# **"TO JESUS THROUGH MARY"**

Lessons and Messages to the World from Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary to Ruth Ann Wade of Bloomington, Indiana

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#### Message of March 12, 1994, from Our Lady (Hotel on Sea of Galilee in Israel)

**Ruth Ann:** Mother, do You wish to speak to me? I am feeling that You do.

Our Lady: Child, it is so. You have just been to a place where My simple 'Fiat' gave birth to a reality that changed the entire world. That simple 'yes' brought about change. That is the word that I am wishing you to understand. You still continue to deny the importance of what you, too, have done by saying 'yes', little one. You still do not realize the importance of your mission. You have said 'yes', you have been obedient, and you have watched the fruits continue to grow, but you still deny the importance of your part in God's holy plan.

**Ruth Ann:** Mother, I know my faults. They are many. You were a perfect holy child.

**Our Lady:** That was God's will for Me. That is because I was to be the receptacle of God's most holy Son. He would not have accepted anything less, and you would not have expected Him to, little one.

**Ruth Ann:** No, Mother. I understand God's will for You, but I don't understand His will for me, or rather why He chose me for these things that are happening, and for whatever is to come.

**Our Lady:** You forget all of God's children on the earth are imperfect. He has said so. If you were perfect, little one, you would



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be God. You have been chosen for your special mission, not for your perfection, but for your imper-fections. How else would others be able to relate to you? God will do the molding that is needed in your life to make you ready for the very special gift that is to become a part of your every waking moment. You are to be one with Him, child. You are to be all that He wishes all of His children to be. Your simple 'fiat' is bringing this about.

The time is fast approaching, little child, when your life will be an allconsuming flame burning only for the love of God. Your purpose for being created and placed upon the earth is soon to be fulfilled. You have been prepared gradually, little one of God, but the magnitude of your mission will not be felt until My Son asks you to carry His cross. At that time you will truly realize the reason for your existence.

The years prior to this have only been a testing ground in preparation for your true purpose. You, child, through your willing-ness to do the will of God have said 'yes' and have meant it from your innermost being. You see, little child, God knows your heart. It is one of love and compassion for His children. It is one of sacrifice. He has seen the love you have for His people to continue to grow, little child, and He is pleased at the progress you have made spiritually. You have listened instructions to My and the instructions of My Jesus. You are living your faith. You care not about the humiliation that is being brought about as a result of turning your life over to the One who has created you. You do so in hopes it will save souls. You are willing to die for God's children, little one. God can ask for no greater love from His children, you be willing to lay down that life for the good of other souls.

That is the kind of life God wishes all of His children to experience. He wants His children to die of self and love others with the kind of love Jesus had for His children. This love is one of complete giving of self so that others might experience life. The life of which I am speaking is an eternal life, child. The only life that is truly important is this kind of life. This is true life in Jesus Christ. He was the perfect example of the ultimate sacrifice. Now He is calling you to this same love and compassion for the dying souls all

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over the world. He is calling you to drawn you to the One who will be the faith; 'Thy will be done, Lord, whatever it may be'. Those who have make the ultimate and supreme ultimate teacher. I thank you for sacrifice of your life, so that others having responded to My call, child. In given themselves over to the One Who may rise from the dead By your your response, God will be able to use has created them over the centuries. examples of a true life in Jesus Christ, you to save others. have had to do just that, child: walk in you will win many from the clutches of I love you, My little child. faith, trust in God, do His will and He the eternal abyss. What greater love will take care of the rest. You must be and purpose can one have on this earth, I love You, Mother. Ruth Ann: pliable, bendable, and easy to mold child! Thank You for being patient with me into whatever He desires. You are an and bringing me to Your Son. Help me instrument, child, through which We to be all God wants me to be. are to work, so you must be open and **Ruth Ann:** Mother, You do realize I'm writing this and thinking You willing to trust and give all to God. surely have the wrong person? I am **Our Lady:** It is done, child. Go in the not worthy of such praise. peace of My Son. Enjoy this special If you begin to become concerned trip to the land of Our birth. All of the about what is to come, you lose your desires of your childhood will have pliability. You lose your peace. These Our Lady: Child, you still do not understand. Even if you were been fulfilled in this very special time. things are needed in order for God to responsible for only saving one soul do His best work. Do not impede what from the clutches of the evil one, you Ruth Ann: Thank You, Mother. God wishes to do with and through would be of great importance to My you. Many lives are at stake, waiting Son and Savior of the world. But you, Our Lady: Bless you, little child of for your divine revelations. Many are My child, will do even greater things just waiting for the words and God. than this. Do these words sound directions from Heaven that come just familiar? in time to help them in their life. If you Message of Jan. 3, 1994, from Our were not listening, and if you chose not to share these words. God would find **Ruth Ann:** Yes. Mother. You know Ladv they do. These are words, the first other ways to direct them. But why words Your Son ever spoke to me Ruth Ann: Mother, are You with me? not be the willing instrument that God needs? I have said 'yes' to the will of interiorly. God, not knowing what the future held, Our Lady: Yes, child, I am here. I am pleased that you have taken the and look how I was used. I am the **Our Lady:** Believe them, My child, believe them. Know that soon He is time to speak with Me today. You are perfect example of love, willing-ness, going to make His presence known in in need of reassurance, and I am here and obedience to the will of God your life in a greater way than ever to give that reassurance to you through words from Heaven. What greater That does not mean that all will go before. Others are aware even more so than you, that something is about to reassurance do vou need? well, or that all will be easy. It only happen in your life, that will change means that you are doing the will of God. What better purpose would any the destiny of many. Their lives will Ruth Ann: Mother, I appreciate all be changed and their souls will be You do and say, always. It is difficult life have than to do the will of saved. Little child, it is because you for me to believe that I have been God? Remember, child, God has a have given your life to the God of love chosen for something this plan for each life He places on the and mercy. You have said 'yes' to the This is beyond my wildest earth. He only awaits the simple 'yes', special. One Who has created you for this in order for His plan to come to imagination. It is also something I special purpose. Be not afraid, but be don't understand. fruition. It is man in his stubbornness grateful for the kind of love God has that creates obstacles so that God is for His children, that He would use one Our Lady: That is the most difficult continuously having to make changes such as you to save many of His lost part for you to grasp, child. You feel so that His divine plans can be brought into play. Man needs to listen All God asks is that you you need to under-stand and have the souls full picture laid out before you. That is carefully, and be obedient to the will of continue to be obedient and do His exactly what will not happen, God, and as a result, amazing miracles will. He will do the difficult part. He will mold you and guide you through child. God wishes His children to have can take place. My Son. I have done My part. I have the courage and conviction to walk in

and with your day. You have much to do, but know We are with you. If you feel yourself losing your peace, call on My Son, Jesus, the prince of peace, or Myself. We will restore this peace	and you have said, "You are in over your head," as you put it. Child, those who choose to follow the will of God are indeed in over their head. That is	<b>Ruth Ann:</b> Thank You, Mother, for such beautiful words. I love You so much. Help me to be all God wants me to be.
needed to do the Father's will. <b>Ruth Ann:</b> Yes Mother, I will do so.	dwells within you who is in control.	<b>Our Lady:</b> I am here for you. Allow Me to take your hand as you walk this path. Let Me help you minister to all God's children. My strength is
<b>Our Lady:</b> Your Mother loves you and continues to be with you, to bless all who ask you for prayer, and those who come here to pray. All those who come here to pray are the recipients of	the foot of the cross. There you have said, "Lord, I am willing to die for You, but there is only one of me, and I can only die once." Child, this is not	yours. Do not hesitate to ask for My guiding hand. That is My purpose for ministering to you, little child, to guide all My children back to My Son.
<ul><li>many graces and blessings.</li><li>Ruth Ann: Thank You, Mother.</li></ul>	out from you to others as a result of your 'death' continue to multiply. Lives and hearts are being touched. You are	<b>Ruth Ann:</b> Thank You again for being with me and seeing me through my last two talks. Be with me this week for my next talk.
Message of May 8, 1994, from Our Lady	My Son. God blesses you for that, and I bless you for that. What a gift you	
<ul><li>Ruth Ann: Mother, I want to wish You a happy Mother's Day.</li><li>Our Lady: Thank you, child, and I</li></ul>	My Son! I thank you from the bottom of My Mother's heart for your love and	<b>Ruth Ann:</b> I love You, Mother. I don't deserve such blessings, but now I do understand why I suffer so before
wish the same for you. As a Child of God, I was given the special gift of becoming the Mother of Jesus. My simple 'fiat' gave birth to the salvation	My children. As you share your faith experiences and pray with others, you grow in the	my talks and my praying with others. <b>Our Lady:</b> Child, you have said you feel as though you are a lamb being led
God! If everyone could only realize the importance of this special gift. This tiny Baby born of a humble	Spirit. This is passed on to those around you. You are experiencing growth in spirit and growth in your ministry. This is the result of your	bring light, love, and hope to all those around you. Is that not worth the passion and death you suffer?
given to the entire world as a special light to touch the minds, hearts, bodies,	hear and share the word of God. My children are desperate, and they hunger for these words. They need someone	<b>Ruth Ann:</b> Yes, Mother. Why didn't someone tell me this before?
	I give you My Motherly blessing. Rest,	before, child. You just never fully understood till now. As your Mother, I am pleased this has touched your heart. As My Son has said, "Those
concern as you continue to share with God's children the messages you are	next week will be even busier. Know My love and strength are there with you, as is the love of your Jesus and Mine. Enjoy the time you will spend	you. Go in the peace of My Son, Jesus.
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Message of May 31, 1993, from Our Lord Jesus	not be distracted by the tactic of the evil one. Keep focused on your Jesus	things in store for you. The greater the suffering, the greater the rewards.
Ruth Ann: Jesus, would You speak	and the will of My Father in Heaven, and God will do the rest, little one. I	
with me? Jesus: Child, I am here.	who are helping Me. There will be	suffering Lord, but I do want to do the will of God. I guess what I'm really saying is, please help me to do
	name, but know all who love Me and do My Father's will, will not be	
particular You would like to speak to me about? I am feeling like You wish to speak to me.		<b>Jesus:</b> The graces will be there for you, little one. It is as you so desire.
You were feeling sad because there		
among those who are your friends and those who have professed to be your friends. Little one, remember this;	and difficult journey. So too, love your enemies and those who would do	
ministering to God's chosen ones, and	<b>Ruth Ann:</b> Thank You, Jesus, for Your words of encouragement. It helps me to realize that all that is	Message of Nov. 12, 1994, from Our Lord Jesus
	happening, is all part of the plan, even	<b>Ruth Ann:</b> Lord, please give me the graces to do Your will.
a heavy cross child, I will send help and have sent help to carry that cross. Those who are your true friends will	<b>Jesus:</b> Little one, where there is good, there will always be evil. That is the way of the world. I wish it were not so,	<b>Jesus:</b> It is there for you. I have told you, all you need do is ask.
continue on and help you carry your cross. Those who are doing My will in helping you, will receive great rewards in Heaven. Those who choose to harm and hurt you have a free will, child. If	but it is such. I also wish I could say to you, "Little one, you will not have to suffer," but that too, is not as it will be. No, the rewards will be great, as I	<b>Ruth Ann:</b> It becomes more and more difficult, Lord. You have left me without visions. Those were truly a blessing and a consolation to me, when You gave me that grace.
says to God, "This is not what I wish to do," that is their free will. Not all will be supportive of you or what you are doing. Neither were all those	under-stand these words. It means, little one, that all you will suffer will bring many, many souls to God. What greater gift to give to My Father than souls delivered from the grasp of Satan him-self? Souls given back to God	<b>Jesus:</b> It is true, you have had much taken from you. Much of what has been removed is to help you grow in your love for Me. It is important that
footsteps, the path is narrow, rocky, and extremely difficult, but the rewards are a hundred-fold. Woe unto those who would hurt one of Mine, the least of My little ones. Yes child, I am	because of the suffering of one of His chosen ones. Does that not bring peace to you, child? Does that not help you to realize that what you are doing is worth the pangs of hurt you are	blessing and knowledge of My presence in your life. Many of the physical and spiritual gifts have been removed, but they will be returned to you. The signs of My presence have been removed, but My love has not
a loving God, but I am also a just God. So you are not to be concerned about those who would do you harm. Pray for all God's children. Do	Ruth Ann: Yes, Jesus. Jesus: Be not afraid. God has greater	been removed. Neither have the graces been removed that have helped you to carry on. Many of the things your God does, are to strengthen you in your

love and trust. You are to realize that		evil, you receive death. Of course, I
you are totally dependent upon God,		give My children every opportunity to
the One Who has created you. You are	child. Just remember, those who suffer	
never to forget that.	for My sake, receive many	My children to choose to do the will of
-	blessings. Remember the words to the	God, and not live according to the
Ruth Ann: Lord, I really do know	song, 'Be Not Afraid'? Imprint them	darkness of the world. That is not to
that. I know that I can do nothing	upon your heart. Those words apply to	be, in many cases. Choosing to do the
without Your help.	you and your cross, child. Never	will of God is much more difficult than
	forget that. That song should always	following the ways of the world.
Jesus: But you still have a difficult	be of comfort to you.	
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in your life where these things are not		to suffer. The way of Jesus is the
	Jesus: Little one, I have been working	
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whether it be your children, the media,		
your priest; give everything to Me. I	for what you are to do for Me. God's	
am in complete control, little one. You	plans are perfect, little one, and He	afraid. Go in My peace.
sometimes forget, and then you begin	uses all things for His good. Man does	
to fret and worry. I am in control. All	not give God much credit for all He is,	Ruth Ann: Thank You, Lord.
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you, and will tend to all your concerns	mercy, that all things are given or	
and needs. Know this in your heart.	removed. Man continues to think he is	
<b>Duth Ann.</b> Lord I do know this in	in control, but I am the One Who	Lora Jesus
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say this to Me and truly mean it, I can for so many months. You have come able to participate in this plan. If you truly use them to benefit the souls of many.

Ruth Ann: Lord, I am no one special, and I still have moments when I struggle with what You want for me. It's just as one person said to one of my daughters, 'Who does she think she is, your mother, that God would pick her out of millions of people to talk to? Does she really believe that He is speaking with her?'

Jesus: How sad, little one. I would speak to that person if she would only take the time to listen. I know these words being spoken by others hurt you, and hurt your family, but those who suffer for My sake, will be rewarded accordingly. For the many who laugh and criticize you behind your back, and to your face, there will be those who believe and truly understand that God can work in the lives of His children in any way He chooses. Know in your heart, little one, that yours is the Kingdom of God, because you have said 'yes'.

I keep waiting to Ruth Ann: become one who works for you in joy, Lord. I said earlier that I don't feel peace in what I am doing: that really isn't so, when I think about it. When I am praying for Your people, I do feel peace and joy. I even find myself looking forward to praying with those who come seeking prayer. I never thought I'd be able to say that, Lord. I really don't even mind sharing and witnessing anymore. It's just that I don't like being the focal point of anything. I've never liked being in front of a group, but the more I give of myself, the more I find I want to give.

Jesus: As you continue to be My Dear Children, molded and prepared for what I would have you do, the joy will come. Right God in His infinite wisdom and love, now, you are feeling acceptance with these things you have struggled with must be open to His will in order to be

a long way, child. Joy and the burning desire to serve Me were felt in the beginning of your conversion. As your burdens became heavier and heavier, you experienced dread, fear, and frustration. Doubts continue to plague and eat at you. Now you are accepting those things I would have you do. You don't really understand why you have been chosen, because you know your sinfulness. As you grow in your love for Me, you will even feel less worthy. But those who are truly caring and humble, can be used in mighty ways. So these are important qualities that God wishes to see come about in those who serve Him

You are concerned about the article and picture in your local paper, about the farm and the prayer group that has developed, as a desire of My Mother. You have been told God would take care of everything. Your children have handled everything well, have they not? I have provided them with the graces to do so. All are proud of your stepping out in faith to answer God's call. They too, have been brought along. This did not happen overnight. Each one has had crosses to bear, in order to prepare you for the ultimate cross. My coming to you will be the ultimate cross. But know, that God in His way, has prepared each one of you. Be not afraid. God's will be done.

Ruth Ann: Lord, I know You will tend to all things.

Message of July 13, 1994, from Our Lady to Prayer Groups

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do not open your heart to His will, it does not mean that His plan cannot work. It means that you continually struggle and find life difficult because you have not accepted His plan for you. Pray, dear children, for the gift of faith and openness to the will of God, then you will have the peace that each of you seek and desire. Mv Mother's heart aches for you. Life need not be such a struggle. Love those who do you harm, strive for holiness, forgive your enemies, and that way you know you are doing God's will. I cannot ask you to do less than My Son has done for you. Pray, dear children. Be open to those gifts of the Holy Spirit that God wishes to give to you. Abide in My love. Go in My Son's peace.

## February 17-19, 2023 > "Franciscan Spirituality in a Materialistic, Divided World"Presentation Given By>Friar Roderic, FI

Find out how Franciscan, Marian Spirituality is the perfect antidote to the materialism of our day, which has caused a much divided, polarized world. For this reason, the 800-year-old spirituality from St. Francis, the poverello of Assisi, is key to realizing all the hopes, even the high-tech, futuristic hopes of our modern society. During this retreat we will learn about what this Franciscan, Marian Spirituality has to offer the modern world, and how to practice this spirituality as well.

The five retreat conferences are titled: 1) St Francis, Troubadour of Lady Poverty, 2) Materialism, Cause of Division, 3) Spirituality, Cause of Unity, 4) The Nature of Division and how not to get out of it, and 5) Spiritual life versus materialism.

**Friar Roderic** was born and raised in Connecticut and worked as an engineer for several years before entering the Franciscan of the Immaculate in 1998. He started AirMaria website for Catholic, Franciscan, Marian videos in 2006 and has been stationed at the Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center in Bloomington, IN for the past 10 years. On his spare time he posts videos for his series "Mary to the Moon" that describes how Franciscan Marian spirituality is the key to resolving the polarization of our modern world as it unites us to God.

#### **Retreat Schedule**

In order to foster an atmosphere of peace and prayer, participants asked to maintain silence as far as possible during the retreat. Friday 12:00noon Holy Mass (Sacred Heart Chapel)

<u>Friday</u>		12:00noon	Holy Mass (Sacrea Heart Chapel)
5:00 – 7:00pm	Check in at Guest House Office	1:00 – 2:00pm	Lunch (Dining Hall)
	(Commuters also, please)	3:00pm	<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet (</b> <i>Conference Center</i> <b>)</b>
6:30pm	Confessions (Sacred Heart Chapel)	3:15pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Conference (Conference Center)
7:00pm	Holy Mass (Sacred Heart Chapel)	5:00-6:00pm	Supper (Dining Hall)
8:00pm	<b>Orientation</b> (Conference Center)	7:30pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Conference (Conference Center)
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8:30am	Rosary (Joyful) (Conference Center)	9:30am	Rosary (Glorious)/Confessions
9:00am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Conference (Conference Center)		(Sacred Heart Chapel)
11:00am	Adoration & Confessions	10:00am	Holy Mass (Sacred Heart Chapel)
	(Sacred Heart Chapel)		End of Retreat

### March 18, 2023 >>> "The Creed: Understanding What We Profess" Presentation Given By>>> Deacon Ed Walker

During this day of reflection, we will discuss why Christians have a creed and a brief history of the Nicene Creed. Then we will look at the Articles of the Creed pertaining to the death and resurrection of Jesus from a Scriptural, historical, and doctrinal view to help us better understand this liturgical season.

**Deacon Ed Walker** was recently ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Evansville on August 13th, 2022, and currently serves at Resurrection Parish in Evansville, IN.

## April 6-9, 2023>>>"Easter Triduum Retreat"Talks Given By>> Fr. Terrance Chartier, FI and Fr. Matthias Sasko, FI

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#### February 2023

#### Schedule of Devotions at the Farm

#### Visitation Hours for Sacred Heart Chapel: 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. daily

Monday thru Friday: 6:30 A.M. - Confessions Available ... 7:00 A.M. - Mass

3:45 P.M. - Exposition of Blessed Sacrament with Silent Adoration

4:30 P.M. – Holy Hour with Vespers, Rosary, Litany and Benediction

Thursday: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: In Sacred Heart Chapel 9:00 A.M-4:30 P.M.

Friday: 4:45 P.M. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday: Eucharistic Adoration at 11:00 A.M.. Mass 12 Noon. Confessions at 11 A.M. & by appointment. Sunday: 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. – Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

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Bookstore Hours: Wednesday-Saturday, 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M

### **Please Join Us for Monthly First Saturday Devotions:**

10:00-10:45 A.M. – Confessions Available (Annex) 10:45 A.M. - Rosary Procession (Outdoor Rosary Path, Weather Permitting; Otherwise in Sacred Heart Chapel at 11AM.)

11:30 A.M. - Marian Conference (Sacred Heart **Chapel, Confessions Available**) 12:00 Noon - Holy Mass

## Activities at the Retreat Center in December:

On the First Saturday of December we began the month with our regular devotions, combined with an Advent Day of Reflection titled "Bethlehem, House of Bread," which combined Advent themes with a focus on the Eucharistic Revival called for by the USCCB, and was led by Friar Gabriel Cortes, one of the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate stationed here at the Retreat Center. On the following Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Archdiocesan Office of Catechesis held a one day retreat for catechists from around the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Later that same week Fr. Mike Kuecher led a men's retreat on December 8<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Throughout the month of December, we also welcomed several individuals who came and stayed in the Guesthouse while on private retreat or receiving spiritual direction from one of the Friars, as well as several who came to spend the night of December 31<sup>st</sup> and participate in the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God marking the start of the New Year. It was also a great blessing for us to have a lady stay here who came all the way from Australia and spent a week and a half at the Retreat Center in prayer and doing volunteer work.

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