel.org

Medjugorje, November 20, 2025

Dear Friends, praise be to Jesus and Mary!

1. A wonderful communion of saints!

The Lord sometimes allows us to meet wonderful people who truly follow Him and radiate His light.

After years of absence, I saw Maureen again recently, and I cannot keep to myself the story she told me about what happened to her.

“My name is Maureen. I stayed in Medjugorje in 1997 at the Community of the Beatitudes. I was 23 years old and single. The doctors had diagnosed me with endometriosis and told me quite clearly that I would never be able to have children, especially since the endometriosis was very, very severe.”

On the day Vicka, the visionary, celebrated her birthday—she was 40 at the time—I went to celebrate at her home, having been invited along with the entire Community of the Beatitudes. How delighted I was to be able to spend some time with her! Her friends were there too, and she welcomed us all into her large living room. Then, to my great surprise, **she suddenly crossed the room like an arrow**, came over to me, and whispered a few words in my ear in Italian: “You will have many children!” Then she went to join her

friends. A sister translated this surprising message for me. At the time, I thought I was going to have many spiritual children, because I was thinking more about dedicating myself to the Lord. But later, after returning to France, I got married and had five children—yes, five beautiful children, including twins, and all without any health problems. So I was cured of endometriosis; not all at once, however, but little by little, with each pregnancy. When I got married, aware of this disease, my husband and I had, of course, thought we would never have children. But the Lord surprised us greatly!

Vicka was right... How did she know that Maureen was destined for such great fertility and that she would become a happy mother? She will never say, but Vicka prays for the sick with great compassion, and one can easily guess that during her encounters with the Mother of God and in her fervent daily prayer, she received this knowledge of the heart. Even though Vicka no longer has the opportunity to meet the pilgrims, we know that her prayer continues in secret and that, **in this field of death that the world has become** (*Don Dolindo Ruotolo*), her prayer for us all still goes in the direction of life! Let us also pray for her and for the five other visionaries of Medjugorje!

2. Maureen doesn't stop there...

“When I was in Medjugorje with the Community of the Beatitudes,” she said, “one morning it was my turn to cook. But there was a major unforeseen event, and I had to leave my stove to translate a talk into English for some American pilgrims. Given the unavoidable circumstances, we had no choice. Seeing my distress, Sister Emmanuel said something I will never forget: **‘Go ahead! The Lord will bless your obedience and he will take care of the meal himself.’**” So there I was, translating while wondering how I was going to manage the meal, especially since we had to go to Mass after the conference. I knew we had some pasta in the cupboard, but what was that to make a meal? **I then turned to the Blessed Virgin Mary** and said to her in my heart: Listen, I have done God's will. So you, who were such a wonderful mother, you who never let anyone go hungry, I leave you to take care of the meal! Sister told me I had nothing to worry about.

“When we returned from Mass, it was magnificent! The table was set, and there were large platters with vine leaves, rice, meat... and vegetables were heating on the stove. In short, everything was ready, with a delicious dessert as an added bonus. Without our knowledge, the neighbors had come to give us this gift, and everything was blessed! In conclusion, this lesson has stayed with me all my life: **when we do our best to do God's will, He provides for all our needs and even beyond.**”

Thank you Maureen for your faith and trust! You remind us of this saying of Jesus that we too often tend to forget: "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Mt 6:33).



3. Ready for a quiz?

I propose a holy activity that should encourage us to encounter Jesus in his Word. **It involves completing the Gospel passages quoted here.** In this way, we can assess our level of listening and how we allow the voice of the Shepherd to resonate within us. In Medjugorje, Our Lady encourages us to talk among ourselves about the Word of God, to share what touches us, to ask questions, during meals for example, and I have noticed that this brings much joy to the participants. Weren't the pilgrims on the road to Emmaus filled with longing when Jesus spoke to them from the Scriptures? (Luke 24:18-35).

Here are some sentences to complete:

“So in everything, do to others...?” (Matthew 7:12)

“The work of God is this...?” (John 6:29)

“This is to my Father's glory, that...?” (John 15:8)

"I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth because you..."

(Matthew 11:25)

"Father, forgive them..."

(Luke 23:34)

"Father, into your hands..." (

Luke 23:46)

The good thief said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you..." (Luke 23:42-43) Jesus said to them, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him..."

(Mark 8:34-35)

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has..." (John 6:54)

"Some children were brought to Jesus... but the disciples rebuked them. Then Jesus said..."

(Matthew 19:14)

A scribe asked Jesus, "Which is the most important commandment?" Jesus answered, "It is..."

(Mark 12:28-29)

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but..." (Mark 2:17)

"Whoever wants to become great among you must..."

(Mark 10:43-44)

Complete the commandments that Jesus gives us in the Gospel of Luke. (Luke 6:26-31)

"But to you who are listening: Love..."

Do good to..."

Bless those who..."

Pray for those who..."

To the one who takes your coat..."

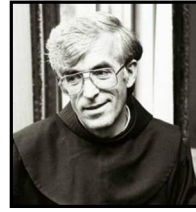
Give to everyone..."

And if anyone takes what belongs to you..."

"Do to others..."

Some will be eager to suggest other questions, and together we will grow in the knowledge of Christ, for the

greater joy of his Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary!



4. On November 24, 2000, after leading the Stations of the Cross with the parish, Father Slavko Barbaric passed away on Mount Krizevac. The following day, the monthly message from the Our Lady moved us deeply:

"Dear children, rejoice with me, for your brother Slavko has been born into heaven, and he intercedes for you..." And we cried out: "Slavko is in heaven, Slavko is in heaven!"

On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of his birth into Heaven, let us pray to him! He who loved to work so much, let us ask much of him! Did not Mary declare to us: **"He intercedes for you!"**? We are witnesses to so many graces from him: conversions, consolations, inner light, moral and physical healings...



Everyone is free to pray to him according to their heart.

5. Bringing a priest out of Purgatory?

As an act of mercy, have you considered having a Mass celebrated for the release of a priest from Purgatory? During the Jubilee Year **we can offer a deceased soul a plenary indulgence and release them from Purgatory!** Priests suffer greatly in this place of purification. Before Mass, we can ask Mary to choose the priest she wishes to release from Purgatory. Once freed, this priest will be deeply committed to powerfully helping his fellow priests on earth, **those who have embarked on paths of sin and spiritual death**, so that they may return wholeheartedly to Christ and His Word. In this way, we can do immense good for the Church and the world! Share this initiative with your loved ones; it will multiply the graces for our priests!

Dearest Gospa, in this month of November, we do not forget our ultimate destiny, which is Heaven!

Magnificent hope!

Yes, the Heavenly Father created man for eternal happiness. You tell us:

*“You who know the love of my Son, you who follow Him, **it is impossible for you to die**. Life has won the victory, my Son is alive... **What opens the gates of Paradise is love!**”*

(Message of May 2, 2019)

Sister Emmanuel,
Community of the Beatitudes



PS1. It's not too late! Let's make the most of this Jubilee Year, which ends on January 6! Let's open the door of our hearts! The Church offers us three things:

1. To experience the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession, to draw from the source of love and be reconciled with God, with ourselves, and with others.
2. To rediscover the meaning of pilgrimage: setting out on a journey and visiting a shrine.
3. To bear witness to hope through works of mercy and charity.

PS2. Follow the Medjugorje evening program at home, from 5pm to 8pm winter time. Our Lady herself is the one who created the evening program!

It can be seen at www.medjugorje.hr
Or here: www.centremedjugorje.org

Memorial Day of Fr. Slavko Barbarić in Medjugorje

In the packed hall of St. John Paul II, an Evening of Testimonies and Conversations about Fr. Slavko was held, attended by: Fr. Jozo Grbeš, Fr. Ivan Dugandžić, Fr. Svetozar Kraljević, Fr. Marinko Šakota and Milona von Habsburg.

"I rejoice with you and I want to tell you that your brother Slavko was born in Heaven and is interceding for you". These words of the Queen of Peace resonated so strongly just the day after the death of Fr. Slavko Barbarić, and 25 years after his death, Fr. Slavko's words still resonate strongly in Medjugorje. Not even a quarter of a century after his death has he been forgotten, neither among parishioners nor among pilgrims who walked from his birthplace in Dragičina to his grave in Medjugorje today, on the 25th anniversary of his death.

"This year, about 60 of us set off from Dragičina to the grave. Every year there are more and more of us. The goal is to make this a tradition. The prayer walk took place in the spirit of Fr. Slavko, in prayer, in song and reflection. This year there were quite a few of our little children who set off with us. Thank God and I hope that we will convey his message and the love he had for everyone, especially for the little ones," said one of the participants in this walk, Lucija Bajkuša, niece of Fr. Slavko Barbarić.

Fr. Slavko died on Cross Mountain after having said the Stations of the Cross, so traditionally on this day the Stations of the Cross along Cross Mountain were held, led by the parish vicar of Medjugorje, Fr. Marin Mikulić,

and the program of the Day of Remembrance for Fr. Slavko Barbarić continued in the parish church of St. James in Medjugorje, where the Rosary was recited from 5 p.m. by Fr. Karlo Lvrčić, and the Holy Mass,



concelebrated by 47 priests, was presided over by the Provincial of the Herzegovina Franciscan Province, Fr. Jozo Grbeš.

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At the beginning, a short film was shown with the most important biographical information about Fr. Slavko Barbarić.

"Someone came to the house and said that Fr. Slavko was unwell and that one of us priests should go upstairs. I went to church, took holy oil and started... I ran up and at the fourth station I met a column of people... When I arrived he had already died, I anointed him and thought: This is how the righteous of God die," said Fr. Svetozar Kraljević, recalling that day.

Fr. Marinko Šakota emphasized that Fr. Slavko's grave became a place of prayer.

"Thousands of signatures have come from Italy and Germany to initiate the beatification process of Fr. Slavko Barbarić, and now it is up to us to initiate what Our Lady said about him," said Fr. Marinko, and Fr. Ivan Dugandžić, who lived with Fr. Slavko Barbarić, speaking about Fr. Slavko's prophetic character, said that it is no

wonder that his grave is still visited in large numbers by pilgrims from all over the world today, resorting to him in their needs.

"I firmly hope that on the next anniversary of Fr. Slavko's death we will witness the initiation of the process for his beatification. He deserves this with his entire exemplary religious and priestly life, and especially with his strong prophetic commitment in the service of Our Lady and her messages to the Church and the world of our time," said Fr. Ivan Dugandžić.

"In the eyes of some people here, Fr. Slavko was a controversial person. I think so too. All great people are controversial. Jesus was controversial for both the Romans and the Jews, Saint Francis was controversial for his family. For our local Church in Croatia, Stepinac was controversial, for both the left and the right... If you are not controversial, then history will not record you. Great people are like that," said Fr. Jozo Grbeš, especially emphasizing Fr. Slavko's fasting as an important prophetic dimension.

"Fasting and being controversial is the path to holiness," said the Provincial.

"Fr. Slavko was always one step ahead of us. He thought creatively, biblically, courageously... Along with this prophetic power, his communication was also impressive and he found a way to reach people. He helped people without calculation. He did what needed to be done without compromise and without delay. We too must learn this creative divine communication. The Church lives from communication with God, with man, with nature... And that's where he was great," said Fr. Svetozar Kraljević, emphasizing that after he initiated the communication, an "explosion of love" occurred, from which the Mother's Village was born.

"He was the same everywhere as he is

here. I saw what he was like here. I traveled the whole world with him, and Marija and Ivan were with him. I translated, and he had that communication. We were in Australia for six weeks and every day he met thousands of people. Fr. Slavko knew that he was not important, but that everyone was there because Our Lady was calling, because God was calling. He was a true 100% priest and Franciscan, he only took one small suitcase and one book with him on his travels. He would always stop at the time of the apparitions. I feel strange all day long, how memories of Fr. Slavko come to me. He was like a father to the children who came to the Mother's Village," said Milona von Habsburg.

Fr. Marinko Šakota emphasized that Fr. Slavko was constantly growing, and that his pastoral work was not limited to what he had to do, but that it went as far as the needs of the people went, and he also shared the testimonies of people of other faiths whom Fr. Slavko helped during the Homeland War, and who say that his help in the war saved their lives.

"When he believed that Our Lady had appeared, he completely surrendered himself to Our Lady, to Medjugorje, to the pilgrims... He surrendered himself to it until the end. He did what Our Lady said, he fasted, prayed every morning on the Apparition Hill, he introduced prayer before the cross... He understood what Our Lady wanted," said Fr. Marinko, emphasizing that Fr. Slavko knew that it was not enough to just be intelligent, but to have a will, to have an open heart that hears Our Lady, that hears the needs of people, the needs of nature...

Milona also said that Fr. Slavko felt that he would die young, so he gave his one hundred percent in everything he did until the end.

"I was there when Fr. Slavko died. I saw him slowly sit down on the ground. I ran to him and watched him catch his breath. I didn't know what to do, except that I knew he was probably having a heart attack. Of course, I started screaming and calling for help. Fr. Slavko died very quickly. It lasted between 30 and 35 seconds. At the moment he died I told myself that I should cry and be sad now, but it's very difficult to explain. At that moment I felt such a deep and intense peace that overwhelmed me in the depths of my being and I knew at that moment that everything, absolutely everything was going to be okay. I just knew that it was meant to happen. While Fr. Slavko was lying there, a doctor came and checked his pulse. He said he was dead.

But suddenly, Fr. Slavko raised his head, opened his eyes, exhaled and that was it. I looked at the doctor, he looked at me. He was surprised, but we knew it was over. We carried him down the hill. It was very slippery. We got down, I guess, an hour later. Fr. Svetozar met us at the fourth station, gave Fr. Slavko the last rites. Then we took him to the ambulance and that was my farewell," these are the words of Fr. Slavko's associate Rita Falsetto, as reported by Fr. Jozo Grbeš.

Listen to what else they said about Fr. Slavko on [our YouTube channel, where we bring the entire program of the Evening of Testimonies and Conversations about Fr. Slavko Barbarić.](#)

At this Evening of Testimonies and Conversations, one of Fr. Slavko's homilies was also broadcast. Texts from Fr. Slavko's book "In the School of Love" were read by Fr. Ivan Hrkać, and the program was hosted by Sanja Pehar. Everything concluded with the Song of Fr. Slavko performed by Ana, Marija and Silvija Bošnjak.

Let us pray with the Holy Father:

**Prayer Intention for
December 2025**

**'For Christians in areas of
conflict'**



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Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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Pope Leo XIV



*Christmas Blessings
of
Peace, Love & Joy*

Medjugorje Centre N.E

