

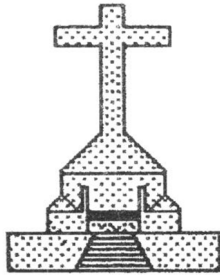
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**MEDJUGORJE
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led by Fr. Martin Morris

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

19th July 2026

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OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

Given 25th June 2026 to Marija Pavlovic



“Dear children, Rejoice with me because the Most High permits me to be with you, to lead you to Him Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Rejoice, little children, and be joyful also in difficulties and you will have the strength, because you will be aware that you are transient and you will know to offer everything to God. That is why, do not forget: I am your Mother and I love you. 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, As we celebrate Forty Five years of Our Lady's coming in Medjugorje, we are filled with joy and happiness that the Mother of God has touched so many lives in that time, and so many have responded to the call of the Queen of Peace to repentance and reconciliation. Indeed this month's message is filled with a spirit of 'Joy' and 'hope', Our Lady uses the word 'Rejoice' twice in this message, along with the word 'Joyful.' We can sense the joy and happiness of Our Lady as we reflect on this message and pray that the Holy Spirit of the Most high will bless us all with that spirit of rejoicing. Our Lady begins,

“Rejoice with me because the Most High permits me to be with you to lead you to him, who is the way, the truth and the life.” Notice the opening word of this message, 'Rejoice.' Our Lady is often described by the visionaries 'full of

Joy, radiant with beauty.' Our Lady is rejoicing because God permits her to be with us during these times, in order to lead us to Jesus, who is the Way, The Truth and the Life. Our Lady is the Mother who always points us to her son. She never points to herself, but him, who is Our Lord and Saviour. Our Lady invites us to 'Rejoice' with her, because she comes from God with the Gospel message of conversion and repentance, and during the time of her apparitions in Medjugorje, so many people have responded to her call to Salvation. This is indeed cause for great rejoicing, because so many souls have heard the call of the Queen of Peace, and responded. That is why at the end of each monthly message, Our Lady says, **‘Thankyou for having responded to my call.’** The 'Rejoicing' that Our Lady calls us to is an expression and a fruit of her love. This 'Joy' that so many have experienced in Medjugorje is connected to the reason for life and an inner liberation that can only happen

through love. The love of a Mother . This liberation of the human person, is one that frees from enslavement, and inner darkness, human egoism, a wrong relationship towards oneself, towards others, and fundamentally towards God. St. Paul says, “God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 : Cor. 9:7) Our Lady comes as gift to us in these times, because she was the one who was always ‘ Rejoicing’ in the generosity of God’s mercy. ‘My soul Magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.” (Luke : 1:47.)

Our Lady always takes us to her Son Jesus. She reminds us who he said he was. “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” (John 14: 6) Jesus is the specific path, and access to God the Father – the Way to be followed. Jesus is the embodiment of ultimate divine Truth – the Truth to be received. Jesus is the source of spiritual and eternal Life – the Life to be lived. Thousands of pilgrims have experienced the grace of Jesus as their Lord and Saviour in Medjugorje. They throw themselves into the loving embrace of him , who is their way, their Truth and their life. They are healed of the wounds caused by distance and lack of peace. The long lines of pilgrims waiting for Confession in Medjugorje are living proof that this suffocating distance can be overcome, in him who is our Way, Truth and Life.

Our Lady continues, **“Rejoice , little children, and be joyful also in difficulties, and you will have strength , because you will be aware that you are transient, and you will know how to offer everything to God.”** Again Our Lady asks us to

‘Rejoice’ and this time adding, ‘Be Joyful.’ Our lady asks us to be Joyful not just when life is going well, but also when it isn’t. We can do this by remembering that we have the pearl of great price, in him who is our Way, Truth and life. That life is passing , and that we are on the ‘Way’ – the right path to God. Nothing can take us from that path, from that truth, because we are with Jesus. Mary. Accepted each one of us as her children beneath the Cross at Calvary. In that most painful moment, she was still saying ‘Yes’ to God, to his will, and was filled with hope, that death was not the end. We too can remember her love and her faith, when we are in difficulties, and turn to prayer with her at such times. She is present, praying for us before God, but reminding us that in times of difficulties we too need to do our part – that is to pray more. Because praying means to look for her protection and help. It means to let oneself be guided in searching for God’s closeness. One must pray to be able to express one’s own ‘yes’ in simplicity and love. In doing this we discover how to offer everything to God, as Our Lady did.

Our Lady closes this message with some beautiful words asking us not to forget that she is our Mother and that she loves us. This is the kind of Mother we have in Our Lady. She loves us, and she asks us not to forget this. She loves us, she suffers with us, she leads us, she teaches us. These words we should all take to heart, and take comfort in them.

God Bless,
Fr. Martin



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

Medjugorje, June 20, 2026

Dear Friends, praise be to Jesus and Mary!

1. Healing from Anxiety!

Daniela is the wife of Francesco Vaiasuso, a man who suffered for years from demonic possession (see his book: *"My diabolic possession: How I was delivered from 27 legions of demons"*) Given the increase in mental health issues caused by fear, I asked Daniela to share with us some key points from her personal experience...

"When the signs of demonic possession manifested in Francesco, he suffered physically while I was attacked with intrusive thoughts. Seeing my husband in this state filled me with worry; **the devil tormented me from within with obsessive thoughts.** In fact, when the demonic manifestations ceased, I couldn't stop thinking about those voices, those horrible cries. These obsessive thoughts haunted me. They prevented me from living my daily life; I was paralyzed and unable to complete my daily tasks.

I often found myself thinking about the future: **what would my life be like?** I thought I would be a failure because I couldn't achieve my goals. In such a distressing state, I saw my future as bleak, with no way out. That's when I understood I needed to work on myself: **to stop these**

thoughts and live in the present moment, to welcome what the Lord was giving to me in the present. So, I learned to pray alongside Francesco when he was very ill and to live a perfectly normal life when he was delivered. I then desired with all my being to live in the present moment and live my daily life: work, cook, clean, go out, have pizza with friends... Above all, I needed to reject those thoughts so they wouldn't turn me to the past or the future! **The memory of the past threw me into anguish, and the thought of the future made me very anxious.**

Many people have these kinds of obsessive thoughts! Their minds constantly oscillate between the past and the future, thereby escaping the present moment. I understood that the devil wanted to make me wander between the anguish of the past and worry about the future. During those years, Francesco and I welcomed and listened to the suffering and fears of many people.

We now understand that **the key to peace is to live in the present moment,** in the reality of today. This is the only moment that truly belongs to us! The past is gone; we cannot change it, so there is no point living with guilt. The future does not belong to us; we do not know what it will hold. It is in God's hands, and we trust in Him. Our Creator gives us the spiritual graces we need.

With the Lord, there is no problem we cannot face, even when everything seems bleak: it is at that moment that grace acts, I am a witness to it. In the most terrible moments of Francesco's demonic possession, I never lost hope, and that was my strength. Through Baptism, we have all received this strength! **We all have these seeds of peace within us; it is for us to make them bear fruit** so that we can face all of life's trials, without exception”.

Praise God that Daniela was able to get through this spiritual attack in this way. I do understand that for some people therapy is needed as the intrusive thoughts can be rooted in past trauma. But even where this is the case, once those psychological barriers have come down, God's grace is waiting there to heal you completely!

2. Saint Faustina had already expressed this...

“When I look into the future, I am frightened,

But why plunge into the future? Only the present moment is precious to me, As the future may never enter my soul at all. It is no longer in my power to change, correct or add to the past; For neither sages nor prophets could do that. And so, what the past has embraced I must entrust to God. O present moment, you belong to me, whole and entire. I desire to use you as best I can. And although I am weak and small, you grant me the grace of your omnipotence. And so, trusting in Your mercy, I walk through life like a little child, offering You each day this heart. Burning with love for Your

greater glory.” (St Faustina Diary, §2].

Dear friends, the conclusion is clear: **TRUST in God saves us and heals us from the terrible afflictions of anguish and anxiety.** Trust in God establishes peace in our hearts and minds.



3. The 45th Anniversary of the Apparitions is approaching (June 25th)!

Joy fills our hearts as the Blessed Virgin Mary invites us once again this year to join her on Podbrdo Hill for the novena from June 16th to 25th. The Rosary will begin at 10:00 PM, and the visionary, Marija, will receive the apparition at 11:00 PM, near the white statue. Those who are not present in Medjugorje can pray in communion with us and follow these nine evenings live via Mary TV (link: www.marytv.tv). Also on Facebook, live from 10:00 PM.

Let us thank our Heavenly Mother who once again expresses her maternal love! **See how much she loves us and how close she is to us!** Let us pray this novena with all our hearts to thank her for coming for so many years and for the many heavenly blessings and favors! Let us

implore her fervently for peace! More than ever, in these troubled times, she relies on us!

Here is what the visionary, Marija, said after the apparition of June 16th, the first day of the novena:

"At the moment of the apparition when Our Lady came, I recommended to Our Lady all of us, all our intentions, everything that we have in our hearts. And all the people that we recommended in our prayers. Our Lady looked over us all, extended her hands over us, and prayed for a long time over all of us. She prayed in her motherly Aramaic language.

Then She told us that She had homework for us tomorrow: **"to spend your day, as much as possible, in prayer."**



And then she smiled, extended her hand in the Sign of the Cross and blessed us, and went to Heaven."

To my knowledge, this is the first time Our Lady has asked us all to spend an entire day in prayer. If she is asking us for such a demanding effort, I think she needs it to protect us from something she sees that we cannot.

Here is the message Our Lady gave us on the **second day, June 17:** to be grateful for life, to protect life and to give thanks for everything that we

experienced in our life, that God has given us during our lifetime.

Here is the message she gave us on the **third day, June 18:** To pray for all our deceased and for our entire lineage, that Our Lord may free us from every evil, from all evil that our relatives have done. That through our prayer, our penance, we may ask for the grace that our ancestors may come out of Purgatory and go to Heaven.

Dearest Gospa, your maternal intercession is of unspeakable power.

Yes, we wish to join our humble prayer to yours, that your Son Jesus may reveal Himself to all who do not yet know Him, repel all that threatens us, and bring His peace to this world that yearns for Him without even knowing it. Queen and Mother of Peace, pray for us!

Sister Emmanuel,
Community of the Beatitudes

Medjugorje Youth Festival 2026

1st—6th August

"Ad Fontem!"
(To the Source)

First established in 1989 by Franciscan priests, the Medjugorje Youth Festival (also known as 'Mladifest') is a yearly celebration to mark the birthday of the Virgin Mary for young Catholics.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

7th June—14th June 2026

(Report provided by Pilgrim)

Hello my fellow pilgrims. Just a few thoughts on my time in Medjugorje.

“Nothing I say could adequately describe fully the extraordinary peace and reconciliation that appears to permeate thro out this holy place. It literally pervades the depth of your being.”

Arriving in Dubrovnik and driving down by the Adriatic was truly stunning, and meeting my fellow pilgrims and listening to their experiences left me in awe and a little apprehensive. However I decided to embrace the pilgrimage fully and soak in as much as I could. No television no mobile phone (could not get signal) allowed me to focus entirely and take it all in. Our first night we went up to evening devotions Rosary/Confession/Mass then early night.

The following day we met Our Guide Maria to acclimatise us with our surroundings. The first thing that hit me was that I was not feeling this peace that people were talking about and felt worried as when we decided to come to Medjugorje we said the Rosary daily together in order to prepare our selves to get the best out of this pilgrimage. I went up apparition hill on the Tuesday it was hot and difficult but as we were praying the rosary with Father Martin it seemed to take the pain out of it. Quietly following in the footprints of the millions of pilgrims before me my thoughts turned to the recent Bosnian war and could not help thinking of

the Fathers, Brothers and Sons who were marched off to be slaughtered and every time I saw an elderly lady I wondered if she was one of these wives and mothers who had lost her son / husband. When I looked out to the hills and mountains I could see in my mind these poor men who were slaughtered. I felt very sad.



On my way back down from Apparition hill I wanted to go straight to the Adoration Chapel for some quiet time just to try and gather my thoughts together. I was thinking of confession and would normally sit and do examination of conscience but for some reason my thoughts turned to the parable of the prodigal son and found myself reflecting on the Father lovingly welcoming his son back home and embracing him. Suddenly I felt this great desire to feel this loving embrace. Confession suddenly made sense to me in that moment and so I went to confess and to be reconciled, to feel that loving embrace welcoming me back home. What a moment. It was at that moment I felt this extraordinary peace and Joy envelope me.

As we were preparing to come home I worried about coming back and how do I come back into every day life and keep that peace and joy and realised that our Lady Queen of Peace had given us the Five Stones.

Prayer with Heart (Rosary)

Eucharist

Scripture

Fasting

Confession

Nine days now since I returned home and my Peace and Joy are still with me as I get on with my daily life incorporating the Five Stones in my life.

Medjugorje is stamped on my Heart and this extraordinary love I feel for this Beautiful Mother who loves us so Tenderly and Deeply she continues to come to poor Earth to help us and guide us on our journey home.

So many wonderful moments on this pilgrimage I will remember this time as a time of blessing and grace. I will store these memories In the store room of my heart to call on them when Things get tough when I am sitting quietly and when I go to the sacrament of reconciliation.

Thank you to Father Martin and Father Noel for their Spiritual Direction and to Maria our lovely guide and to my fellow Pilgrims.

God Bless.

*Holy God Holy Mighty one Holy
Immortal one I trust in you
Our Lady Queen of Peace pray for us*

Jesus said "I leave you peace, my peace I give you. I do not give it to you as the world gives peace. Do not be distressed or fearful"

...Jesus quiet my heart. Open my heart to Your Peace.

(Extract from Cafod)

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

We come to you, God Creator, You are the source of life and beauty and power

Your son Jesus is the way of Faith, Hope and Love.

Your Spirit is the fire of Love, the fount of wisdom, the bond of unity.

You call us at all times to be people of the beatitudes,

Witnesses to the Gospel of Peace, Love and forgiveness.

You call us at this time, when war and rumours of war, weight heavily on the peoples of Ukraine, Gaza and all peace torn countries of the World.

Their lives are already broken by suffering and violence.

We renew our acceptance of your call.

We promise to work:

- To bring the light of the Gospel to those living in darkness,
- To bring the Hope of the Gospel to those living in despair
- To bring the healing of the Gospel to the lonely, the disadvantaged, the marginalized,
- And to bring the Peace of the Gospel to a divided world.

Amen

**ANNUAL APPARITION TO THE
VISIONARY IVANKA
25th June 2026
www.medjugorje.hr**



Ivanka had the apparition in her family home at 6.35pm and it lasted 4 minutes. Only Ivanka's family was present.

At her last daily apparition on May 7, 1985, Our Lady confided to Ivanka the 10th secret and told her that she would have an apparition once a year on June 25th the anniversary of the apparitions. It was that way also this year.

After the apparition, the visionary Ivanka said: "Our Lady gave the following message"-

**"Dear children, carry the peace
and the love of my Son into
every heart.
Pray for peace, peace, peace."**

Our Lady gave us her motherly blessing.

25.06.2026

(With Ecclesiastical approval)

**VISIONARY
Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez**

Ivanka was the first to see Our Lady on June 24, 1981, and is the youngest of the 4 girls (Ivanka, Vicka, Marija, Mirjana) Born July 21, 1966, in Bijakovici. Ivanka's prayer mission from Our Lady is to pray for families. Ivanka has one brother and one sister. Her Mother Jagoda, died in May 1981.

When the apparitions first began, Ivanka asked the Blessed Mother about her mother. Our Lady told her that her mother was with her in heaven. God has allowed Ivanka to see and speak to her mother, who is in heaven, five times over the years.

Ivanka: *"When the apparitions began, I was only a child. I prayed and went to church when my parents asked me to. Now when I pray, I feel united with God and Our Lady. Before, when I went to Mass, I didn't feel anything special. Now, I know God is alive at the Holy Mass and gives Himself completely to us in the Host. Concerning my own future, I leave it completely to God - my path will go in the direction God leads me. I have some advice for young people: I want to tell them to turn to God as soon as possible because He's the only one who can lead them to happiness and truth. We simply must pray more and live the messages of Medjugorje."*

Ivanka lives in the parish of Medjugorje, she is married and has three children.

Let us pray with the Holy Father:

Prayer Intention for July 2026

‘For respect to human life’



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Let us pray for the respect
and protection of human life in all
its stages, recognizing it as a gift
from God

Pope Leo XIV

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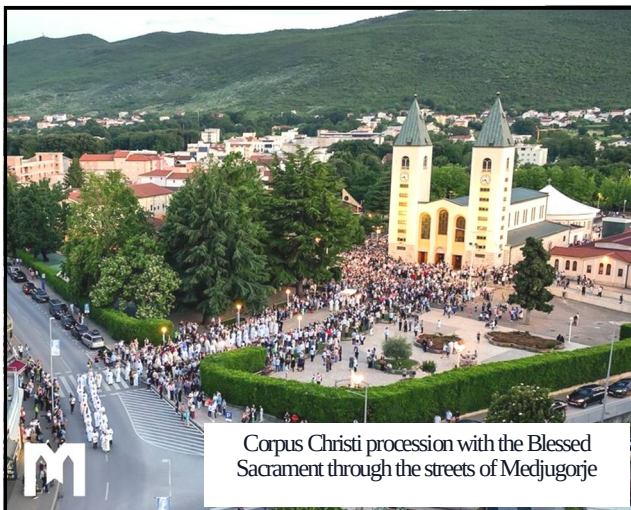
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