

“DEAR CHILDREN: May this time be a time of prayer for you. Without God you do not have peace. Therefore, little children, pray for peace in your hearts and families, so that Jesus can be born in you and give you His love and blessing. The world is at war because hearts are full of hatred and jealousy. In the eyes, little children, peacelessness is seen because you have **not permitted** Jesus to be born in your lives. Seek Him, pray, and He will give Himself to you in the Child, who is joy and peace. I am with you and I pray for you. Thank you for having responded to my call” (Med. 11/25/19).

“BRETHREN: WARMLY WELCOME (ACCEPT) EACH OTHER INTO THE CHURCH, JUST AS CHRIST HAS WARMLY WELCOMED YOU; THEN GOD WILL BE GLORIFIED” (MASS²/RM. 15: 7 LB.).

TO ACCOMPLISH THE WORKS OF SALVATION *freely permit Jesus to be born in your hearts, families and church!* In the morning Joshua walked to the Catholic Church. Last week he visited the Presbyterian Church. The people there were well dressed and polite, but not friendly. A young boy sensed Joshua’s uneasiness and introduced himself to make him feel welcomed. After the service the minister suggested his clothes were unacceptable and should be more formal for the worship service since it was God’s house. Joshua told him these were his only clothes and that God is more concerned about the adornment of the soul. When he arrived at the Catholic Church, he got lost in the crowd; he felt like a stranger in a sea of faceless people. Father Pat was offering Mass. He preached from his heart about the carefree quality of Jesus’ life-style: “The central point of Jesus’ teaching was the freedom God allows. He came to declare this to mankind. It was the announcement of freedom that amounted to a declaration of war against the religious structure of Israel that got him into trouble. If he came today, preaching the same message, religious leaders would respond the same way. Go, take this message of freedom to heart; enjoy living as God’s children, feeling free; make your own choices, have faith in God.”

Father Pat stopped by to visit Joshua. He said, “When I was speaking about Jesus today, I thought of you. Most Christians live some imitation of Jesus, but you really are a living example of what I preach. I wish I could be free like I preach.” Joshua countered, “You’re a good priest, don’t allow yourself to get discouraged. As long as people strive to love God and others *through Jesus*, they are pleasing God.” Father Pat confessed, “I drink a lot, I get lonely. I feel like I am not cut out for the priesthood, yet I feel strongly called to it. I feel that my whole spiritual life needs the support of a woman and a family if I am to grow. I don’t feel I have the gift of celibacy. I even have a friend I feel close to and I feel guilty about it. Is it possible that God can call you to the priesthood but not the gift of celibacy?” Joshua comforted him, “You have answered that for yourself. Only the individual knows what work God is calling him to do. No one can dictate a calling or demand a gift. If God calls you to the priesthood, but not the gift of celibacy, then your superiors must respect that. Otherwise they will destroy what could be a beautiful work of God.” The priest confessed, “This need is so distracting that I can’t do my work.” Joshua said, “Tell the bishop and insist that he help you. The Church must respect the way the Holy Spirit works; otherwise she will destroy her own priesthood. What Jesus made optional, the Church should not make mandatory.” Father Pat argued, “But the Church will not allow priests to marry.” Joshua refuted, “Struggle for change; but do not shame the priesthood or damage people’s faith. Doing Jesus’ work can be done in many ways, marriage is not an obstacle. There are many other Christians who will need and welcome you. Often God works slowly and may want you to sacrifice, suffering the pain of loneliness to conquer sin so you can better serve others. In time He may free you from that pain, so be patient.”

**CARD 112: THE GIFT:
BE UNITED ALTOGETHER
THROUGH JESUS!**

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**Card 111: Permit Mary to Lead Us To Jesus, Allow Her to Lead Us to Peace!
Where Love Reigns Time No Longer Counts!
A WORD FROM THE FIRST SHEPHERD!
Be Patient! Encouraged! Do the Works of Salvation!**



**PEOPLE OF ZION, BEHOLD THE LORD SHALL COME TO SAVE THE NATIONS AND SHALL MAKE THE GLORY OF HIS VOICE HEARD IN THE JOY OF YOUR HEART. GIVE EAR, SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL, WHO LEADS JOSEPH LIKE A FLOCK. GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN!
MASS²/ IS. 30: 30
PS. 80: 1**

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

**BRETHREN, THE THINGS WRITTEN IN THE SCRIPTURES TEACH US PATIENCE AND ENCOURAGE US SO THAT WE LOOK FORWARD, ANTICIPATING THE TIME WHEN GOD WILL CONQUER SIN AND DEATH. MAY GOD HELP YOU LIVE IN HARMONY WITH EACH OTHER— WITH THE ATTITUDE OF CHRIST TOWARD THE OTHER. AND THEN ALL OF US CAN PRAISE THE LORD TOGETHER WITH ONE VOICE, GIVING GLORY TO GOD, THE FATHER.
MASS²/RM. 15: 4–6 LB.**

◆ MOST SCRIPTURES ARE CONDENSED FROM THE LIVING BIBLE IN THIS CARD ◆

IN THE GAZE OF THE EYES LOVE IS SEEN AND UNSPOKEN WORDS AND UNEXPRESSED FEELINGS ARE HEARD!

ADVENT: WAITING IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COMING OR ARRIVAL OF SOMETHING SEEN AS MOMENTOUS TO WELCOME ITS ARRIVAL!

REPENT! THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND! PREPARE A ROAD FOR THE LORD—CLEAN UP THE PATH WHERE HE WILL WALK (MASS³⁻⁴/MT. 3: 2–3 LB.)

◆ CARD 15 IS AN OVERVIEW OF MARY’S MESSAGES FROM MEDJUGORJE ◆

ADVENT BEGINS THE LITURGICAL YEAR WITH THE 4 SUNDAY MASSES BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

THE ADVENT OF THE CHILD, WHO WAS BORN TO GIVE HIMSELF TO US, IS CELEBRATED WITH JOY AND HOPE BY MANY DENOMINATIONS OVER THE FOUR-WEEK PERIOD BEFORE CHRISTMAS. IT IS A TIME OF ANTICIPATION AND REMEMBRANCE WHEN THE CHURCH BRINGS BEFORE OUR EYES OUR SAVIOR’S FIRST COMING THROUGH GRACE, HIS COMING IN OUR HEARTS AND LIVES, AND HIS SECOND COMING AS JUDGE. WITH THE WORDS OF THE PROPHETS AND PATRIARCHS APPEALING TO US, THE 4 MASSES URGE US TO BE READY TO WELCOME HIM AS SAVIOR AND JUDGE. THE CHURCH SEES HIS FIRST AND SECOND COMING IN ONE PERSPECTIVE OF TIME: ... AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, AS IT IS THERE WHERE LOVE REIGNS AND TIME NO LONGER COUNTS.

A WORD FROM THE FIRST SHEPHERD ABOUT THE WORKS OF SALVATION!

Eternity: Where Love Reigns and Time No Longer Counts!



“DEAR CHILDREN: As I am looking at you who love my Son, my heart is being filled with tenderness. I am blessing you with a motherly blessing. With a motherly blessing, I am also blessing your **shepherds**—you who speak the words of my Son, who bless with His hands, and who love Him so much that you are ready to make every **sacrifice** for Him with joy.

You are following Him, who was the first shepherd, the first missionary. My children, apostles of my love, **to live and work for others**—for all those whom you **love through my Son**—is the joy and comfort of earthly life. If through **prayer, love and sacrifice**, the Kingdom of God is in your hearts, then your life is joyful and bright. Among those who **love my Son** and who **love each other through Him**, words are not necessary. A gaze is sufficient for the unspoken words and unexpressed feelings to be heard. There where **love reigns**, time no longer counts. We are with you. My Son knows you and loves you. Love is that which brings you to me, and through that love I will come to you and speak to you of the **works of salvation**. I desire for all of my children to have **faith** and to **feel** my motherly love, which **leads** them to Jesus. Therefore, my children, wherever you go, illuminate with **love and faith** as apostles of love" (Med. 12/2/19).

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 on Advent¹. This series began with Ark Box 6 and card 108. To write the cards I superimpose Mary's current messages from **Medjugorje** and current Catholic calendar events over the book chapter by chapter. The Catholic Missal is the oldest Christian calendar still celebrating the past events of the Gospel with Jesus presently in the Eucharist for our eternal salvation. I do this work through the **inspiration** of our Holy Mother, who with unspoken words speaks to me about the Kingdom of God in our hearts and the **works of salvation** to prepare us to welcome the Christ of the past, present and future! Father Girzone **felt inspired** to write the book as he meditated on what it would be like if Jesus came back today, if He again spoke the words of the Father. Would He be welcomed by the Church He entrusted to Peter, who succeeded to the chair of Moses? Would His people, the Jews, accept Him? He does a great work of putting many fine details on his characters, giving them flesh and blood; the work I do brings them down to bare bones to reveal just the message. In the parable the Heavenly Father sends Jesus (Joshua) to a small town in America on a mission, to again be His missionary—to go and illuminate with **love and faith**. He is a wood-carver and the synagogue contracted Him to carve a statue of Moses. Later he will carve statues of Peter for two churches. Through unspoken words they portray an urgent appeal to His Church—all those who **have faith, and love and sacrifice for each other through Him**. If our shepherds freely permit the Church to be led by Mary to Jesus, the present reality of peacelessness for our past sins will be seen as peace, and our future, which already is, will be joyful and bright! Chapters 7 (ends), 8, 9 follow.

ETERNITY: WHERE LOVE REIGNS AND TIME NO LONGER COUNTS! Joshua was restoring the molding on an old clock when he became absorbed in the crystal sound of its chimes and began to meditate on time and eternity and the invention of the clock to measure time in relationship to the movement of the planets. He thought how few grasped the reality that time is only an illusion, there is no past or future, only the present. Man invented the past because they can only experience the present in small frames. When an experience ends it is the past. To them the future is a blank, but to God it is present, just not yet within man's focus. Will the human mind ever be able to understand that the past is still present and that the future already is?

A LOVING GAZE AND A WORD FROM THE FIRST SHEPHERD *about the different works of salvation:*

Joshua was invited to a party at his friend Pat's house that evening. He walked to his house and the men were on the porch, anticipating his arrival. He greeted each one warmly as they came over to welcome him. Inside the house everyone just stood and stared for a brief moment. Joshua's sharp eyes scanned the crowd, locking the impression of each one in his memory. He had seen most of the men before, but the women were strangers. He looked deeply into the eyes of each as if peering down into their very souls, and greeted them warmly, like he knew them and loved them. These were good-hearted people, who knew each other all of their lives. They made him feel at home. The men ushered Joshua to the backyard. Moe asked, "Tell us about your visit to the synagogue last night?" Joshua said, "I felt at home. Some thought the statute was too graphic and critical of people today, but most of them seemed to like the work."

Pat asked, "What do you think of the Jews? They still think they're God's chosen people." Joshua responded, "They are God's chosen people. God has no favorites. He blesses all equally, but chooses everyone for a different work. The Jews were chosen to accomplish a special work, to be prepared for the First Coming of the Anointed, so they would recognize and accept Him when He came and then give Him to the rest of the human family. The fact that Jesus was born from the Jews is an honor that can never be taken from them. They still share that glory, a glory that they will one day realize. Christians have not helped. By their intolerance, cruelty and hatred they have kept Jews away from Jesus and will one day have to answer for it."

“BRETHREN: JESUS CAME TO SHOW THAT GOD IS TRUE TO HIS PROMISES AND TO HELP THE JEWS. HE ALSO CAME SO THE GENTILES MIGHT BE SAVED AND GIVE GOD GLORY FOR HIS MERCIES TO THEM. ...BE GLAD, O YOU GENTILES, ALONG WITH HIS PEOPLE THE JEWS.” (MASS²/RM. 15: 8-10 LB.)

A LOVING GAZE AND A WORD FROM THE FIRST SHEPHERD, who knows you and loves you so don't compromise His work to keep your job, the wages of sin is death! Father Pat came, who was the assistant pastor of the Catholic Church. As Pat welcomed him, he sensed that he had been drinking. The priest looked at Joshua, who looked at him with a look that pierced his soul, but not with criticism, with love and kindness. The priest lowered his gaze, feeling embarrassed. Joshua welcomed him. The priest felt an extraordinary strength in Joshua's handshake that belied the delicacy of his appearance. On the surface Joshua saw a man who liked to drink, who underneath was struggling to observe the kind of life that was expected of him. But in spite of his drinking, he was a man after God's heart. He began a year ago and everyone liked him, he was warm and loving, sincerely concerned for the people. He was far different from their pastor, who delighted in humiliating him and the parishioners to control them, and had little concern for the spiritual state of the parish. No matter how hard Father Pat tried he could not work with him. George asked Joshua what he thought of their parish. He said, "Jesus' care is for people, not for the clergy's need for authority. He preached a message of freedom and a close-knit family, caring for each other *through Him*. The Church has become a structure, superimposed over people's lives, and they are not allowed to be a part of. Their role is just to support the structure. In a real Christian community the people are the heart of the community. They are allowed to live freely and make their own choices. Their shepherds are to guide and serve." Father Pat said, "That is a dream that could never become reality. Priests are too fixed on their authority to allow people to live free. What the Church preaches is one thing, what officials allow is another. They preach justice and love, but are the worse violators." Joshua agreed, "Priests exist to serve, but many chose to rule. It seems to be the opposite problem with Protestants. Their shepherds face too much control by the people, so many are afraid to preach the real message of Jesus so they chose to compromise their ministry to keep their job."

“YOU ARE FREE FROM THE POWER OF SIN AND ARE SLAVES OF GOD...FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE FREE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH CHRIST” (RM. 6: 22-23 LB.)