

BE HUMBLE, love, give, sacrifice, and witness through your life, whether rich or poor, to help those who do not know Jesus come to know His love! Joshua prayed intensely that night, glorifying the Heavenly Father. He said everything to Him. Tomorrow he would encounter his people and he wanted it to go well. Their encounter with Christians over time, even though they were often mistreated, still gave them a chance to get to know the beautiful aspects of His love of humanity. In the past it would have been unthinkable for Jews to contract for the sculpturing of a statue. To get around the commandment forbidding the fashioning of graven image, they were placing it in the social hall rather than the synagogue. It was ironic that the statue was of Moses, who gave them the commandment. Perhaps he would be pleased at the change in spirit of his people. As he prayed he *felt the presence* of Moses and Elijah, sensing their reaction.

Phil, the manager of the lumber mill, came by early to see the statue. Grasping at its beauty, he said, "You seem so ordinary, it's hard to image you as a talented artist." Joshua replied, "All of our abilities come from God, and our recognition of it should make us humble, not arrogant. This is a mistake so many talented people make. It is the unforgivable sin. In their blind pride they put themselves outside the reach of God's saving grace. I am proud of my work and like to see the joy it gives in people's faces. But I also appreciate the beauty of a precious soul in a humble person who has no other obvious talent than the humility to stand in awe of the gifts God has given to others—that gift is more precious in God's eyes." Phil laughed, "I have no talent, but I admire it in others." Joshua said, "You are a good man with the kind of talent a father needs to appreciate his children and help them grow into the people God intends. You will be proud of them one day and all *the sacrifices you made in your life will have meaning.*"

Joshua walked to a patch of run-down shacks. Poor people lived there, good people he judged no better, no worse than the rich people he encountered. Some had lost their jobs; others were chronic welfares cases. It made no difference to him. He loved them, and he especially loved their precious children. He told them not to be envious of others' possessions. He had nothing and was happy enjoying all the things in nature that belong to God. Being free of possessions is the secret of joy and peace in your soul, *the only thing that belongs to you.* A family invited him in. The mother, a humble lady, gave him a bowl of berries they had picked. One of the kids sat on his lap, eating them; the others cried, "Mommy, I'm still hungry!" Embarrassed, she told them to wait until she went to the grocery. Joshua knew they had no food; their father's unemployment check didn't go far. As he left she gave him a jar of berry jam she had made. He thought, "The poor never have enough for themselves but always have enough to give away." He bought groceries and had them delivered with a note: "Thank you for your kindness."

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR—WITNESS THROUGH YOUR LIFE! POPE FRANCIS INITIATED THIS NEW WORLD DAY IN 2017. IT FALLS ON THE SUNDAY BETWEEN NOVEMBER 13–19. HE ASKED CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS TO "MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CREATE MOMENTS OF ENCOUNTER AND FRIENDSHIP, SOLIDARITY AND CONCRETE ASSISTANCE" WITH THE POOR DURING THE PRIOR WEEK, AND THEN ON THE WORLD DAY "INVITE THE POOR AND THE VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE PART IN THE EUCHARIST." IT IS DONE AS AN ACT OF LOVE, SACRIFICE AND HUMILITY TO INTERIORLY IMPOVERISH OURSELVES, COMPLETELY SURRENDERING TO GOD'S WILL, TO BE READY TO RECEIVE CHRIST ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY, **THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING.** HE SAYS, "THIS NEW WORLD DAY SHOULD BECOME A POWERFUL APPEAL TO OUR CONSCIENCES AS BELIEVERS, ALLOWING US TO GROW IN THE CONVICTION THAT SHARING WITH THE POOR ENABLES US TO UNDERSTAND THE DEEPEST TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL: THE POOR ARE NOT A PROBLEM, THEY ARE A RESOURCE FROM WHICH TO DRAW AS WE STRIVE TO **ACCEPT AND PRACTICE IN OUR LIVES THE ESSENCE OF THE GOSPEL.**"

CARD 110: WHAT IS FELT IN THE HEART IS SEEN IN THE EYES!

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**Card 109: Pray, Encounter, Give—A Balm to Your Most Precious Soul!
Sacrifice and Completely Surrender to God's Will!
JESUS: THE HUMAN FACE OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER!
Be Humble! Love, Give—Witness through Your Life!**

POPE FRANCIS SAYS:

"THIS WAY OF LIFE—ENCOUNTER AND CHARITY—GIVES RISE TO JOY AND PEACE OF SOUL BECAUSE WE TOUCH WITH OUR OWN HANDS THE FLESH OF CHRIST. IF WE TRULY WISH TO ENCOUNTER CHRIST, THEN TOUCH HIS BODY, SEE HIS FACE, IN THE SUFFERING BODIES OF THE POOR AS A RESPONSE TO THE SACRAMENTAL COMMUNION (ONENESS) BESTOWED IN THE EUCHARIST."

JOSHUA: A PARABLE FOR TODAY, CONDENSED AND INTERWOVEN WITH MARY'S MONTHLY MESSAGES FROM MEDJUGORJE ON THE 2ND & 25TH.

READ MATTHEW 25: 31–46

WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES IN ALL HIS GLORY, HE WILL SEPARATE NATIONS LIKE FLOCKS— SHEEP ON HIS RIGHT, GOATS ON HIS LEFT. HE WILL REJECT THE GOATS, BUT SAY TO THE SHEEP, "ENTER THE KINGDOM BECAUSE UNLIKE THEM WHEN I NEEDED HELP, YOU HELPED ME; BUT ALL THEY DID NOT DO TO HELP THE POOR, THEY DID IT NOT TO ME!"

**PRAY AND GLORIFY THE HEAVENLY FATHER!
COMPLETELY SURRENDER TO HIM, TRUST HIS WILL,
AND SAY EVERYTHING TO HIM—ONE HEART IN ONE HEART!**

TO HELP ALL WHO DO NOT KNOW JESUS' LOVE, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS CARRY HIS FACE IN YOUR HEART, THINK OF HIS LOVE AND SACRIFICE, AND PRAY TO ALWAYS FEEL HIS PRESENCE!

TO BE ONE HEART IN ONE HEART WITH THE HEAVENLY FATHER, READ THE GOSPEL— THE WORDS OF LOVE, LIGHT AND LIFE! READ HEBREWS: FIX YOUR THOUGHTS ON JESUS, WHO WAS MADE LIKE US THAT HE MIGHT BECOME OUR FAITHFUL HIGH PRIEST LIKE MOSES ONLY GREATER. READ GOD'S OATH TO THOSE WHO HARDEN THEIR HEART IN UNBELIEF, THEY CAN NEVER ENTER HIS REST!

A THOUGHT: EXTEND THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR THE HOLIDAY GIFT CARD PROGRAM AT GROCERY STORES TO PURCHASE FOOD FOR THE POOR!

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING, CELEBRATED BY SOME CHRISTIANS IN OCTOBER, OTHERS IN NOVEMBER, HONORS JESUS, THE CHRIST, OUR ETERNAL KING AND HIGH PRIEST. HE IS THE GOD-MAN— DIVINE AND HUMAN; GOD, BORN OF GOD, ONE AND TRIUNE. HE IS THE HUMAN FACE OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER— ONE HEART IN ONE HEART. MANY DENOMINATIONS END THEIR LITURGICAL YEAR ON THIS SACRED FEAST DAY.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING/CARD 82; WORLD DAY OF THE POOR/CARD 83

CARD 15 IS AN OVERVIEW OF MARY'S MESSAGES FROM MEDJUGORJE

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR WAS INITIATED BY POPE FRANCIS IN 2017. IT FALLS ON NOVEMBER 17TH IN 2019. IT IS A CALL TO SACRIFICE BY ENCOUNTERING THE POOR AND GIVING CHARITY TO PREPARE TO RECEIVE CHRIST THE KING IN THE EUCHARIST ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY.



"DEAR CHILDREN: Today I call you to prayer. May prayer be a balm to your soul because the fruit of prayer is joy, giving and witnessing God to others through your life, little children, in complete surrender to God. He will take care of everything and will bless you, and your sacrifices will have meaning. I am with you and bless all of you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call" (Med. 10/25/19).

JESUS: THE HUMAN FACE OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER GIVES HIMSELF! Sacrifice, Surrender to the Heavenly Father and Trust His Will!



“**DEAR CHILDREN:** My beloved Son always prayed and glorified the Heavenly Father. He always said everything to Him and trusted in His will. This is what **you, my children, should also do**, because the Heavenly Father always listens to His children: **one heart in one heart**—love, light and life. The Heavenly Father gave Himself through a human face, and this face is the face of my Son. You, apostles of my love, **you should always** carry the face of my Son in your hearts and your thoughts. **You should always** think of His love and His sacrifice. **You should pray to always** feel His presence, because, apostles of my love, that is the way for you to help all those who **do not know my Son, who have not come to know His love**. My children read the book of the **Gospel**. It is always something new. It is what **binds** you to my Son, who was born to **bring the words of life** to all of my children and to **sacrifice Himself for all**. Apostles of my love, carried by the love for my Son, bring love and peace to all of your brothers. **Judge no one**. **Love everyone** according to the love for my Son. In this way, you will also be caring for your soul, and it is that which is most precious, which truly belongs to you” (Med. 11/2/19).

JOSHUA: A PARABLE FOR TODAY is a National Best Seller by Father Joseph F. Girzone, a Catholic priest, who joined the Carmelite order at age 14, serving Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (card 105). He died in 2015 at age 85. This series began with Ark Box 6 and card 108. To write the book he thought about what it would be like if Jesus were made like us today, if He again showed us the face of the Heavenly Father to bring us the words of life. Would He be received by the Church He entrusted to Peter, who succeeded to the chair of Moses? Would His people, the Jews, again harden their hearts? In the parable the Heavenly Father sends Jesus (Joshua) to a small town in America with a purpose, a mission, to again surrender Himself completely, trusting in His will. As He gets to know the people in town, and they get to know Him, He befriends men who hangout at Sander’s store lunch counter. He carried a 300-pound log from the local lumber mill down Main Street and now everyone is curious about Him. He was contracted to carve a wood statue of Moses by the Jews and later statues of Peter by two churches, portraying a powerful message to the Church, the one all Christians spring from, all who sacrifice, surrender to the Heavenly Father and trust His will like Jesus, Moses and Peter. The book is condensed and interwoven with Mary’s current messages from Medjugorje, where she has been present among us since 1981, and current Catholic calendar events, Earth’s oldest Christian calendar, celebrating the events of the Gospel with Jesus in the breaking of the Bread. In this way a message is revealed that will help the Church be the face of Jesus and witness God through their lives when they encounter those who do not know Him and His love. When Christians surrender to the will of the Father, carry Jesus in their hearts and thoughts, and judge no one and love everyone, they will have joy and peace in their most precious souls. Chapters 4–5 follow.

JESUS GIVES HIMSELF THROUGH THE ALMOST HUMAN FACE OF MOSES to again bring us the words of life, delivering the message of the Gospel! At the crack of dawn, Joshua, excited, began work on the figure of Moses. By eleven the figure was cut free from the block of wood and had its own independent existence. To do the fine details on the face, he laid it down, got down on his knees, and with a tiny chisel gave him deep-set eyes that looked almost alive. His nose and nostrils flared as if venting great emotion. His lips were soft and sensuous, slightly parted as if he was about to speak. It seemed like the slightest breeze would blow his delicate locks of hair. Joshua enjoyed *giving of himself*, working on the project. It was as if he was doing the sculpture of a dear friend and wanted it to be perfect. He took a break and then gave it finishing touches.



It was a powerful, beautiful piece of master workmanship. The strength of feeling and conviction in the expression of the face showed the vehemence and insistence of Moses’ character. He appeared alive! You could sense his zeal and power and also his desperation as he tried to bend the **will of his listeners**. The people at the synagogue would either be delighted to possess such a powerful work of art, or they would be offended by the message it graphically delivered. His intention was to deliver a clear message, bringing the words of life—Moses insisting on a way to God that so many of his people resisted: *Love your neighbor, sacrifice, surrender to the Heavenly Father, trust His will, and say everything to Him because He always listens to His children!* Joshua caressed the figure affectionately, as if the real Moses *were present!*

JESUS OUR ETERNAL KING AND HIGH PRIEST sacrifices Himself and completely surrenders to the Heavenly Father, trusting His will, no matter what the people think who get to know him! There was a knock on the door. It was his friends from the Sander’s crew, Pat and Herm. They came to invite him to their weekly parties. Joshua liked getting to know them and invited them in for supper. He enjoyed the earthy crew and their friendly banter. They were honest men you could trust, never two-faced. They would stick up for each other against an army; if they lost at least they would lose together. Their wives were loyal and long-suffering, *sacrificing for others*. Herm said, “Joshua, you’re a mystery. No one can figure you out. What is it about you?” Pat chimed in, “Everyone thinks you’re a real smart guy, and yet all you do is cut wood. Were you a priest or something, you have class and refinement?” Joshua responded, “I’m just God’s son.” Pat said, “We’re all that, but something is different about you, you’re more than meets the eye. You’re humble; you act like the rest of us, you’re not afraid to work. When you walked down Main Street yesterday with that huge log on your shoulder, you made quite an impression.”

Joshua listened intently, realizing that Pat’s question struck at the heart of his identity. He knew that some with simple faith would pierce the mystery surrounding his presence, but it was important to keep the secrecy of his identity and mission intact. Those who should know would find out in their own simple way. But those with *hardened hearts* would never know or understand him. They cannot see goodness and enjoy its presence. They judge, distort and see evil in simple acts of goodness until they have painted such a warped image in their minds that they are convinced that what they see is the face of evil and try to destroy it and purge it from their midst. He responded, “I’m just myself. As you get to know me, you will understand what you have seen and so will others, but not all. Because your faith is simple, you see what others cannot. **All I do is bear witness to the goodness and love of God through my life!**”

Herm asked, “What do you think of the Church and religion?” Joshua said, “Real religion is in people’s hearts, not in buildings—worship the Father in your *most precious soul*. Religious leaders think they have to structure the practice of religion in such a way that they become highly respected mediators with God, *judging everyone*, then religion becomes the practice of doing what religious leaders tell us to do and deteriorates into the observance of manmade laws. Jesus taught that people are free to grow and become the joyful people God intended. But this is impossible in the presence of rigid authority, who enjoy controlling people’s thinking and free will. Jesus tried to dispel this tendency by washing his apostles’ feet, teaching them to be humble, to serve rather than dominate and dictate, *to sacrifice, surrender to the Father, love, and trust His will.*” Herm asked what he thought about their pastor. Joshua replied, “He’s not a bad guy, but he knows only the law and not love. A kind shepherd puts people before the law.” Pat said, “We heard you were making a statue for the synagogue.” Joshua showed them his statue. They were amazed at the figure of Moses he made from the huge log. It was so lifelike *you could feel his presence!* They were in awe at the masterpiece he created in only two days!