

First Saturday Program

*Eucharistic and Marian Center Spiri-Maria
December 3, 2022*

9:45 a.m.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: In a spirit of adoration and thanksgiving, let us join with the choir, during the hymn, “Esprit Saint, Dieu de Lumière”. After the hymn, we will recite the prayer the Lady taught us, so that there may again be peace and love among all peoples.

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Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all peoples, that they may be preserved from corruption, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Peoples, who once was Mary, be our Advocate. Amen.

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES: So very often Mother Paul-Marie said and repeated to us: “I love you!” But will we ever be able to love like she loved? Most certainly not in the same measure! However, we must strive to attain our full measure of love, as much as possible, day after day, by modeling our manner of loving on hers.

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MOTHER PAUL-MARIE’S LOVE

Mother Paul-Marie’s love for each one of us has always been boundless. She has never shied away from any suffering, accepting everything in order to bring us forth in grace and redeem us. Are we able to do as much for the souls around us, for those that are in relation with us?

Her love has always been a patient love. In fact, what patience she needed to have to put up with our slowness to understand and advance along the road to Heaven.

It is a gratuitous, unconditional love. She took us as we were, there where we were, and she gave us her love without expecting any results, knowing that, in some cases, it would be returned to her meagrely or even not at all.

It is a humble love, for she has always seen the best in each one of us, excusing those who are guiltier, in the hope, one day, of rendering easier their return to the sheepfold.

Her love has been courageous, not refusing to reprimand or correct when necessary, but always with the desire and concern of instructing and forming souls.

Above all, her love has always been generous and she has always given to all of us what she had materially and what she was spiritually.

The following words from Saint Augustine apply so well to what Mother Paul-Marie taught us by her whole life of love. He wrote:

“Love and do what you will. If you keep silent, keep silent out of love; if you correct, correct out of love; if you pardon, pardon out of love; let love be rooted in you, and from the root nothing but good can grow.”

To us who are children of God – and we could add, Sons and Daughters of the Co-Redemptrix – we are given the possibility and the capacity of transforming the simplest tasks, the most ordinary actions, into offerings of love. Thus, through love, we can divinize every instant of our life in order to bring delight to God’s eyes.

What father is not happy to see his child walk in his footsteps, imitate his actions? What father does not rejoice over seeing that his child’s heart resembles his own? Must we not draw closer to the Father’s Heart and strive to resemble Him?

Would we be any poorer for having smiled to our neighbor? For having encouraged him? For having forgiven him? Would we be any poorer because we held back a negative comment, even if it would have been justified? How much time is wasted in commenting on the events and actions of others. And yet, that comes to us so naturally!

We tell ourselves, then, that this is not too serious. In fact, it is not tragic, but we give God a little stone that is valueless, whereas we could have given Him a precious gem. And to think that this depends solely on us... what a responsibility we have! Especially as Paulians who have committed ourselves to walking in our Mother’s footsteps and have promised to ‘love one another’.

Sister Louise Hélie

(read by the Master of Ceremonies)

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES: During the recitation of our rosary, let us recollect ourselves and repeat to the Lord and the Lady that we desire to love them always more and more, in spite of our weaknesses and our problems.

We will meditate the Joyful Mysteries.

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Together, let us renew our consecration to Marie-Paule.

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Consecration to Marie-Paule in view of the Kingdom

O Marie-Paule, Lady of All Peoples, Mother of the Kingdom and Sovereign of the Earth, with all my heart, I turn to you today, for you are God's Envoy for our time, in our world.

He chose you from among all women, He entrusted to you the fate of humanity on earth and gave all the powers to you, the Daughter of Mary the Divine and the Flower of flowers in God's garden.

With the innermost conviction that a grandiose Work is being accomplished through you, and that you are the Immaculate Co-Redemptrix issued forth from the heart of the Redeemer God, I consecrate myself to you, I surrender myself to you in the totality of my being, in complete freedom, withholding nothing and keeping nothing for myself.

O Marie-Paule, Daughter of God as Father and of the Immaculate as Mother, Spouse of Jesus Christ, in the Fire of the Spirit, I know that you are but ONE with the Total Divinity that governs all things in Heaven and on Earth.

That is why I want to love you, serve you and extend your reign in the world, so that, in you, the peoples may come to drink from the wellspring of Renewal, for the Kingdom you are establishing is the fruit of your Love in all its dimensions.

I offer myself to you in order to hasten the advent of this Kingdom and to work in it, in whatever way you may wish to use me. May I fear nothing and be stopped by nothing, neither the malice of human beings nor the attractions of the forces of Evil. May I never forget that you will always be with me especially if, one day, I am

given the opportunity to sacrifice my life for you.

After your example, may I serve God first and at all times, so as to enable the men, women and children of the present and the future, to be nourished by your *Life of Love* and to imitate it, from the dawning of the Kingdom until the end of the world. Amen.

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES: “*Advent is the time of the Immaculate,*” Father Philippe said to Marie-Paule in *Life of Love*. With Father Jonathan, we will see how living Advent with Mary is also living it with Marie-Paule.

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LIVING ADVENT WITH MARY

For almost a week, we have been in the Advent season. This is a high point of the liturgical year, and it ends with the feast of Christmas. In a broader perspective, Advent can also be the present time leading us to a new Pentecost and the Kingdom gained by the Lady of All Peoples. Whether it is the one or the other, Advent is a time of preparation, of intensification of our spiritual life and of union to God through Mary.

Living Advent with the Blessed Virgin involves knowing how she lived her own time of preparation for the coming of Jesus. Before, during and after the conception of her Son, as well as during all the days of her life, Mary was a virgin. The word “virginity” can be understood to mean that the original state of something has been kept. Thus a “virgin” piece of paper is one on which nothing has been written or drawn, and there is no trace of anything whatsoever on it. So, a “virgin” piece of paper is just as it was when it was made. Mary’s body is virgin because its virginal seal was not altered or broken.

However, Mary virginity is much more spiritual than it is corporeal. In other words, Mary’s corporeal virginity stems from her inner virginity. As of her conception, Mary was immaculate, without the original stain, and entirely turned to God.

As the days went by, Mary’s heart always soared more and more towards the Lord, to the point of becoming the loving and perfect spouse of God and of giving Him a Son.

Indirectly, *Life of Love* gives us another clue as to how we can live

Advent, with the angel's answer to Marie-Paule's thought. Here is the account of that event.

"IT'S ADVENT," [the Angel] says, in reply to my unexpressed thought concerning the white robe.

"But I do not understand this. It will be Father Philippe who, afterwards, will say to me, 'Advent is the time of the Immaculate.'

"However, I feel that there is another reason for this white garment which he has been wearing for weeks, and I am sure that I shall one day learn what it is. The robe of 'amber' color has disappeared. It is at the day Mass that I 'receive' my reply, without having expected it.

"YOU DID NOT REMARK IT, BUT I AM WEARING THE WHITE ROBE SINCE THE DAY YOU WERE NAMED "THE IMMACULATE".'" (Life of Love XIII, pp. 303-304)

Since our Foundress is Immaculate like the Blessed Virgin, and that Advent is the time of the Immaculate, Advent is the time of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and of Marie-Paule. So, living Advent with Mary is also living Advent with Marie-Paule.

Since our Foundress became immaculate, unlike Mary who was such from her conception, living Advent is also striving to immaculize ourselves. We can do this by corresponding to grace, by accepting the purifying crosses and by a life increasingly focussed on the Eucharist.

Moreover, it was on November 1, 1976, that the angel Saint Michael gave the title of Immaculate to Marie-Paule. (*Id.*, p. 244) This then was a month before the liturgical beginning of Advent. It is quite possible that the Advent the angel was referring to was more the second Advent we mentioned in the introduction, that is, the present time leading us to a new Pentecost and the Kingdom gained by the Lady of All Peoples. Thus, whether it is the Advent preparing us for Christmas or the Advent preparing us for the Kingdom, we must prepare by practising an ever greater purity and by our efforts to immaculize ourselves, soaring ever more towards the Lord, so as to imitate in this way, but in our small but full measure, Mary's ardent desire and her burning fervor.

However, our transports of love could be slowed down by the fact that we are sinners. In fact, we always confess more or less the same faults, as though we have not changed despite our efforts over so many years. Let us remember that, before the manger, there were not only Magi Kings but also poor shepherds who were

probably not too clean.

They were judged on the love in their hearts, and they were accepted and loved by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Our renewed desires which are given a new impetus in spite of our weaknesses, our limitations and our faults are what prove our love of Jesus. Moreover, did not our Foundress say that we will be judged on love? What is important is not so much that we succeed at being special souls, but that we apply ourselves to love, to learn to love as Marie-Paule did.

Let us live this time of Advent with Mary and Marie-Paule. With their support and by following their example, we will arrive at the wonderful feast of the birth of Jesus with a heart that is always purer and a soul always more immaculate. Let us use this liturgical time of Advent to practise living well the great Advent which will bring generous souls even more into the Terrestrial Kingdom.

Father Jonathan Larochelle

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES: We will end this time of Marian prayer with the hymn, "Soyez béni, Seigneur".

In a few minutes, there will be the celebration of the Eucharist, the high point of our forenoon of prayer. During the celebration of this Mass, let us give thanks to the Lord and the Lady who wanted to remain in our midst in order to be our nourishment and our strength.