**RECEIVE A MARVELOUS GRACE AND GIFT OF GOD—THE EUCHARIST:** After Judas left, Jesus and the eleven sat in silent thought. Then Jesus took a loaf of bread and said, "This loaf is a symbol of my Body, and the bread is a symbol of the bread of life. As I break this loaf, so shall my Flesh be broken **as an example to men that they must freely surrender their lives into God's hands, willingly sacrificing for others.** When you eat this bread, you eat the bread of life and you will live forever." Then he broke the bread and gave them each a piece. Afterwards, he took a cup of wine and said, "Blood is the life, this is the life-blood of the grape, it is the symbol of the life of Him who surrenders his life in willing sacrifice for men. If you drink this wine in faith, you drink the life of Christ and you will live forever." Then he supped and passed them the cup, saying, "This is the Feast of Life, the great Passover of the Son of man, the Supper of the Lord, you must eat this bread and drink this wine often to live. The bread is called Remembrance bread, and the wine is called Remembrance wine. When you eat this bread and drink this wine, remembering Me, you receive the grace and gift of God—eternal life."

## TO HAVE STRONG FAITH AND TO BE A JOYFUL WITNESS OF LOVE, PEACE AND HOPE-PRAY!

Jesus said: "The Hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. I will not be with you much longer and where I am going you cannot come yet. I give you a new **command:** As I have immeasurably loved you and will surrender my life into God's hands for you, **so will you love the world and surrender your lives to save the world**. Love one another as you love yourselves, then the world will know that you are disciples of the Son of man, joyful witnesses of his immeasurable love." Peter said, "I will go wherever you go and surrender my life for you!" Jesus said, "Do not boast of bravery, your faith is not strong enough to follow me tonight. You will be afraid and deny me three times before the cock crows in the morning. All of you through fear will be estranged from me tonight. But after I have risen from the dead, I will go before you into Galilee." Peter said, "Though the others forsake you I will not!" Jesus said, "Your zeal is greater than your fortitude. Satan comes to sift your heart like wheat, but **I have prayed** for your faith to be renewed and that after your trial you can stand as a strong witness and be a man of peace and hope." Then they all exclaimed, "Nothing can make us deny you!"

LIVE AND WITNESS FAITH THROUGH WORDS AND WORKS-INTERCEDE THROUGH CHRIST: Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be sad and afraid, you believe in God, believe in me. There are many mansions in my Fatherland, I am going there to prepare a place for you, but you do not yet know the way there." Thomas said, "You have not said where you are going so how could we know the way?" Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life-I manifest the Christ of God to men. The only way you can reach my Fatherland is to follow me through Christ. If you know who I am, then you know my Father-God." Philip said, "Show us the Father and we will believe in you." Jesus said, "You still do not know who I am. If you have seen the Son, you have seen the Father for in the Son the Father has revealed himself. What I speak and do are not the words and works of man. They are the marvelous words and works of God, who lives in me and I in him. He who believes in me and in my Father-God will say and do what I have said and done. He will do greater works of faith than me because I am going to him whose marvelous works we are called to do. From there I will reach forth my hands to help you. Also in My Name, through Christ, you may intercede before and pray to God and speak with him as with your Father and he will grant you your request. Believe what I say, decide for God, surrender your life into his hands and immeasurably love and follow his Christ. Do not be believers only in words, but live and witness your faith through your works."

CARD 85: MARY'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE 2018: "PERMIT ME TO LEAD YOU AS A MOTHER."

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## Card 84: Mary's Christmas Message, "Ask the Lord for the Gift of Faith" Open Your Heart—Fill It with Immeasurable Love! DECIDE FOR GOD—FREELY SURRENDER YOUR LIFE! Live and Witness Your Faith Through Your Works!



**ON CHRISTMAS** MARY GIVES THE GIFT OF HER REGULAR MONTHLY MESSAGE ON THE 25TH TO THE VISIONARY MARIJA AND AS A SPECIAL GRACE SHE GIVES A SECOND MESSAGE TO THE VISIONARY JAKOV (CARD 23). SHE OFTEN BRINGS THE INFANT JESUS TO GIVE US HIS GIFT OF PEACE.



**"DEAR CHILDREN:** Today I am bringing to you my Son Jesus for Him to give you His peace and blessing. I am calling all of you, little children, to **live** and **witness** the graces and the gifts which you have received, **do not be afraid!** Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you the strength to be joyful witnesses and people of peace and hope. Thank you for having responded to my call" (Christmas Med. 12/25/17 regular monthly message to Marija).

## Live and Witness Your Faith Through Your Works!

DECIDE FOR GOD—LIVE AND WITNESS YOUR FAITH THROUGH YOUR EXAMPLE Open and Surrender Your Heart—Fill Your Life with Immeasurable Love!



**"DEAR CHILDREN:** Today, on this day of grace, I am calling you to ask the Lord for the gift of faith. My children **decide for God** and begin to **live** and to **believe** in <u>what God is calling you to</u>. To believe means to surrender your lives into God's hands—the hands of the Lord who created you and who loves you immeasurably. Do not be believers only in <u>words</u>, but **live** 

and **witness** your faith through <u>works</u> and through your <u>personal example</u>. Speak with God as with your Father. Open and surrender your hearts to Him and you will see how your hearts are changing and how your life will marvel at <u>God's works in your life</u>. My children, there is no life without God and that is why, as your mother, **I intercede before and pray to my Son** to renew your hearts and to <u>fill your life with immeasurable</u> love. Thank you for having responded to my call" (Med. 12/25/17 annual Christmas).

**THE AQUARIAN GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST** was transcribed by Levi H. Dowling from the Akashic Records. It is a marvelous work the Holy Mother called him to do (card 63). This card is part of an ongoing series in which the Aquarian Gospel is interwoven with her ongoing messages from **Med**jugorje. It is a marvelous work the Holy Mother has called me to do. I am receiving grace to do this work as a gift to help us better live and witness her messages. Since 1981 Mary has been appearing to six visionaries in **Med**jugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, giving them a marvelous work to do—to receive her messages and transmit them to the world. She gives messages on the 2nd and 25th of each month. In 1998 she began giving a second message on Christmas. Our Holy Mother is calling her children to open their hearts, decide for God and surrender their lives into their Creator's hands. Through prayer you will receive strength from the Holy Spirit, renewed, your heart will change and you will not be afraid to live and witness your faith. You will say marvelous words and do marvelous works—you, filled with immeasurable love, will be a joyful witness, an example of a person of peace and hope! "The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus," Section XVIII: 159–161.

MARY MAGDALENE-AN EXAMPLE OF A LIFE FILLED WITH IMMEASURABLE LOVE: Jesus said, "Passover is in two days and the Son of man will be betrayed into the hands of wicked men and will willingly surrender his life on the cross **†**. Then men will know that the Son of man is the Son of God!" He went with the twelve to Bethany and stayed with Lazarus, who, like John the Baptist, was his near kin (Aqu. 63:14, Lk. 1:36). Bar-Simon also lived in Bethany. He was once a leper but decided to believe and was cleansed by Jesus' Sacred Name (card 80). He gave a feast in honor of the Christine Lord, and Lazarus and his sisters were among his guests. Ruth and Martha served, but Mary, whose heart had been changed since she surrendered her life to God, was called by him to do a marvelous work. Filled with immeasurable sorrow, she took a bottle of costly balm and poured it on Jesus' head and feet. Then, knelling on the floor, she wiped his feet with her hair. The odor of the rich perfume filled the room. Judas, who was the treasurer of the twelve and always looked at the selfish side of life, said, "Mary, for shame! Why did you waste that costly perfume thus? We could have sold it and had money to supply our wants and give to the poor." Others said, "Mary, you are a profligate! You should not have wasted such wealth." But Jesus said, "Let her alone! You do not know what you are saying. The poor are always with you and you can give to them anytime, but I will not be with you much longer. Mary has received a gift of grace from the Holy Spirit, she knows the sadness of the coming days and has anointed me with the balm beforehand for my burial **†**. Whoever witnesses the gospel of the Christ will tell the story of this day, and what was done personally by Mary at this hour will be a sweet memorial to her immeasurable love for me."

JUDUS OPENS HIS HEART AND DECIDES TO RECEIVE A GIFT OF MONEY: In Jerusalem the Pharisees were making plans to seize Jesus and take his life. The high priest Caiaphas called a counsel and said, "The work I am calling you to do must be done before Passover. Jesus must be taken when he is alone and the crowds are not around or we may cause a riot. The common people may stand in his defense and thus pollute this sacred place with human blood." Ananias told him, "The twelve meet with Jesus alone at a secret place to pray daily. I personally know one of them, Judas, a man who worships wealth, and for a gift of money I think he will lead us to where they pray and we can seize him there." Caiaphas said, "If you can bribe him, we will pay you 100 pieces of silver." Ananias went to Bethany and found Judas at Bar-Simon's house and said, "The high priest and rulers want to talk with Jesus alone so they can know his claims and decide what they will do. If he proves himself to be the Christ, they will stand in his defense. If you will lead the priests to your master tomorrow night to talk with him alone, they will give you 30 pieces of silver." Judas reasoned within his heart, "It may be well to give the Lord a chance to tell the priests his claims when he is all alone. If they try to harm him, he has the power to disappear as he has always done." So he decided to surrender his Lord into their hands, saying, "I will lead you to where we pray and with a kiss make him known to you."

**JESUS—AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO LIVE AND WITNESS YOUR FAITH THROUGH YOUR WORKS:** On the first day of unleavened bread Jesus called the twelve, "This is God's Remembrance day and we will eat the pascal supper all alone." Then he sent Peter, James and John to Jerusalem to prepare the pasch, saying, "Go to the fountain gate and you will see a man with a pitcher in his hand named Nicodemus. Tell him to setup his banquet hall, the Lord desires to eat his last Passover with his apostles there." When the hour came to eat the feast, the twelve began to strive among themselves, each anxious to secure the honored seats. Jesus said, "My friends, why do you contend for self just as the shadows of this night of gloom come on? There is no honored seat at heaven's feast except for him who humbly takes the lowest seat."

Then Jesus took a basin of water, knelt on the floor and began personally washing each of their feet. As he did this, he breathed on their feet and said, "May your feet walk in the ways of righteousness." But Peter said, "My Master, I will not allow you to stoop and wash my feet." Jesus replied, "You do not yet understand the meaning of the work I do. If I do not wash your feet, you cannot take part with me in the work God is calling you to." Peter said, "Then wash my feet, hands and head!" Jesus said, "If you have bathed, you are clean and only need to wash your feet. Your feet are symbols to help you better live and witness your faith. To be clean you must wash your understanding in prayer daily, renewing your heart in the living stream of life. Then you will see how your heart will change and your life will marvel at God works in your life. You call me Master, and I am. If your Master personally kneels and washes your feet, should you not wash each other's feet and thus witness something marvelous with your life—**your willingness to serve?** You know these things, but to be blessed do not be believers only in words, but decide to live and witness your faith through works and your personal example."

**JUDAS LEAVES TO DO WHAT HE DECIDED TO DO:** As they ate the pasch, Jesus said, "One of you has decided to turn away and will betray me into the hands of wicked men tonight." The disciples, marveling at what he said, looked at each other and asked, "Lord, is it I?" Peter said to John, who was sitting beside Jesus, "Ask him to whom does he refer?" John, touching Jesus' hand, asked, "Which one of us is so depraved as to betray his Lord?" Then Judas asked, "Lord, is it I?" Jesus answered, "He is the one who is now putting his hand with mine into the dish." When they looked Judas' hand was with Jesus' hand in a dish. Jesus said, "The prophets cannot fail, the Son of man must be betrayed but woe to him who betrays his Lord." Judas' hour had come, he got up and as he was leaving Jesus told him to, "Do quickly what you are to do!"