

CHAPTER FOUR

Apparitions of Jesus and Mary

The Blessed Virgin Mary and her Son, Jesus Christ, have appeared to many people all over the world throughout the last two thousand years. Here are a few of those occurrences.



Our Lady of Guadalupe, Guadalupe, Mexico, 1531.

Appeared to Juan Diego in 1531 several times for the purpose of converting the native peoples of South and Central America.



Our Lady of the Pillar, Saragosa, Spain, 40 A.D.
Appeared to St. James in 40 A.D. when he became disheartened at the 'failure' of his mission. Our Lady of the Pillar gave him a small wooden statue of herself. This is the oldest known apparition of the Blessed Virgin.



Our Lady of the Rosary, Prouille, France, 1208.

St. Dominic made his way to France and while praying in a chapel in Prouille, Mary appeared and gave him the rosary imploring him to spread it to others to utilize against heresy and sin.



**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mt. Carmel, England,
1251.**

In 1251, Our Lady appeared to St. Simon Stock as the Holy Virgin handed him the brown woolen scapular and promised that anyone who would wear it at the time of their death would not suffer eternal fire.



**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Rue de Bac, France,
1830.**

At 11:30 PM on July 18, 1830, St. Catherine Laboure¹ was awakened by an angel, who announced that Our Lady was going to soon appear in the convent chapel where she was to see her for the first of several visits. Mary asked Catherine to have an image of her made into a medal.



Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.



Our Lady of Lourdes, Lourdes, France, 1858.

The Blessed Virgin appeared to the young Bernadette Soubirous in the first of many apparitions which led to the discovery of a healing spring of water which is still in use today to heal the sick.



Our Lady of Fatima, Fatima, Portugal, 1917.

The Mother of God appeared to three peasant children with a series of prophetic messages and warnings, all of which came to pass just as she had foretold.



Visionaries of Fatima, Portugal.

Jacinta, Francesco, Lucia.



The crowd watching the miracle of the sun at Fatima.

The sun appeared to dance in the sky and then it came towards them as if it was going to hit the earth. Despite the fact that torrential rains had soaked everyone and everything before the miracle, afterwards everything was made perfectly dry.



Saint Faustina Kowalska standing beside the vision of the Divine Mercy of Christ, Plock, Poland, 1931.



Jesus, I Trust in You - the Divine Mercy image, Plock, Poland, 1931.

Sister Faustina Kowalska began having visions of Jesus Christ in her cell at the convent in Poland in 1931 wherein he gave her a series of revelations concerning the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other Devotions to invoke the Divine Mercy of God and conversion for sinners. This image is now venerated around the world and the Sunday after Easter has now been officially declared Divine Mercy Sunday by the Catholic Church.



"Whoever gazes upon Me
already consoles Me."
(Our Lord to Sister Pierina)

The Holy Face of Jesus.



Zeitoun, Egypt, 1968.

The Blessed Mother was witnessed by thousands and broadcast live on Egyptian television.

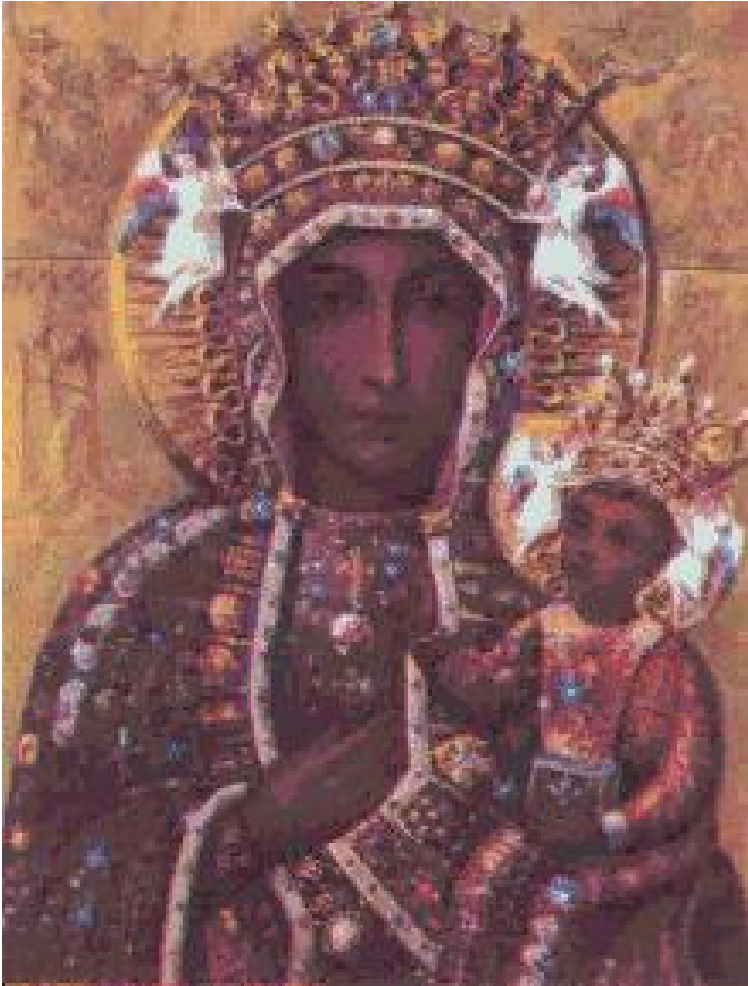


Garabandal, Spain , 1961, Visionaries - Conchita, Jacinta, Maria.

Three young visionaries had repeated visitations from the Blessed Virgin Mary. "She is dressed in a white robe with a blue mantle and a crown of golden stars. Her hands are slender. There is a brown scapular on her right arm, except when she carried the Child Jesus in her arms. Her hair, deep nut-brown, is parted in the center. Her face is long, with a fine nose. Her mouth is very pretty with lips a bit thin. She looks like a girl of eighteen. She is rather tall.

There is no voice like hers. No woman is just like her, either in the voice or the face or anything else. Our Lady manifested herself as Our Lady of Carmel."





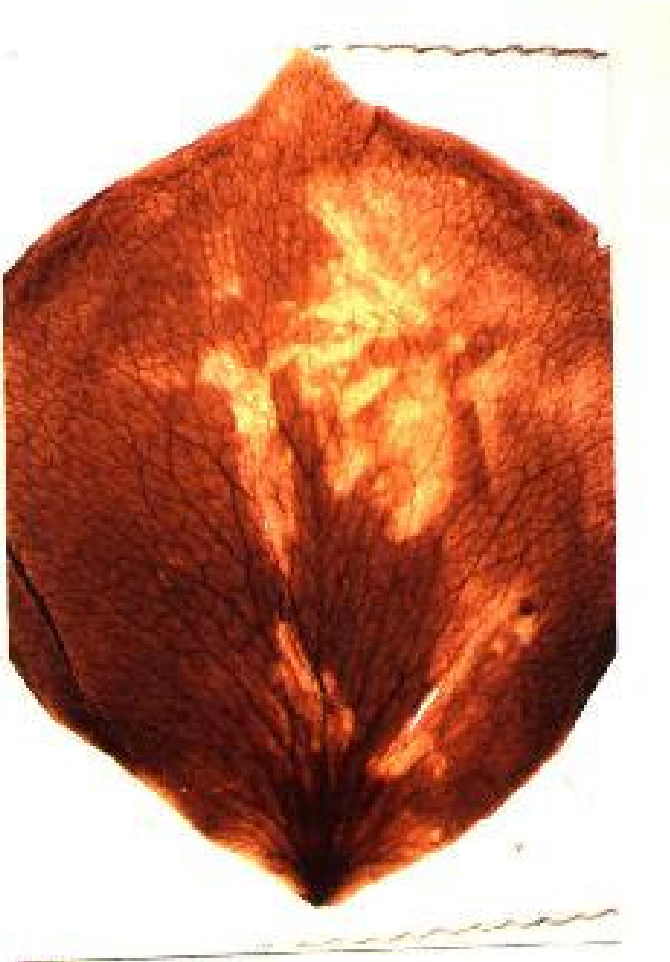
The Black Madonna, Czestochowa, Poland, Early Christian Era.

The Black Madonna was painted by St. Luke the Evangelist; and it was while painting the picture that Mary told him about the life of Jesus which he later incorporated into his gospel. The next mention of it occurs in 326 A.D. St. Helen found it in Jerusalem and gave it to her son and had a shrine built for it in Constantinople.



Our Lady of Good Counsel, Genazzano, Italy, 1467.

In the year 1467 on the feast of St. Mark during a Festival in Genazzano, Italy, a cloud came down from the sky and set itself upon a 5th century church in bad repair dedicated to Our Mother of Good Counsel. Whence the cloud disappeared, a small and very fragile picture of the Blessed Virgin with the Baby Jesus remained on a thin sheet of plaster, floating without support on a small ledge.



**Our Lady, Mediatrix of All Grace, Lipa, Philippines,
1948.**

Sister Teresita Castillo was praying in the convent garden when a vine began to shake. Our Lady approached her on a cloud, dressed in white, hands clasped with a golden Rosary dangling in her right hand. Many miraculous accounts abound regarding these visits, including the miraculous images that appeared on the showers of red rose petals in the garden.



**Our Lady of the Roses, Bayside, Queens, New York,
USA, 1970.**

Wife, mother of five children and a grandmother, Veronica Leukin was visited by Our Lady in her home telling her that she would soon appear on the grounds of the old St. Bellarmine Church in Bayside which she did. Vigils are still held there to cure the sick.



Our Lady of Soufanieh, Damascus, Syria, 1982

Myrna Nazzour receives messages from Our Lady of Soufanieh and Jesus. The icon of Our Lady oozes pure olive oil. The primary messages ask all of us to achieve unity of all Christian hearts and the feast of Easter.



**Our Lady of Peace, Medjugorje, Bosni-Herzegovina,
1981 and still going . . .**

Mary, Mother of God, has been appearing in a village to six visionaries - Ivan, Jakov, Marija, Mirjana, Vicka, and Ivanka. She says: " I have come to tell the world that God exists. He is the fullness of life, and to enjoy this fullness and peace, you must return to God." Coming with messages of peace and love, she also warns that we must convert.



Our Lady of Peace, Medjugorje.

This picture was taken by a tourist traveling towards Medjugorje. She noticed a pretty bush covered in red roses. When it was developed, Our Lady appeared in the photograph but the roses did not.



Conyers, Georgia, USA, 1990.

Nancy Fowler was experiencing despair when suddenly Jesus silently appeared to her and changed her life. In 1990, Our Holy Mother began to appear to her on October 13th of every year. She also receives daily private revelations. Healings at Conyers are for all Christians, and many Protestants have been healed along with Catholics.



Our Mother of the Eucharist, Rome, Italy, 1995.

Visionary Marisa Rossi has been the subject of many unusual visitations from Our Mother of the Eucharist. Holy Hosts suddenly become visible between her hands, and she's found hosts on flowers, plants, and statues.

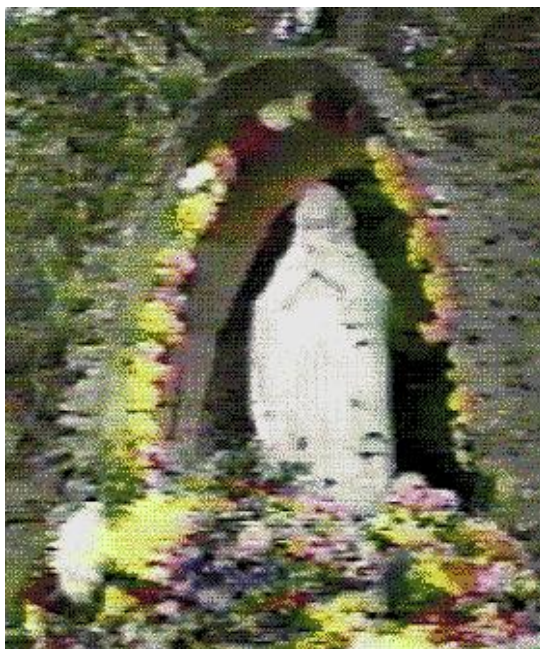


Our Lady of the Americas, Phoenix, AZ, USA, 1988.
Estela Ruiz receives monthly messages from Mary for the
world and wishes to be known as Our Lady of the
Americas.



**Virgin Appears on finance building, Clearwater, FL,
USA, 1996.**

More than 500,000 people came to see this image which appeared on the windows of the Seminole Finance Company of Clearwater, Florida. The image resembles, as can be plainly seen, the Blessed Virgin Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Our Lady of Reconciliation, Betania, Venezuela, 1976.



**Maria Esperanza Bianchini, Betania, Venezuela,
Visionary.**

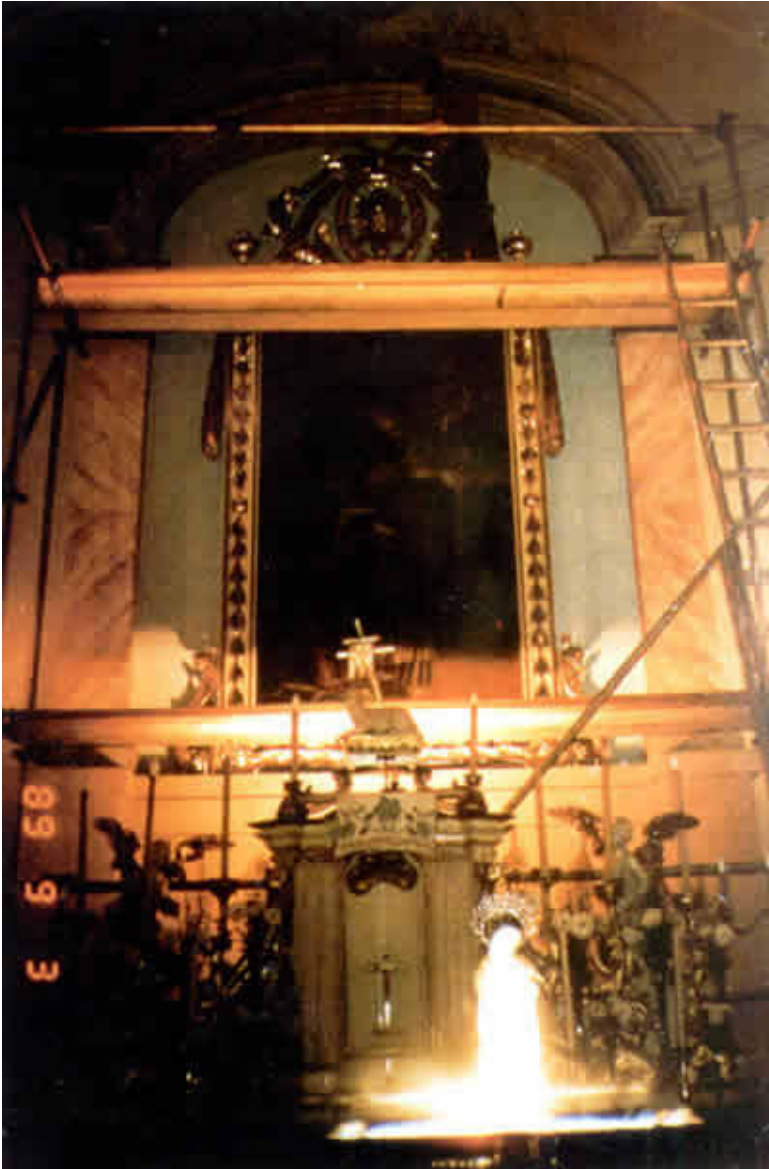
Maria received several visions of the Blessed Virgin. The first told her of that which was to come, the second came on the feast of the annunciation with this message: "I come to reconcile them, to seek them out, to give them faith,

which has disappeared in the noise and din of an atomic awakening which is at the point of bursting out. My message is of faith, love and hope. More than anything, it brings reconciliation between people and nations. It is the only thing that can save this century from war and eternal death...If a change does not come and a conversion of life, one will perish under the fire, war and death."

Think these apparitions
are something of the
past? Think again . . .

September 3, 1989

A man working on restorative work at this church in Hungary turned around and saw standing on the altar the Blessed Virgin behind him. He asked a photographer present who could not see her, to take his picture immediately. Although only the restorer could see her and the photographer could not when taking the photograph, she appeared in the picture when it was developed . . .



Our Lady of Hungary, 1989.