

**«JESUS ALONE IS EVERYTHING TO US
AND HE ALONE CAN SATISFY ALL OUR DESIRES»**

**180TH YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE DISCOVERY
OF THE TRUE DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
APRIL 20-22, 2022**

Day 2: April 21, 2022

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I am all yours and all I have is yours O Jesus through Mary

- PL:** Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
A: and enkindle in them the fire of your love
PL: Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created
A: and you shall renew the face of the earth.
PL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
A: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

Introduction:

On this second day of our celebration in commemoration of the 180th year anniversary of the discovery of the Treatise of the True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the book written by our Holy Founder St. Louis-Marie de Montfort. As Montfortians we are called to rejoice and recognized the great gift from Fr. De Montfort to be conformed to Christ-Wisdom through his teaching of an authentic devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. So with hearts filled with joy on this Easter Octave, we thank God for the gift to re-enkindle once again in our hearts that burning desire to acquire Wisdom in the safest, perfect, fastest, and surest way: MARY.

Hymn: O Mary of All Women

O Mary of all women, you are the chosen one.
Whom ancient prophets promised would bear Go's only Son
All Hebrew generations prepared the way to thee
That in your womb the God-man might come to set man free

O Mary, you embodied all God taught to our race
For you are first and foremost in fullness of His grace
We praise this wondrous honor that you gave birth to Him
Who from you took his manhood and saved us from our sin

Let us know listen to Father de Montfort as he speaks to us from True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary # 61-62.

Jesus, our Saviour, true God and true man must be the ultimate end of all our other devotions; otherwise they would be false and misleading. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and end of everything. "We labour," says St. Paul, "only to make all men perfect in Jesus Christ."

For in him alone dwells the entire fullness of the divinity and the complete fullness of grace, virtue and perfection. In him alone we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing; he is the only teacher from whom we must learn; the only Lord on whom we should depend; the only Head to whom we should be united and the only model that we should imitate. He is the only Physician that can heal us; the only Shepherd that can feed us; the only Way that can lead us; the only Truth that we can believe; the only Life that can animate us. He alone is everything to us and he alone can satisfy all our desires.

We are given no other name under heaven by which we can be saved. God has laid no other foundation for our salvation, perfection and glory than Jesus. Every edifice which is not built on that firm rock, is founded upon shifting sands and will certainly fall sooner or later. Every one of the faithful who is not united to him is like a branch broken from the stem of the vine. It falls and withers and is fit only to be burnt. If we live in Jesus and Jesus

lives in us, we need not fear damnation. Neither angels in heaven nor men on earth, nor devils in hell, no creature whatever can harm us, for no creature can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus. Through him, with him and in him, we can do all things and render all honour and glory to the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit; we can make ourselves perfect and be for our neighbour a fragrance of eternal life.

If then we are establishing sound devotion to our Blessed Lady, it is only in order to establish devotion to our Lord more perfectly, by providing a smooth but certain way of reaching Jesus Christ. If devotion to our Lady distracted us from our Lord, we would have to reject it as an illusion of the devil. But this is far from being the case. As I have already shown and will show again later on, this devotion is necessary, simply and solely because it is a way of reaching Jesus perfectly, loving him tenderly, and serving him faithfully.

S I L E N C E

Psalm 62 (63)

Thirsting for God

Ant. *Christ has risen: he is the light of his people, whom he has redeemed with his blood. Alleluia.*

O God, you are my God, I watch for you from the dawn.
My soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you.
I came to your sanctuary,
as one in a parched and waterless land,
so that I could see your might and your glory.
My lips will praise you, for your mercy is better than life itself.

Thus I will bless you throughout my life,
and raise my hands in prayer to your name;

my soul will be filled as if by rich food,
and my mouth will sing your praises and rejoice.
I will remember you as I lie in bed,
I will think of you in the morning,
for you have been my helper,
and I will take joy in the protection of your wings.

My soul clings to you; your right hand raises me up.

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.

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John 15: 1-13

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and

it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

S I L E N C E

PRAISE TO MARY

1. Be glorified, Mary most amiable daughter of God the Father.
 -  We praise you because in you the works of God are manifested. **OUR FATHER...**
 -  We praise you, Mary because God has chosen you to become the Mother of his Son. **Hail Mary...**
 -  We praise you Mary, because for the Kingdom of God you followed Christ in virginity and total detachment. **Hail Mary...**
 -  We praise you Mary, for you have assumed the privilege of your Immaculate Conception with such fidelity and love that Christ's redemption found fulfilment in your soul and body. **Hail Mary...**
 -  We praise you Mary, for like a new Eve, you have put your life at the service of God for the redemption of the world. **Hail Mary...**
2. Be glorified, Mary, Mother of the Son of God.
 -  We praise you for you have lived your vocation in faithful love. **OUR FATHER...**
 -  We thank you, Mary, for you have given us the example of a lively faith, that listens to the Word of God and carries out His will. **Hail Mary...**
 -  We thank you, Mary, for you have shown us how our poor humanity can wholeheartedly aspire towards God's promise. **Hail Mary...**

- ✚ We thank you, Mary, for you have set for us the example of a serviceable person, who carries out her love of God in her charity towards her neighbour. **Hail Mary...**
 - ✚ We thank you, Mary, for you have set for us the example of a redeemed person, who accepts the Cross of Christ for the redemption of the world. **Hail Mary...**
3. Be glorified, Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit.
- ✚ We praise you for you love like an attentive Mother, who leads us, all through our lives, toward God our Father. **OUR FATHER...**
 - ✚ We love you, Mary, for the maternal love with which you surround the believers at their birth, and for the care that you display to ensure their growth to an adult life. **Hail Mary...**
 - ✚ We love you, Mary, for you carry us in your heart as children, and you intercede for us before Jesus your Son. **Hail Mary...**
 - ✚ We love you, Mary, for you are the Mother of the Church, seeking to assemble together all humanity in the one Christ. **Hail Mary...**
 - ✚ We love you, Mary, for you are for us the sign of hope on our journey toward the Kingdom of God. **Hail Mary...**

Concluding Prayer:

Holy Virgin Mary, here on earth you have lived a simple life, like us. You have listened to the Word of God and you have believed it. You know how difficult it is to do God's will. Help us to believe that God speaks to us through Jesus, his Son, that God resides in our midst through the love that we have for all men and women. Show us your Son, Jesus. Open our hearts and our eyes, that we may find him in this world where we live, and that he may lead us to the love of his and our Father. AMEN.

PL: The lord be with you.

All: and with your spirit:

PL: May Almighty God, Bless you the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

PL: Let us go in the peace and love of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Mary, Queen of All Hearts, pray for us.

St. Louis-Marie de Montfort, pray for us.

Blessed Marie-Louise of Jesus, pray for us.

