



MAY the month of MARY

"Mary, the loveliest flower of the May" is the hymn of the month. On May 8th we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament..Bl. Peter Vigne exalts and praises her as "the beautiful Tabernacle of God among men", at the moment when Mary visits her cousin Elisabeth then staying with her to help her. This is the "Visitation" celebrated on May 31st. The following text from

Gaudete et Exultate will help us contemplate and pray to her.

"The VIRGIN MARY..... lived the Beatitudes of Jesus as none other. She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us. Our converse with her consoles, frees and sanctifies us. Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words. She does not need us to tell her what is happening in our lives. All we need do is whisper, time and time again: "Hail Mary..."

Gaudete et exultate 176

WRITTEN by the tomb of Blessed Peter Vigne:

"I believe in you, my God, living mysterious deep in me THANK YOU Peter Vigne, God's pilgrim. Keep my family positive and happy despite the difficulties of everyday life. A special request for my husband." NB.

"This is my mother's birthplace.....A magical moment here.....Peter Vigne, so generous and compassionate, pray for us. Thank you" M

"Blessed Peter Vigne, I entrust to you Marie Thérèse help her during this time of great distress. Obtain from God the support and reassurance she needs. May peace and serenity reign in her heart and home as well as in her extended family. F.Po.

INFORMATION

BRAZIL: On May 1st Sr. Vilma Lima Santos made her Final Vows in our Congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. The celebration took place in the parish church of Maiquinique—Bahia. With her we give thanks joyfully to the Lord for the gift of Consecrated Life in the Church. This is an occasion to invite you to say a special prayer on the 8th of each month for Sacramentine Vocations. Thank you.

Bl. Peter Vigne, Apostle of the priesthood and Consecrated Life pray for us and accompany all those who are called today.

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The feasts we celebrate during these months invite us to deeper joy, courage, wonder and mission. We celebrate and share the Light of faith with our brothers and sisters in Christ: The Ascension, Pentecost, and the Holy Trinity, followed by Corpus Christi, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and on May 31 we recall Mary's Visitation to her cousin Elizabeth. To support our momentum we have the feast of Saint John the Baptist and Saints Peter and Paul... What more could you want to remain alert and "awake" as witnesses of Christ? Peter Vigne tells us that by being close to Jesus, remaining in intimate adoration with Him we can welcome and live deeply each one of those feasts.

LIGHT OF THE RISEN SUN

"Jesus, uncreated Wisdom!

Sacred Fountain of every blessing!

You are the inexhaustible source of eloquence of all speakers!

Gift of profound knowledge!

Light of the Sun, you fill this vast universe with your light!

You are a Sea of endless depth and limitless knowledge of all that is in the heavens and on earth!

O infinite knowledge from which all knowledge is derived!

Light of all the Saints!

Source of learning and insight of all the Doctors of the Church.

Profound knowledge of the Prophets!

The supernatural revelation of God's divine plan!

You alone fully understand the greatness of God!

Jesus, greater and more perfect than my words can convey!

I adore you from the depths of my heart.

I kneel and bow low before you as I listen to your voice....

Jesus, you give us true wisdom,

life of our souls and eternal happiness,

gifts that are offered to all....

You are like the Sun hidden behind a cloud

reflecting the sunlight or

falling to the earth as a shower of rain, fruitful for all".



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WORD OF GOD

accompanying Fr. Vigne's text

He who lives forever, created all without exception. The Lord alone will be found righteous. He has made no one powerful enough to proclaim his works, who then will reveal his marvels? Who then can calculate the power of his majesty and relate his great goodness? Nothing can be added to him or taken away; no one can fathom the wonders of the Lord. When man thinks he has finished, then he is only beginning and when he stops he is puzzled by it all.
Sirach 18.

Pope FRANCIS signed his third apostolic Exhortation,

"GAUDETE ET EXULTATE"

He re-proposes the call to holiness in today's world. The daily call to holiness is a topic **Bl.** Peter Vigne often referred to and continues to do so! Enjoy the reading and putting it into action!



15. Let the grace of your baptism bear fruit in a path of holiness. Let everything be open to God; turn to him in every situation. Do not be dismayed, for the power of the Holy Spirit enables you to do this, and holiness, in the end, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life (cf. Gal 5:22-23). When you feel the temptation to dwell on your own weakness, raise your eyes to Christ crucified and say: "Lord, I am a poor sinner, but you can work the miracle of making me a little bit better". In the Church, holy yet made up of sinners, you will find everything you need to grow towards holiness. The Lord has bestowed on the Church the gifts of scripture, the sacraments, holy places, living communities, the witness of the saints and a multifaceted beauty that proceeds from God's love, "like a bride bedecked with jewels" (Is 61:10).



FOR PRAYER

The LORD God is a sun and a shield;
he bestows favour and glory.
The LORD withholds no good thing from
those who walk in uprightness.
O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man
who trusts in you.

Psalm 84

The LORD is my light and my salvation,
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?.....
There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
for this I long, to dwell in the house of the
LORD all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the LORD,
to behold his sanctuary.
LORD hear my voice when I call..
Of you my heart has spoken: "Seek his face".
It is your face LORD that I seek....
Teach me LORD your way; lead me along a
straight path.....Trust in the LORD.

Psalm 27

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

It was customary for Fr. Vigne to preach a retreat in Boucieu le Roi every year. This was an annual retreat for the Sisters. From 1724, it was open to priests and lay people who wished to take advantage of the missionary's teaching to refocus and strengthen their own spiritual life. In 1731, P. Vigne notes in his journal: "*This retreat has been fervent and helpful. I spoke only about the retreat, the importance of salvation, **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.... the Mass, the Holy Sacrifice.....and the love of God...***".

Evidently, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament took place daily during the retreat, since it is before Jesus "Light of Sun" that the preacher's spoken words can become "*a shower of rain fruitful for all*". Now, as then, Fr. Vigne invites us to contemplate and listen to Jesus who reveals to us the Mystery, since "**You alone understand the greatness of God**". Close to him, we welcome his Word as the disciples did at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday: "*Truly I say to you, whoever welcomes the one I send welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the One who sent me*" John 13, 20. At **Pentecost**, in communion with God the Father He sends the Holy Spirit to his Church and to each one of us, just as he himself is sent by the Father. Peter Vigne's great wish is to pass on the Eucharistic grace that changed his life and set him on roads wherever the mission took him. The Eucharist, celebrated and adored, the Word of God heard and "meditated" must not remain locked up and retained for ourselves alone: "*These gifts are offered to all*" he tells us. And thus he reminds us of the message of the Ascension: "*Go therefore, into the whole world and make disciples of every nation, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*" Mt. 29, 19.

At the end of the retreat, Fr. Vigne invites each one to start afresh for the mission, according to one's vocation, but of course not with empty hands and empty heart! In the manner of Saint Paul, and as we often hear at the beginning of Mass: "**May the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all**" 2 Cor. 13, 13. Will he not do the same for us?

With the sign of the Cross he brought each day to a close and likewise the activities of each day. A simple gesture, well-made is an act of faith in the Triune God who is Love: "**in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**" B.R.



WHAT DOES THE CATECHISM SAY

The Christian begins his day, his prayers, and his activities with the Sign of the Cross: "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." The baptized person dedicates the day to the glory of God and calls on the Saviour's grace which lets him act in the Spirit as a child of the Father. The sign of the cross strengthens us in temptations and difficulties. CCC 2157



The shamrock
Symbol of the
TRINITY