

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

After the Visitation Mary returned to Nazareth where Joseph welcomed her.

“Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel’s words. “The nobility of Joseph’s heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary’s good name, her dignity and her life. In his hesitation about how best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgment”.

Francis...Patris corde 4

PENTECOST, gift of the Holy Spirit

The Spirit is indeed the gift that Jesus asked and continues to ask of his Father for his friends; the first and principal gift that he obtained for us through his Resurrection and Ascension into heaven.



The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord” Today, at Pentecost, these words are also addressed to us, because in faith we can see him. In faith he comes among us and to us too he shows his hands and his side and we are glad. Therefore let us pray: **Lord, show yourself! Make us the gift of your presence and we shall have the most beautiful gift: your joy. Amen!**

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May and June, two of the most beautiful months of the year. During the month of May our focus is on Mary, we contemplate her with joy and she is here with us as we celebrate the great feasts: the Ascension, Pentecost, the Blessed Trinity and the Visitation. In June, the feasts of Corpus Christi and the Sacred Heart invite us to renew our faith in the Risen Lord who is always present among us and walks with us on roads that are painful and uncertain, during these times of pandemic and violence.

Live... as Easter People

“Lord Jesus, a sure sign that we are living as Easter People and the Holy Spirit dwells in us, is our desire to be filled with your passionate love and concern for the salvation of souls.



As soon as you were conceived, your Blessed Mother set out immediately and in great haste to share her joyful News with her cousin Elizabeth.

The Apostles had no sooner received the Holy Spirit than they were filled with a burning desire to proclaim the greatness of God and bring about the

conversion of sinners.

Give me O Lord, that same zeal and ardour to pray constantly

for the forgiveness of sinners,

for perseverance for those who are doing their best to lead good and holy lives,

for deliverance and peace for the holy souls in Purgatory.

And so my desire becomes an expression of the priest’s powerful greeting at Mass when he says: “The Lord be with you!”

May I always imitate you my Saviour, who, after Your Resurrection always came to your disciples with greetings of PEACE”

Vigne p. missionnaire.

INFORMATION: The Congregation invites you to give thanks to God for the Sisters who will celebrate their Vows in Brazil, in the chapel of Garcia, on June 5 the day before the feast of Corpus Christi.

Temporary Vows: Ana Isabel Ferreira do Nascimento

Final Vows: Irmã Célia Mendes da Rocha,

Irmã Cláudia Regina Silva Gomes

Pray with us that they may receive the grace of genuine fidelity to the Lord. May Bl. Peter Vigne accompany them in their future sacramentine mission.



Mail Continuing January—February Reflections: the Star is always there on whatever paths we tread, in joy and sorrow and in the memories of those who have left us but who are still close to our hearts in prayers of hope.

“Thank you for the assurance of your precious prayers and also for “Reflections”. I feel that the comments, prayers and reflections on the **Star and Hope** in this New Year dedicated to the family and St. Joseph were written uniquely for me.”

Mme de Chazotte Arlebosc. France

« The Lord God searches us and knows us. He always gives us what we need, He accompanies us and holds us by the hand. Thank you for Reflections, for your kind words and for being close to our group” Nati. Amigos de P Vigne SPAIN

Always on mission Mary set out “*immediately*” to help her cousin Elizabeth and celebrate with her the wonderful deeds God had done in her. The Apostles had “*no sooner received the Holy Spirit*” than they were filled with a burning desire to preach the Good News to everyone. Peter Vigne gives us an insight into the urgency that he himself experienced at the time of his “**conversion**” when he responded immediately to Jesus’s call to a new encounter with Him in the Eucharist. At the time it certainly wasn’t “a walk in the park” for him and neither is it for us today. He invites us all therefore, to pray constantly and ask for the *same zeal and ardour that characterised Christ’s disciples* and imitate Him who always greeted his disciples with **words of PEACE**.

Ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit this PENTECOST (23 May) to guide you in your faith journey.

LITANY TO OUR LADY
 8 May 31 May
*Mary Source of all graces,
 Mother of God
 Mary most Blessed
 Cause of our joy
 Bearer of Good News
 Mother of the Word incarnate
 Beautiful Tabernacle of God among men
 Model of Faith
 Model of joyful encounters
 Fount of Blessings
 Our Lady of Great Power.
 Blessed Virgin Mary Pray for us*

Contemplate and adore Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament this Corpus Christi 03 June. His Eucharistic presence is always the strength and Joy of our life and mission.
On the Feast of the Sacred Heart (11 June) welcome the infinite Love of his Sacred Heart for all.
 The love of the Sacred Heart was the source of Peter Vigne’s missionary zeal: “*Yes, I have found Him, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, my King, my brother and my best friend*”
That is no fairy tale! B.R.

With the Holy Spirit

May you come to realize what that word is, the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by your life. Let yourself be transformed. Let yourself be renewed by the Spirit, so that this can happen, lest you fail in your precious mission. The Lord will bring it to fulfilment despite your mistakes and missteps.....
 Francis. Guadete et exultate 24

Holiness ...is boldness, an impulse to evangelize and to leave a mark in this world.“*I am with you always, to the end of the world*” (Mt 28:20). These words enable us to go forth and serve with the same courage that the Holy Spirit stirred up in the Apostles, impelling them to proclaim Jesus Christ. Boldness, enthusiasm, the freedom to speak out, apostolic fervour, freedom of a life open to God and to others (cf. Acts 4:29, 9:28).
 Pope Francis. Guadete et exultate 129

PETER VIGNE.....A MOTHER REFLECTS:

In 2016 I discovered I was pregnant but suffered a miscarriage which was a crushing disappointment not only for myself but also for my husband, family and friends because we really wanted this child. This loss brought us closer together confident that God would grant us another son. On March 20, I discovered I was pregnant. My heart sang with overwhelming joy and the whole family were ecstatic with the news. Everything was fine with the pregnancy until June 20 when I began to bleed which made me feel very anxious.



I went to see my gynaecologist who examined me and immediately requested an ultrasound. I wept secretly fearing the result of the scan. Before going for the ultrasound I went to the Blessed Sacrament College to pick up my son, Emanuel Horlando. Upon arriving at the school I went straight to the chapel and sat in the third bench on the right side near the icon of Blessed Peter Vigne. There, I prayed, I wept and begged God to give me the grace of a safe delivery, a healthy baby. At that moment I felt a great strength surge through my body as I looked towards the icon of Blessed Peter Vigne. As soon as I looked at him I had an irresistible urge to ask him to intercede with Jesus Christ for me and I promised that if the baby was a boy I would call him PIERRE VIGNE. I prayed a lot that day. The chapel was silent, not a sound could be heard. I was calm and confident when I left for the ultrasound. It seemed like forever when at first the doctor failed to find the baby’s little heartbeat so I closed my eyes and the only name that kept coming to me was “Pierre Vigne”. A few seconds later we could hear the strong and steady beat of my baby’s little heart. It was so strong, it he seemed to be reassuring me saying “*I’m here, Mummy, I’m here!*” My husband Emmanuel and I were both “over the moon” and extremely grateful to God and Bl. Peter Vigne for interceding for us.

I went back to my doctor who was delighted with the results and recommended complete rest with the warning not to abuse my luck or rather the miracle that I was carrying a perfectly healthy baby...a miracle indeed. On August 7st I discovered that was expecting a boy and the promise was kept: I immediately started calling him Pierre Vigne. I can’t thank Blessed Peter Vigne enough for his powerful intercession for my baby. **On December 21 at 1.34 in the morning in St Antônio Hospital, PIERRE VIGNE Ribeiro Costa was born.**

At his baptism May 19, 2019, Father Roniel Ferreira said, “*This boy will be someone very important in the Church, because he has already been chosen by God. Why did you choose the name Pierre Vigne?* We chose it because it’s the name of a missionary, a man who lived for God. Because he is the founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Because he loved Jesus on the Cross and in the Eucharist. The priest then added: “**You chose this name because it’s the name of a saint, a man who understood the call of God and gave his life in response, to serve the poor and marginalised so that Jesus would be better known, loved and served**”



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Thank you Maria for your beautiful reflection. May God bless you and your family.