



 HOLY HEROES

33 Day Journey of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

DEVOTION

DAY 9

“God wishes that His holy Mother should be at present more known, more loved, more honored than she has ever been.” (St. Louis de Montfort)

“For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.” (Mary to Elizabeth, Luke 1:48)

“My little son, these beautiful flowers are the sign which you are to take to the bishop. Tell him in my name that in them he will finally recognize my will, and he must fulfill it. But...do not unfold your tilma and show these flowers to anyone but the bishop.” (Mary to Juan Diego)

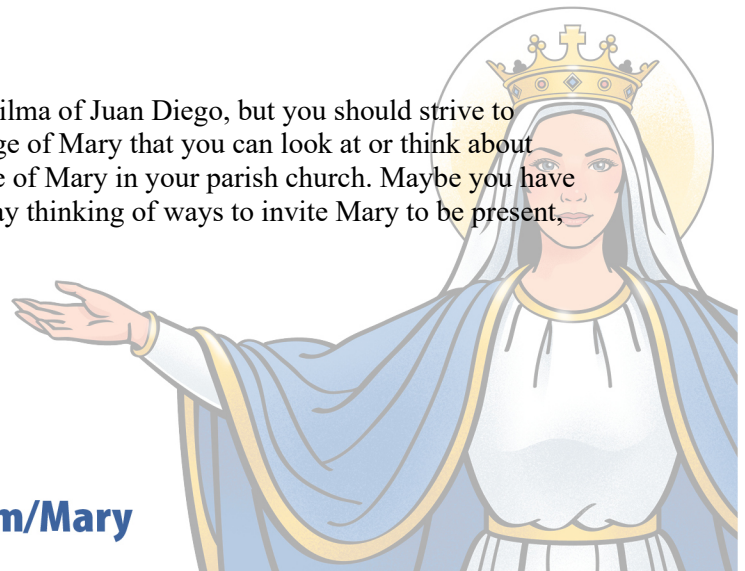
Today, contemplate the greatest miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Juan Diego’s tilma.

Juan Diego thought that he was bringing the miracle of roses found on a rocky mountain in the middle of winter. That was miracle enough. But Juan Diego did not know that the bishop had been praying to the Blessed Mother for a sign regarding whether he should remain in Mexico—and in his prayers he had specifically asked for the sign of roses! So he surely saw the flowers as even more astounding than Juan Diego.

But most astounding of all was that Our Lady’s own hands had arranged the roses in the tilma to create an even greater miracle: an image of herself as she had appeared on the mountain to Juan Diego! That image was so beautiful and clearly from Heaven that all present could only kneel in wonder. And to this day, nearly 500 years later, the image remains so that anyone may see it in the Basilica in Mexico City.

Ponder when you pray

You may never have the opportunity to see the tilma of Juan Diego, but you should strive to honor Mary every day. Maybe you have an image of Mary that you can look at or think about when you pray. Maybe there is a beautiful statue of Mary in your parish church. Maybe you have a favorite Bible passage about Mary. Spend today thinking of ways to invite Mary to be present, loved, and honored in your life.



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PRAYER

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Par 1)

Lord, have mercy on us
Christ, have mercy on us
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us
Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us

Holy Mary, pray for us
Holy Mother of God, pray for us
Holy Virgin of virgins, pray for us
Mother of Christ, pray for us
Mother of divine grace, pray for us
Mother most pure, pray for us
Mother most chaste, pray for us
Mother inviolate, pray for us
Mother undefiled, pray for us
Mother most amiable, pray for us
Mother most admirable, pray for us
Mother of good counsel, pray for us
Mother of our Creator, pray for us
Mother of our Savior, pray for us
Mother of the Church, pray for us
Virgin most prudent, pray for us
Virgin most venerable, pray for us
Virgin most renowned, pray for us
Virgin most powerful, pray for us
Virgin most merciful, pray for us
Virgin most faithful, pray for us



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Preparation for Consecration, pray for us
Mirror of Justice, pray for us
Seat of wisdom, pray for us
Cause of our joy, pray for us
Vessel of honor, pray for us
Singular vessel of devotion, pray for us
Mystical rose, pray for us
Tower of David, pray for us
Tower of ivory, pray for us
House of gold, pray for us
Ark of the covenant, pray for us
Gate of Heaven, pray for us
Morning star, pray for us
Health of the sick, pray for us
Refuge of sinners, pray for us
Comforter of the afflicted, pray for us
Help of Christians, pray for us



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