

Surrender completely to the Will of God and allow His plan to come to fullness. It is important for you to be more docile to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told you in Scripture that He must go to be with His Father. He said that He would send His Advocate to be with you. Accept the gift of the New Covenant of love given to you by the Father through the Son of the Spirit of truth. Do not let your strong determination interfere with the gentle guidance you receive through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Be pure in body, mind and soul so that you can be used as a vessel of holy love in God's plan of salvation. Be still and patiently wait upon the Lord. Let your Good Shepherd guide you on the narrow path towards your Heavenly inheritance – life eternal.



In July The House of Prayer was blessed to have 20 pilgrims, including 4 priests visit from Gabon in Africa. They spoke French and it was so beautiful to experience their culture and listen to their beautiful singing. We have recorded them praying the rosary and hopefully in the New Year we will complete the Servants of the Little Way prayers in French.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE INTERCESSOR OF THE UNBORN

To help stop the anti-life push in the world, the late Archbishop Fulton Sheen encouraged spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that one particular but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live. To help accomplish this, it was recommended, an individual say the following prayer for a period of nine months. **“Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of this unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”**

The name I wish to give my baby is _____
During you earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God, but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the souls your prayers saved and spend eternal life with them. **“Jesus may your peace and your love embrace the hearts, minds, and souls of the family, friends, and loved ones who encourage this abortion and lead them all to your Sacred Heart. Amen**

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The meaning of the Twelve Days of Christmas

People often think of the twelve days of Christmas as the days preceding the festival. Actually, Christmas is a season of the Christian year that begins December 25 and lasts until January 6th - the day of Epiphany - when the church celebrates the revelation of Christ as the light of the world and recalls the journey of the magi.

From 1558 until 1829 people in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. It was during this era that someone wrote 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas' as a kind of secret catechism that could be sung in public without risk of persecution. The song has two levels of interpretation: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the church. Each element in the carol is a code word for a religious reality.

1. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.
2. The two turtledoves are the Old and New Testaments.
3. Three french hens stand for faith, hope and love.
4. The four calling birds are the four Gospels.
5. The five gold rings recall the Torah (Law) the first five books of the Old Testament.
6. The six geese of laying stand for the six days of creation.
7. Seven swans a swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit.
8. The eight maids a milking are the eight Beatitudes.
9. Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Spirit (Gal.5).
10. The ten lords a leaping are the Ten Commandments.
11. Eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples.
12. Twelve drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed

There you have it...the hidden meaning of the Twelve Days of Christmas and the secret behind the song. I had never heard this before, and I thought maybe some of you haven't either. Now the song has so much more meaning when I do hear it.

As we journey towards the close of 2008 and wait in anticipation to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus it is time to reflect on the year that is coming to a close. 2008 has been a busy year. Patty and Eileen travelled to Sydney and then to USA and Ireland to promote the prayer groups Servant's of the Little Way. They were told as they boarded the plane that this would be a journey of trust. They met many wonderful faith filled people and also experienced the wonder and awe of God's Divine providence along the way. After returning home the girls continued their work and in early May during the night Eileen was given the words "Healing and Street ministry" over and over. She was not sure what this meant and told Patty who immediately said it is time for them to begin their street ministry for the homeless. Over the next few months the girls met and prayed and discussed how this could come about. Their first attempt at buying a bus fell through but on looking back later they realized that it was the gentle prod they had needed for them to start in earnest in preparation for the outreach ministry. Patty wrote a proposal to the local council asking permission to begin a Soup Patrol in the Rockingham area. The girls then prayed and discerned and the name S.O.U.L. Soup Patrol was given. Patty began liaising with other churches in the area and went many times to meet with the Salvation Army group as they had a lunch time meal one day a week already in place. They were very helpful and encouraging and many people admitted that they had always wanted to outreach in this ministry. Permission was granted and the girls decided on the date 25th September, to begin the outreach programme.

A donation came in soon after to help buy a small van and the girls began searching in earnest for the right van. One day as they were going to morning mass in a neighbouring parish they decided to pray and ask Jesus to help them find the bus they needed. They were told that they must be patient and not rush ahead and that the right bus would be made evident to them. After mass Eileen took a load of rubbish to the rubbish tip and while there a white van turned in front of her with the words on the back window "for sale \$3500 or nearest offer". She rang Patty and gave her the mobile number and Patty arranged to go that afternoon with her son Jeremy and view the van.

The van was purchased and then the work was to begin on repairing it. It was a courier van and needed some modifications done. The van was also serviced and the clutch repaired and a local tyre company agreed to donate two new tyres. One of the men who helps out at HFHOP Mark offered to fix the interior. Patty had been given some wooden flooring for free so Mark took this home and used it on the ceiling and



Patty and Eileen and all who serve at The Holy Family House of Prayer thank you for your generosity and support during 2008 and pray that you will have a Happy and Holy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. At the beginning of each New Year all at HFHOP choose a new saint for the year. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know a new saint who is there for you for the year. We also have available 2009 calendars from The Holy Family House of Prayer. If you would like a saint chosen for you or a calendar please do not hesitate to ring.

The shrine will be closed for two weeks commencing on 20th December until the 5th January.

8th December 2008

Thank you for your continued invitation to share the words of our Eternal Father with all. Be prepared, is His call to you this day. You draw near to the celebration of the realisation of the fruit which was to be borne from and through my Immaculate Conception. My adored son Jesus was able to be made man because I was preserved from sin and remained conscious of God's presence at all times and was obedient to His will. All things are possible to those who trust and believe and remain completely obedient. When you are troubled by a problem then seek solutions to the question through prayer. When you are weary and desire some rest then pray that your eyes may be closed and rest come upon you. When you are persecuted then pray for those who persist in causing you harm and discomfort. Pray, pray, pray and never give up hope or become disconsolate. Pray for all things but do not forget to also pray in thanksgiving for all which does come to you. Give thanks for the good and the not so good for all is part of God's plan to mould you into a vessel of light and purity and humility. Be thankful that you are so loved that others, who live in darkness, will seek to diminish your service. Remain at peace for those who have completely accepted Jesus and received His forgiveness should only have room for peace and love towards all. If you harbour anger or distrust then search your conscience and remove the barriers which obscure your vision. Be quiet and gentle. Charitable and persistent and always give freely and from your heartfelt desire to be an example of Jesus and His way. Receive the Sacraments often to help you to remain grace filled and focused on your service. Learn the lessons to be found in the words of Holy Scripture and speak those words to all who cross your path. Read the Gospel of Matthew chapter 6 verses 3 to 8 and pray the prayer which follows those words. They are words from The Christ especially for you and they give full honour to Our Father in Heaven.

8th December 2008 (Night Prayer)

*My dear children,
My Immaculate Conception was in God's plan from the beginning. The path of holiness began in my family line for many generations in preparation for the role I was chosen for – to carry the Son of God so that God could be with His people. Look to Old Testament and you will see how far back this plan was talked about by the prophets of old. Look to Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:5-7 and see the meaning behind God's plan of salvation. Look to the wonderful gift you have been given of your Prince of Peace – your Wonder Counsellor – Immanuel – God with us. Have confidence my children in God's perfect plan for you. God knew you before you were born.*



Chloe Paige

12th December 2008 (Night Prayer – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe)
My dear little children,
I thank you for your faithfulness and for especially praying today for the unborn on my feast day. I ask you to champion this cause with passionate commitment and a strong determination to change the tide of the injustices committed against these precious children who are given no choice, no voice. Their lives snuffed out before they have time to cry out with one voice to be heard to be allowed to live

their lives to the full. The blood of the unborn is shed in an unending stream of pain and there will be serious consequences to the selfish choices that have been made through the world. Pray my children for conversions of heart for those who commit these heinous crimes. I ask you to stand up and be counted. There are many ways you can fight against the evils of abortion. No one has the right to choose to take the life of another. This is a serious sin and the consequences of these choices have long lasting effects. Pray for all involved in these practices will have their eyes opened to the seriousness of the choices they make – pray for the doctors, the nurses, the families, the mothers and fathers and especially pray for the defenceless little children who are fighting to be allowed to live their lives and to know the love of their fathers, mothers and family. Pray my faithful remnant fervent prayers for the conversion of those who walk in the darkness of sin so that their eyes are opened to the gift of life – God’s gift of love. Help them to understand that God is a God of love – a generous and bountiful God who will love and care for each of His children who call upon His name and ask for His help. You have been told many times to ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you.

The message given on the 14th December talks about the ever expanding circles of love. This is the message:

14th December 2008 (Night Prayer)

My dear children,
Do not let the obstacles and difficult situations you face defeat you. Be courageous in your faith. Persevere and remain humble and background. Love is the way you will change the hearts of those who are caught in the darkness. No judgments are to be made. I ask you to instead to love the person not their actions. Pray fervent prayers to your Lord and God. Pray the prayers of Divine Mercy for those who have chosen the wide path of perdition. You live in difficult times. Families are torn apart with conflict. Follow the little way of holy love. This little way of love will be like a pebble thrown into a pond - the circles will expand to ever greater circles of love. Be patient with those who are difficult to love. Set boundaries as this is an important part of living in union with your Heavenly family. Your Heavenly Father has given you commandments to follow. These are given to God’s people out of love. Discipline and following the precepts of your Heavenly Father is part of your purification process. You are called to be selfless and giving in your discipleship of holy love. This does not mean that you accept abuse you must learn to follow the ways of your Lord and Saviour. Many times he had to rebuke those who were not doing what was right. Do not be afraid to stand up and speak truth. Pray first and discern God’s Will and then stand firm in your decision to follow the way of Jesus. Pick up your cross my children and climb the holy mountain of the Lord.

walls and also made a servery at the back. The floor was a heavy rubber which was ideal as the soup carrier and other containers needed this so that they did not slip around. Two soup carriers were purchased, aprons were made and logos screened on them and it was time to begin. A volunteer night was held and about 25 people said they would help. Soup is made each week by the Sister’s of St. Joseph and two other local businesses Munja Gardens and Prestige Caterers. The local bakery Baker’s Delight donates the bread and all was put in place to begin. The local supermarket IGA in Shoalwater gave a donation weekly to help buy the meat etc. The first few weeks were quiet until a reporter contacted Patty and wrote an article about the service. This helped to let people know where we were and the numbers started to increase. S.O.U.L now reaches out to over 100 people each week. The soup run has volunteers from many of the local Rockingham people and from many different churches in the area. S.O.U.L. stands for Servant’s of United Love and this project is certainly proving to be one of uniting people from all different faiths and walks of life. The outreach programme is different to what the girls had first thought it would be. Many times in the messages they have been told “God’s ways are different to man’s ways”. To begin with they thought it would be an outreach programme to the homeless and poor. They quickly realized that the needs of the people were varied. Some people at different stops began talking to others while they waited for the van to arrive and friendships are blossoming. People began helping one another. Australia has always been renowned for the “Aussie mateship” - neighbour helping neighbour. Over the last few years this has died away as people have become so busy and neighbours have stopped outreaching to one another. After the run had been going for a while the girls were picking up the bread one Saturday afternoon they started talking with the Muslim man who has the grocery store near the bakery. They asked him if he had any damaged fruit or vegetables. He started putting it into boxes and when they came back from getting the bread he had given them a shopping trolley overflowing with fruit and vegetables. God is so good as the man at this shop has given the girls a trolley full of vegies every week. To start with it was overwhelming as to how they could use them. After a while they learned what to do. The fruit was juiced or cooked and frozen in preparation for the baking of the muffins for each run. The vegetables were used to make chutney or for the soups. Another meeting was held for the volunteers and one of the girls Jenny said that she loved gardening and would love to help maintain the garden for the growing of the vegetables for the soup run. Jenny’s daughter has also volunteered to help look after the garden. Jenny will start a rotation of the crops and plans to plant vegetables to use for S.O.U.L. Soup Patrol. Some other volunteers Lisa, Lee and Owen helped lay brick paving around the garden beds to help make it neater. This year began with a journey of trust and has now progressed to a journey of love—neighbours helping neighbours.



In a lot of the messages we have been told to go back to a simple life. When you let go of this world and trust completely in God you will see the bountiful ways that He provides for you. He is such an awesome God. In this coming New Year it is time for all of us to sit down and access our way of life—are we spiritually poor, do we reach out to others do we take the last place, do we spend enough time talking with God in front of the tabernacle or in private. This was the message we read out today after 3pm prayers. I think it is very appropriate.

4th July 2007 (Night Prayer)

My children

Strive to live a life of holiness. Holiness is not by outward appearances of false piety and putting a front of “Christianity” in front of others to impress them. You must strive for interior holiness. Live an interior spiritual life where you work towards spiritual perfection. You see in the Scriptures many stories about the Pharisees wanting to take the front seats at the synagogue and wearing phylacteries which were obvious for all to see. You need to lead a hidden life of holiness. You must be prepared to take the last seat not the first. You must go to your room and pray to your Heavenly Father in private and all that you do in secret the Father will see and reward you. The path of holiness is a path of littleness. Read the stories of the saints to see the path of humility and littleness they took. Look to my daughter Therese the little flower to see the holiness she worked hard to possess. She was happy to take the last place. Do not be concerned about the thoughts of those around you. You are asked to make the changes in your own spiritual life and these changes will become evident to others by the Christ-like love you show. You must remove the stain of sin from your soul by regularly confessing your faults and failings to my beloved priests. If you have faults which keep re-occurring many times over you must pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you the courage and strength to break the chain of sin so that you have an inner determination to not make the same unwise choices next time. You must work hard towards this path of holiness. God the Father see your efforts and understands your weaknesses. Turn these weaknesses you have into strengths to help further the Kingdom of God.

On the 12th December we had prayers in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We had been talking to Pat Polachek in the United States and she had told those present how they were placing Our Lady of Guadalupe Spiritual Adoption Prayer Cards for the Unborn on the Children’s Giving Tree at their parish. These cards were inspired by the late Bishop Fulton Sheen’s. Pat’s story starts below. All present agreed that they would like to spiritually adopt a child. We prayed and asked for inspiration from the Holy Spirit and then chose a name for the child we were to spiritually adopt. The prayer card is over the page. Also printed is the message for the 12th December, 2008

God’s gift of New Life by Pat Polachek

Earlier this year on First Friday, February 1st, 2008, Reva Savage brought “Our Lady of Guadalupe Spiritual Adoption Prayer Cards for the Unborn” to the Servants of the Little Way Prayer Group at St. Anthony’s. The prayer cards shown below were inspired by the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. In order to help stop the

name the child and pray for the child for a period of nine months in order that the child’s life is spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

At that time I prayed for the name of the unborn child and the name given was: “Sarah Marie” and she is to be born on November 1st, 2008. For nine months I prayed for Sarah Marie and on November 1st I prayed and hoped that this precious child would be born and if the birth parents could not care for her then they would choose to place her for adoption.

My relatives; Shannon and Chad Robertson have two precious sons; Drew age 8 and Luke who will be 5 in December. They hoped and prayed to be able to have a daughter in their family. During Shannon’s two pregnancies she became very ill and near death and her Doctor’s advised against any future pregnancies. Still they hoped and prayed and then decided in 2006 they would contact agencies about the possibility of adopting a little girl. They put their name on the list and prayed daily, if it was God’s Will, they would be blessed with a daughter. They decided they would stay on the list until January, 2009 and if they were not notified by that time, they would remove their names from the list and assume it was not God’s Will for them to have a daughter.

On Thursday November 6th I received a phone call from Shannon and the boys and during the call I thought about the fact that they were only going to wait until January for the adoption and then if they did not receive a call, they would be taken from the list. I felt sad but did not say anything to Shannon about it at the time and prayed for God’s Will to be done. I found out later that after we talked, Shannon and Chad talked and prayed about extending the time for adoption another six months. They prayed that God would show them a sign to be sure they were to extend the wait six months. They wanted to be sure it was His Will and not their own will, for if it was God’s Will, He had the “perfect” daughter for them.

God heard the prayers and the following day, the adoption agency tried to phone Shannon and could not reach her. But they did reach Chad and the lady said to him, “We have the “perfect” daughter for you!” She was born on Sunday November 2nd and she is “perfect”! They were ecstatic and could not stop praising and thanking God!

Shannon phoned me and asked if it would be a problem to set an extra place for Christmas dinner this year....I immediately said, “Shannon did you get a baby?” The joy was profound as Shannon said that the baby was born in Las Vegas, Nevada on November 2nd and they were planning to leave on Sunday to pick up their precious “bundle of joy” and they were thinking about naming her; Chloe Paige.

After we talked, I began to thank God for this great blessing and the thought came to mind about the little baby I prayed for the last nine months; “Sarah Marie”... who was to be born on November 1st... could this possibly be the little girl I was blessed to pray for and spiritually adopt – to save from abortion and be allowed to continue to live?

The following day I phoned Shannon to tell her about “Sarah Marie” and when Shannon heard this she responded, “you are not going to believe this – the birth parents had to name the baby and put her name on her birth certificate....and they named her; “Sarah Phoebe”!

Shannon said they would wait until they saw her to be sure of her name. Upon seeing her they decided they would name her Chloe Paige Robertson.

And I will call her Chloe Paige....and in my heart I will always wonder if she is Sarah Marie.... and in Heaven I will know for sure.