



Go Out To Your World

(Matthew 28:16-20)

I hope that this year will be for all of us a year of holiness and happiness: I ardently desire it. I believe that there is nothing on earth that I desire more ardently than your holiness

[Saint Marie Rivier, Letter of January 15, 1822]

Saint Marie Rivier Novena 2024

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Living God's Word

Friday, January 26, 2024

Hymn: "An Open Gospel" or Your Choice

+In the Name of the Father, ...

Word of God: [Isaiah 61:1-3]

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn.

Commentary: [Pope Francis, Word of God Sunday 2022]

That Word that became flesh wishes to become flesh in us. This Word does not remove us from life, but plunges us into life, everyday life. Into listening to the sufferings of others and the cry of the poor, into the violence and injustice that wound society and our world. It challenges us, as Christians, not to be indifferent, but active, creative Christians.

Rosary: At least ONE decade.

Daily Intentions:

For all the Sisters, the Associates and families of the Presentation of Mary.

For peace in the world and our lives.

Other intentions ...

To Ponder:

In the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the Gospel at all times, use words if necessary". How has your living the Word of God made a difference in the lives of others?

Let Us Pray.

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Devotion to Mary

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Hymn: “An Open Gospel” or Your Choice

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Word of God: [Luke 1:26-32, 34-36, 37-38]

The Angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a Virgin engaged to a man of the House of David. The Virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favour with God and now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.”

Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “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 holy, he will be called the Son of God.

“Here am I, the servant of the Lord: Let it be with me according to your word.”

Commentary: [Saint Marie Rivier, Letter 449]

Oh how we need the Blessed Virgin to come to our aid in everything!

My good Mother, you inspired me to start this small establishment for the instruction of young people. Take it once more under your protection. It is your undertaking, you began it, you supported it in every persecution, and if you ceased, even for a moment, to protect it with your Divine Son, it would no longer exist.

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To Ponder:

Marie Rivier said that if the Saints are burning coals, we can say that the Mother of God is the fire that ignites them. Mary’s faith and trust in God was shown at the Annunciation. How has her example helped you develop your trust in God?

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Deep Prayer Life

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Hymn: “An Open Gospel” or Your Choice

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Word of God: [1Thessalonians 5:16-17]

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Commentary: [Saint Marie Rivier, Letter 423]

Have recourse to prayer; in the midst of your occupations, remain united to God ... let us take up this holy habit of praying without ceasing, while coming and going, while working. This is what the Saints did, and this is what brought them abundant graces.

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To Ponder:

Do you practice this kind of prayer? How has it influenced your life choices and decisions?

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Awareness of the Presence of the Holy Spirit

Monday, January 29, 2024

Hymn: “An Open Gospel” or Your Choice

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Word of God: [John 14:25-28]

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.

Commentary: [Pope Francis, February 2023]

When Jesus instructed the disciples to go and make disciples he is not just communicating a word but also communicating the Holy Spirit. This is because it is only thanks to Him, the Holy Spirit, that one can receive Christ’s mission and carry it out. The Spirit is the engine of evangelization.

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To Ponder:

How are you aware of the Holy Spirit’s presence in your life? Do I let myself be guided by Him?

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Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Hymn: “An Open Gospel” or Your Choice

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Word of God: [John 6:48-52]

I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

Commentary: [Saint Marie Rivier, In the Strength of Her Vision]

Marie Rivier wanted to increase the time spent in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. She said, “It seems to me that it would draw down upon us all the blessings of Heaven.” This would not take away from the main objective to succeed in doing good.

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Do I spend time in Adoration? How would this form of prayer help me in my spiritual growth?

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Church; the Body of Christ

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Hymn: “An Open Gospel” or Your Choice

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Word of God: [1Corinthians 12:12-14]

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Commentary: [Pope Francis, Audience 2023]

The Pope began by saying, “Saul is a persecutor of Christians, but while travelling on the road to Damascus a light surrounds him, he falls to the ground and hears a voice saying, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ He asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The reply came, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting’. The experience of St. Paul tells us how deep is the union between Christians and Christ himself. The Second Vatican Council says that Jesus ‘by communicating his Spirit, Christ made his brothers and sisters, called together from all nations, mysteriously the components of his own Body

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To Ponder:

St. Augustine said that the Body of Christ is on the altar and around the altar.

Does the image of the Church as the Body of Christ help you in your participation in prayer and sacraments? Does it help you to feel connected as you seek to aid others in their time of need?

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Mission

Thursday, February 1, 2024

Hymn: “An Open Gospel” or Your Choice

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Word of God: [Luke 10:1-3]

The Lord appointed 70 others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.”

Commentary: [Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, 2022]

The mission is to make Jesus Christ known and loved. To know Jesus Christ in the Gospels, to live Jesus Christ in his mysteries, to reveal and to teach Jesus Christ by our whole life. Gathered because of Jesus Christ to keep his Word, share his Body and help one another to live the Gospel, we form in the Holy Spirit a community of adoration, of fraternal and apostolic life.

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To Ponder:

This mission of the Sisters is also our mission as Associates. In what ways can we live this mission in our secular lives?

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Apostolic Zeal

Friday, February 2, 2024

Hymn: “An Open Gospel” or Your Choice

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Word of God: [Luke 12:49-50]

I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

Commentary: [Saint Marie Rivier, The Fire of Her Witness]

Fire generates fire. A lighted torch lights several others, and those who have found Christ Jesus are most eager to make him known throughout the world.

Oh! How I wish the world would be converted and that our Congregation would carry the fire of the love of God and the knowledge of Jesus Christ everywhere, so be it! (Letter 217-8)

On the occasion of Marie Rivier’s Beatification, Pope John Paul II shared these words, “So what is the secret of Marie Rivier’s zeal? One is struck by her boldness, her tenacity, her expansive joy, her courage. Her life demonstrates well the power of faith in a simple upright soul which surrenders itself to the grace of baptism. She relied on God.”

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To Ponder:

How do we imitate the apostolic zeal of Saint Marie Rivier in our everyday life?

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