

NEWS *from the* MISSIONARY IMAGE of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

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Feast of Divine Mercy May 1, 2011

“I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fountain of my mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the Divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.” – Jesus to Saint Faustina Kowalska

Dear Friend of Our Lady of Guadalupe,

Under the direction of Pope Benedict XVI, the Catholic Church held the first World Apostolic Congress on Mercy in Rome in April 2008, to energize, educate and enable attendees to return to their homelands and spread the message of Divine Mercy.

We have witnessed many changes throughout the world since then. Wars and acts of terrorism continue, natural disasters have claimed the lives of tens of thousands and acts of greed and corruption have caused economic chaos. When we don't pray and implore God's Mercy, we are vulnerable to receive His Justice. Is God's justice at hand?

Was the Japanese Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disaster Heaven's Punishment?

The Governor of Tokyo, Shintaro Ishihara, said that the Japanese Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disaster was “punishment from heaven” because Japanese have become greedy. He also said, “Japanese politics is tainted with egoism and populism. We need to use the tsunami to wipe out egoism, which has attached itself like rust to the mentality of the Japanese people over a long period of time.”

Was the Governor right? We don't know and leave it to the mystery of God's sovereign providence. But does God really punish us? Of course, what father does not punish his children out of love for them? “For whom the Lord loves, He disciplines.” (Hebrews 12:6). “Whomever is dear to me I reprove and chastise.” (Revelation 3:19).

A chastisement is a punishment allowed by God in order to bring His loved ones to repentance. There are many examples of chastisements in the Bible such as the Great Flood, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and the destruction of Jerusalem that Jesus prophesied.

However, **God's chastisements are not vengeful but merciful.** “This is not a vengeance that God exacts against us, but a warning inflicted by the Lord on those who are near His heart.” (Judith 8:25-27).

“May Our Lady cross this continent bringing it life, sweetness and hope!” Pope John Paul II

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In his first encyclical letter, *God is Love*, Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that “even in their bewilderment and failure to understand the world around them, **Christians continue to believe in the ‘goodness and loving kindness of God.’**” (Titus 3:4). (No. 38).

God allows chastisements to warn us and awaken our consciences; to bring us to turn to Him; to allow us to participate in His redemptive suffering; to give us an opportunity to pray and perform acts of mercy; to bring down His great mercy upon us and to allow us to serve His divine plan of love. **Now it is up to us to perform the spiritual work of mercy to pray for the Japanese that God’s great Mercy will come upon them and allow them to serve His divine plan of love.**

Our Lady of Guadalupe identified herself to St. Juan Diego as the Merciful Mother of All Mankind. Let us pray that she will bring the Japanese the same hope and consolation that she brought through her promise to him to “**hear their weeping and their sorrows, and remedy and alleviate their sufferings, necessities and misfortunes.**”

Pray for Merciful Protection from Chastisements

Host the Visitation Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life, Peace and Protection

The three greatest needs in the world today are for Life, Peace and Protection against the Culture of Death, and the chastisements of war, terrorism and natural disasters. Our Lady of Guadalupe promised us her protection. Call our Apostolate or visit our website at **www.JKMI.com** to host a parish or home visitation of her Image and pray an Hour of Prayer for Life, Peace and Protection from my booklets.

Our Lady of Guadalupe told Saint Juan Diego, “**I will give my help and my protection to the people.. Are you not under my shadow and protection? Is there anything else that you need?**”

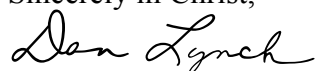
Jesus told Saint Faustina, “*Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.*” (Saint Faustina’s Diary, No. 699) “*These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him.*” (Saint Faustina’s Diary, No. 299). “**I will save those cities and houses in which this Image will be found. I will likewise protect the persons who will honor and trust in My Mercy.**” (Fr. Sopocko’s Diary).

Today, please consider hosting a Visitation of the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe **to pray for His protection for you, your loved ones and our country.** Please call us toll free at 888-834-6261. It’s easier than you think! Our Lady asks for it, and her visit to your home or parish will be filled with special graces. The time is now!

Please pray and show us your mercy by your financial support so that we may continue these merciful Visitations of the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. **Call us and receive a 20% discount on my DVD which is often shown on EWTN, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mother of Hope!**

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Sincerely in Christ,



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