



RADIO MARIA

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40 days of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

Will you join us on our Lenten Journey?

On Friday, March 8, the first Friday of Lent, Radio Maria will be hosting a ONE-DAY only Lenten Mariathon, from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Central.

Please join our host Father Ryan Humphries, who will kick start us on the journey to having the Best Lent Ever!

Father Ryan, pastor of St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Tallulah, La., will talk about prayer as the foundation of Lent. As we pray throughout Lent at Radio Maria, we will go on a journey, one that hopefully will bring us closer to Christ and leave us changed by the encounter with him.

Lent is also a time to fast and do penance. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention.

"What are you giving up for Lent? Hotdogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some



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of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

Father Ryan will give a reflection on fasting, penance, and how to make a good confession.

The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the ex-

perience of God's unconditional love.

And what better way to reach out to others as a way of sharing God's love than through the support of Radio Maria.

The results of evangelization are often difficult to see -- it's not like you see your money constructing a home or building a park. A converted or comforted heart can only be seen in the soul where Our Lord places his peace, love, and mercy.

We know that Radio

Maria is reaching lives every day through its orthodox Catholic teaching.

This Lent, won't you please consider Radio Maria as part of your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving journey?

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Farewell to Father Emilio Garreaud!

Thank you for your service to Radio Maria USA!

Effective this month, Father Emilio Garreaud will no longer be serving as national priest director of Radio Maria.

A national search to find a new priest is underway, and World Family is currently working on the search.

"We are very grateful to Father Emilio for his outstanding service to Radio Maria these past three years," said Carlo DiMaggio, president of Radio Maria USA. "We appreciate all of his hard work and wish him well."

Father Emilio served as national priest director for three years and worked tirelessly visiting the bishops in many of the listening areas in an effort to establish a good working relationship with Radio Maria.

While serving as the full-time priest director for the Spanish Radio Maria network and living in Miami, he travelled to Louisiana once a month for three years to work with the Radio Maria staff in Alexandria



and to travel around in the southern region.

He celebrated Mass when he was in town, hosted a weekly radio program and was involved in the Mariathons held twice a year. He took a group of 12 pilgrims to the Holy Land on a pilgrimage this past summer and will be taking another

tour group to Medjugorje for Radio Maria May 30 - June 7, 2019.

It is not known at this time, who the next national priest director for Radio Maria USA will be, but we ask all of our listeners to pray to Our Lady for her guidance in helping us find the priest of her choice for this important mission.

Thanks for listening!

• I listen to Radio Maria every morning on my way to work and in the evening going home. Very inspirational. Germaine P., Natchez, LA

• Radio Maria is intelligent and wise in their choice of speakers. You always see that your audience is well informed on very pertinent subjects. Thank you for speaking out and speaking up on very delicate and current issues. I love Radio Maria. Joanne J., Whittier, CA

• I have learned so very much by listening to your people on Radio Maria. I have prayed a lot more because I know if I tune in, someone is saying prayers. Thank you for

everything. Brent E., Dothan, AL

• Radio Maria is a true blessing in my life. Most mornings on my way to work I pray the rosary with Radio Maria. Thank you for helping me grow in my faith and for being a true comfort in difficult times. Vanessa Y., Marietta, GA

• Please continue to share the Catholic message. Joe K., Fort Recovery, OH

• Again, thank you for being here for us to pray and draw nearer to God. Another year has begun for us and we have to help make it a better year for all of us. Clara K.

Altoona, PA

• Radio Maria programs have been a true comfort in my life. I listen to them often while driving. Daniel F., Lake Charles, LA

• Thank you for all you do. May God bless and keep all of the radio members, listeners, and all those most in need of His mercy safe. Lucy R., Alexandria, LA

• I thank God for Radio Maria. I listen to the station daily. The morning Rosary has gotten me safely on the highway for the last 21 years. Mona R., Orange, TX

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Radio Maria was born as a parish radio in 1983 in the Diocese of Milan, Italy. Its purpose was to keep parishioners informed and to help them through prayer, the daily Mass and the Rosary. But it quickly grew in popularity into other countries. Radio Maria began broadcasting from its first English-speaking station in the US on May 25, 2000 in Alexandria, La. It has since expanded to include 10 frequencies in five other states.



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February 2, 2019 Message to Mirjana

“Dear children,

The love and goodness of the Heavenly Father give revelations which make faith grow, for it to be interpreted, that it may bring peace, certainty and hope. In this way, I, too, my children—through the merciful love of the Heavenly Father—always, anew, am showing you the way to my Son, to eternal salvation.

But, unfortunately, many of my children do not want to hear me; many of my children are of two minds. And I—I always, in time and beyond time, magnified the Lord for all that He has done in me and through me.

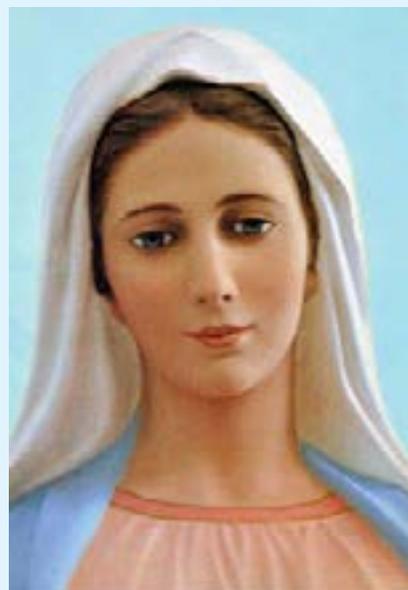
My Son gives Himself to you and breaks the bread with you. He speaks the words of eternal life to you so that you may carry them to everyone. And you, my children, apostles of my love, what are you afraid of when my Son is with you?

Offer your souls to Him so that He can be in them and that He can make you instruments of faith, instruments of love.

My children, live the Gospel, live merciful love for your neighbors, and, above all, live love for the Heavenly Father.

My children, you are not united by chance. The Heavenly Father does not unite anyone by chance. My Son speaks to your souls. I speak to your heart.

As a mother I am saying to you: set out with me, love one another, give witness. Do not be afraid, with your example, to defend the truth—the Word of



God which is eternal and never changes.

My children, whoever acts in the light of merciful love and truth is always helped by Heaven and is not alone. Apostles of my love, may you always be recognized among all others by your kindness, love and radiance.

I am with you. Thank you.”

February 25, 2019 Message to Marija

“Dear children!

Today, I am calling you to a new life. It is not important how old you are, open your heart to Jesus who will transform you in this time of grace and, like nature, you will be born into a new life in God’s love, and you will open your heart to Heaven and the things of Heaven. I am still with you, because God permitted me out of love for you.

Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Note: These messages are not yet recognized by the Catholic Church as having a supernatural origin.

Join Fr. Emilio Garreaud and Radio Maria on Pilgrimage to

MEDJUGORJE



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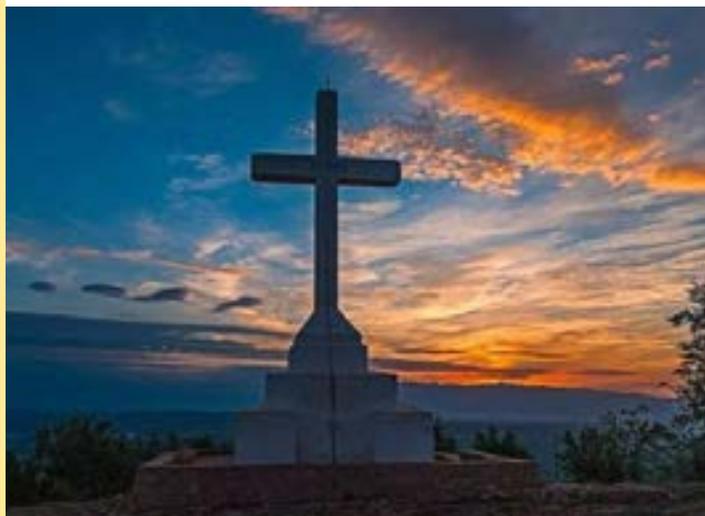
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Fr. Garreaud



SAMPLE DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Thursday, May 30 | Depart USA

Depart New York, Houston or New Orleans for your overnight flights. Meals are served on board.

Day 2: Friday, May 31 | Arrive Medjugorje

Early morning arrival in Europe where you will board your flights(s) to Dubrovnik, Split, or Sarajevo. Upon arrival you will find your luggage and exit the baggage claim into the arrivals hall where you will be greeted by a tour guide and/or driver. You will be escorted to the vehicle which will then take you on the 2 1/2 hour drive to the village of Medjugorje. Once there you will be introduced to your host family in whose comfortable, yet modest home you will be staying for the next seven nights. Enjoy a delicious dinner before retiring for the evening.

Days 3 to 8: Saturday—Thursday, June 6— | Medjugorje

Experience the beauty and peace of this simple village. During your stay in Medjugorje you will have the opportunity to share faith with pilgrims from all over the world. Our local guide will accompany us throughout your stay.

Here are some of the activities you'll be sharing with our fellow pilgrims:

Attend Daily Mass: Each morning, at 10:00A.M, your group will assemble at St. James Church for Mass (English-Speaking). At the end of each Mass, regardless of language, there is a blessing of the religious articles that you have with you.

On Feast Days, and Sundays: English Mass is at Noon

Climb Apparition Hill: This mountainous hill is where the visionaries first encountered Our Lady. Also, at the base of this hill is a Blue Cross, where it is said Our Lady appeared to the children while they hid from the communist police in the early days of the alleged apparitions. When climbing, your group is invited to recite the Rosary, pausing five times for each decade of the Rosary. At the top of the hill, you will witness the exact location of the first alleged apparition of Our Lady to the visionaries, and enjoy private time in prayer.

Climb Mt. Krizevac (Cross Mountain): In 1933, the villagers built a 30' high cross atop a mountain to commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. Your group will have the opportunity to climb this mountain, and venerate that very cross. When climbing, your group is invited to pray the Stations of the Cross (to meditate on Jesus' suffering Road to Calvary), pausing fifteen times for each Station.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Our Lady has always called us to be close to her Son. For this, you will have the opportunity to adore the Blessed Sacrament at the outside altar of St. James Church. Adoration is held on Tuesdays and Saturdays; Veneration of the Cross is held on Fridays inside the church. Additionally, there is an Adoration Chapel on the grounds of St. James Church. Adoration is held here in the afternoon hours.

Meetings with the Visionaries: Pending their availability, your guide will arrange meetings with the visionaries at their homes.

Visit to the Community of Cenacolo: You will have the opportunity to visit the community of Cenacolo, founded by the Sisters of Charity, for young men and women who have taken a wrong path and are on the road to recovery. You will be able to listen to their inspirational words about their journeys back to Jesus Christ.

Prayer at the Statue of the Risen Christ: Located on the grounds of St. James Church, is the bronze statue of the Risen Christ. Many pilgrims sit and pray on the benches surrounding this peaceful statue. This statue miraculously seeps droplets of water at all times of the day, out of Christ's right knee.

Day 9: Friday, June 7 | Medjugorje – USA

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, we leave by motor coach for Dubrovnik Airport (Split or Sarajevo) for return flights home.

ABOUT MEDJUGORJE:

On June 25, 1981, in the mountain village of Medjugorje in Herzegovina, Our Lady appeared to six children. She identified herself as the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, and continues to appear to several of the visionaries. Her mission is to promote peace with God and mankind, through her Son, Jesus. Mary's own words to the children explained, "I have come to tell the world that God exists." 206 Tours has been arranging pilgrimages to Medjugorje since 1985. We have assisted over 250,000 people many claiming to be at such peace and to have experienced spirituality like they have never felt before. For those who have never been, if you hear the "calling" - please call us.

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There are several ways to find Radio Maria throughout your day:

- **Listen online** at radiomaria.us
- **Download** on your Smart phone, the new World Family of Radio Maria free mobile app.
- **Call to listen** to Radio Maria. Dial **1-712-832-8065** - in the U.S (For U.S. audience only. No extra cost, when using unlimited mobile minutes. Check your long distance plan if using a land-line).
- **On the Radio** (see list of frequencies on page 3)



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