

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Six of Twelve Practices to Facilitate a Life in Union with Mary

#1-6 covered last week...

Union of Sentiments with Mary: Intimate friends feel the need of communicating their sentiments to each other (joys, sorrows, fears).

7. **Communicate your sentiments to Mary.** At times she intensifies them. Sometimes she softens them. She purifies them, especially from self-seeking. She transforms our sentiments if they are not in conformity to the will of God. Through them Mary even helps us to know ourselves as we really are.
8. **Achieve peace in Mary.** How can we maintain the soul in a state of divine peace? By desiring always the will of God. Peace in conformity to the will of God is much easier when we act in union with Mary, who said *Fiat*. Behold Her at peace. In physical or moral sufferings, a glance at the Mother of Sorrows. At the prospect of a delicate or difficult task... When the world is falling apart or when we have had the misfortune to fall: "The practice of going to Jesus in the company of Mary with contrition and confidence succeeds every time we have lost our peace, no matter what the provocation."

Union with Mary in General Activity: Union in thought, will, & sentiment would be illusory if it did not lead to union with Mary in act.

9. **Find ways to dedicate works to Mary.** (*"JMJ at top of page, "for You"*). **Avoid haste as it is the great obstacle to a life of union with Mary.** Haste is rather a physical defect, caused by nervousness to which we are in no wise attached. The trouble is that many good people do not bother to struggle systematically against this defect. Yet, if we wish to reach perfection, particularly that of close union with Mary, we must learn to check haste. Note the sayings: Haste makes waste (English). Make haste slowly (French). Dress me slowly, because I am in a hurry (Spanish).
10. **Fight distractions in your work, another difficulty.** The way to assure continuity of attention or absence of distraction is to find a gripping centre of interest for each of our actions. The great centre of interest is love: the love of Jesus, the love of Mary, the love of souls.
11. **Often say: Ave, Fiat, Stabat, Magnificat!**
 - **Ave:** Recognize the cross or task as coming from God like the angel.
 - **Fiat:** Embrace/accept it freely and lovingly...with trust and simplicity.
 - **Stabat:** Stay standing. Do not run or shirk the duty half-way.
 - **Magnificat:** Give the glory of a task well-done, through the hands of Mary, to God.

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Regular Confession Times:

Sundays:	7:20-7:50am; 9:50-10:20am
Thursdays:	10:30-10:50am
First Fridays:	6:30-6:50pm
Saturdays:	8:30-8:50am

Liturgical Offices		
Sunday, 13 th September: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (II cl)		
8:00 am	Low Mass	2 nd Collection: Parish
10:30 am	Sung Mass	
5:30 pm	Vespers, followed by Rosary and Benediction	
Monday, 14 th September: Exaltation of the Holy Cross (II cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
8:45 am	School Benediction – <i>No Mass follows</i>	
5:30pm	1 st Vespers followed by Rosary	
Tuesday, 15 th September: The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (I cl)		
7:00 am	Sung Mass	
9:00 am	Low Mass	
5:30 pm	2 nd Vespers	
6:00 pm	Rosary & Benediction, followed by Low Mass	
Wednesday, 16 th September: St Cornelius, P; & St Cyprian, BM (III cl) <i>Sts Euphemia, Lucia & Geminian, Mm</i>		
5:45 am	Low Mass	
7:15 am	Low Mass	
9:00 am	Low Mass	
6:00 pm	Rosary	
Thursday, 17 th September: Feria (IV cl) <i>Stigmata of St Francis of Assisi, C</i>		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
10:00 am	Holy Hour for Vocations, followed by Low Mass at 11:00am	
6:00 pm	Rosary	
Friday, 18 th September: St Joseph of Cupertino, C (III cl)		
7:15am	Low Mass	
8:50 am	Low Mass <i>with children's sermon</i>	
6:00 pm	Rosary, followed by Low Mass	
Saturday, 19 th September: St Januarius, BM & Companions, Mm (III cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
9:00 am	Low Mass, followed by Novena to the Holy Infant of Prague	
6:00 pm	Rosary	
Sunday, 20 th September: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (II cl)		
8:00 am	Low Mass, <i>preached by Fr R Brucciani, SSPX General Bursar</i>	
10:30 am	Sung Mass, <i>preached by Fr R Brucciani, SSPX General Bursar</i>	
5:30 pm	Vespers, followed by Rosary and Benediction	

Eucharistic Crusade September Intention: For children who do not have a father and a mother.

100's Club Winners: Week 1 - 1st prize \$100: Mr Suttie; 2nd prize \$50: Mr John Pepping; 3rd prize \$25: Mrs Theresa Smith

Mass in Katoomba: Next Sunday there will be a 9:30 am Mass in Katoomba.

Parish Help		
Cleaning Roster –19th September: Cembrano		
Morning Tea and Cakes: Sunday – 20th September		
8:00am	Mr & Mrs Ho	Coffee: Sophia Macapagal
10:30 am	Holly Smith	Coffee: Clara Suttie
In your charity, please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elizabeth Cape; Ellen Douglas; Patricia Sloane; Albert Cooke; Catharina Nieman; Denis Charton; Paul Malone; Donald Smith; Virgilio Concepcion; Nancy Monaghan; Maude Allen; Arthur Denis Hurley; Dorothy Walden; William Johnson; Marco Pedroni; Tony Hager; Amy Gooley.		
Other Mass Centres Sunday, 20 th September 2026		
10:00 am Singleton		9:30 am Katoomba

Sunday Catechism: No classes today due to the 1st Holy Communions. Classes resume 11 October.

Year 7+ Girls After-school Catechism: Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

Adult Catechism: Please join us this Friday at 7:30 pm for a class on the victories of Our Lady: Battle of Vienna / Czestochowa. Of special interest to the Poles!

First Communions at 10:30 am Mass TODAY: First communicants must arrive this Sunday at 10:00 am. Remember the Eucharistic fast. Please be sure that dresses conform to the parish dress code as regards length, sleeves and opaque fabric. A parish photographer has been assigned, so as to avoid distractions for parents and children. After Mass Father will enroll the children in the Brown Scapular. There will be a short celebratory get-together for the children and priests afterwards. Please pray for the children.

Welcome: Please welcome Fr Robert Brucciani, General Bursar of the SSPX. He will be coming for a canonical visit of the Australian District, arriving in Sydney this Friday evening. He will preach both Masses next Sunday, 20th September.

Women's Working Bee on Sat, 26th September: Please sign up for the women's working bee. Girls Ages 12+ are welcome to come with their mothers. **We would be happy to see 50-70 women/girls sign up!** Organizers are Mrs Justine Bril and Mrs Mariel Macapagal. The day will start at 9:00 am and go until 4:00 pm, but you can sign up for ½ day if you wish. A hot lunch will be provided. Tasks will include cleaning, organizing, gardening and sewing. Consultations and confessions will be available during the day for those who wish to make use of them.

Handmaids of Mary: The next meeting is this Saturday, 19th September. Begins with 7:15am Mass. Bring a bag lunch. We are going on a picnic!

St Stephen's Guild Meeting: This Saturday, 19th September. Usual schedule.

Boys' Summer Camp: places still available for this wonderful opportunity. Contact Holy Cross Priory to sign up.