

First Holy Communion Devotional

First Name: Mrs. Rebecca Last Name: Grant

Devotion: Spiritual Work of Mercy - Pray for the living and the dead Date Completed: 4/16/23

Why did you choose this devotional?

I wanted to serve our parish community and chose this for our Divine Mercy Family Activity.

As you reflect on the devotional, how was Jesus present?

Check all the ways you encountered (e.g., saw, felt, heard) Jesus in this devotional:

- With your Physical Senses Which sense(s)? _____
Please describe how your physical sense(s) enabled you to encounter Jesus.

- Through Scripture Which verse(s)? _____
Please describe how Scripture led you to encounter Jesus.

- In a Person/People Who? the children and families who participated
Please describe how this person/people led you to encounter Jesus.

Seeing everyone, especially the young children, choose prayers and sacrifices to offer for the sick of our parish and be excited to pray for the deceased in our columbarium. ~~revealed to~~ showed me the beauty of the Mystical Body of Christ and how we are His hands and feet.

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Please describe how this group of people in need led you to encounter Jesus.

The sick were so thankful to receive the spiritual bouquets. Jesus showed me the importance of caring for the sick and the joy of comforting people in pain.

- In an Ordained Priest Which priest? _____
Please describe how this priest led you to encounter Jesus.

- In the Sacraments Which Sacrament(s)? _____
Please describe how the Sacrament(s) led you to encounter Jesus.

How can this devotional help you see Jesus more in your daily life?

When I offer a smile or say something kind to someone, I am part of Jesus' Mystical Body and share His love with that person.

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First Name: Mrs. Rebecca Last Name: Grant

Devotion: Spend 60 minutes with Jesus in Adoration Date Completed: 8/31/23

Why did you choose this devotional?

My friend and her husband have a weekly holy hour at St. Catherine. They were not able to go, so my husband and I went in their place.

As you reflect on the devotional, how was Jesus present?

Check all the ways you encountered (e.g., saw, felt, heard) Jesus in this devotional:

With your Physical Senses Which sense(s)? Sight
Please describe how your physical sense(s) enabled you to encounter Jesus.

I was gazing at Jesus in the Eucharist, trusting that the piece of bread truly was (is) His Body.

Through Scripture Which verse(s)? Lamentations 3:21-26, 31-33
Please describe how Scripture led you to encounter Jesus.

I was sad because something I really wanted didn't happen, and Jesus' words in Scripture comforted me.

In a Person/People Who? _____
Please describe how this person/people led you to encounter Jesus.

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- In the Poor, Imprisoned, Sick, & Dying Which group did you serve? _____
Please describe how this group of people in need led you to encounter Jesus.

- In an Ordained Priest Which priest? _____
Please describe how this priest led you to encounter Jesus.

- In the Sacraments Which Sacrament(s)? _____
Please describe how the Sacrament(s) led you to encounter Jesus.

How can this devotional help you see Jesus more in your daily life?

When I am sad, I can read Scripture to hear Jesus and to be comforted.

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First Name: Mrs. Rebecca Last Name: Grant

Devotion: Watch "The Chosen" Date Completed: 9/3/23

Why did you choose this devotional?

I wasn't interested in watching "The Chosen." My husband loves the show and kept asking me to watch with him. Now, I love "The Chosen"!

As you reflect on the devotional, how was Jesus present?

Check all the ways you encountered (e.g., saw, felt, heard) Jesus in this devotional:

- With your Physical Senses Which sense(s)? _____
Please describe how your physical sense(s) enabled you to encounter Jesus.

- Through Scripture Which verse(s)? Psalm 77
Please describe how Scripture led you to encounter Jesus.

The episode we watched included a full reading of Psalm 77. As the pharisee and women prayed over Eden, I felt like Jesus was speaking them to me!
The line that stood out to me was: what ^{god} ~~God~~ is great like my God."

- In a Person/People Who? Jesus (Jonathan Roumie)
Please describe how this person/people led you to encounter Jesus.

The man who plays Jesus really shows Jesus' humanity and personality.
The way he interacted with the disciples felt like I was one of them, like he was speaking directly to me, too.

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Please describe how this group of people in need led you to encounter Jesus.

- In an Ordained Priest Which priest? _____
Please describe how this priest led you to encounter Jesus.

- In the Sacraments Which Sacrament(s)? _____
Please describe how the Sacrament(s) led you to encounter Jesus.

How can this devotional help you see Jesus more in your daily life?

When I am with my friends and they try to cheer me up, I can see
Jesus' love in their care for me.

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First Name: Mrs. Rebecca Last Name: Grant

Devotion: Attend Mass while on vacation Date Completed: 9/24/23

Why did you choose this devotional?

My husband and I were travelling with friends, and we wanted to worship God while on our trip.

As you reflect on the devotional, how was Jesus present?

Check all the ways you encountered (e.g., saw, felt, heard) Jesus in this devotional:

With your Physical Senses Which sense(s)? sight
Please describe how your physical sense(s) enabled you to encounter Jesus.

I saw Jesus present in the Eucharist.

Through Scripture Which verse(s)? Isaiah 55:6-9 (First Reading)
Please describe how Scripture led you to encounter Jesus.

I have been praying with this passage at home. Hearing this at Mass felt like Jesus saying, "I really want you to hear this!!"

In a Person/People Who? a dad and his daughter
Please describe how this person/people led you to encounter Jesus.

There was a dad and daughter. The girl kept moving around and losing focus. The dad was very gentle with his daughter. This reminded me of how God the Father loves me.

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- In the Poor, Imprisoned, Sick, & Dying Which group did you serve? _____
Please describe how this group of people in need led you to encounter Jesus.

- In an Ordained Priest Which priest? Fr. Chris Bond
Please describe how this priest led you to encounter Jesus.

He really got into his homily and encouraged us. He showed us both the love of the father and Jesus' love for His bride, the Church, when he told us he wants us to go to Heaven.

- In the Sacraments Which Sacrament(s)? Eucharist
Please describe how the Sacrament(s) led you to encounter Jesus.

I received Jesus in the Eucharist. I didn't feel anything, but I know He still gives me Himself.

How can this devotional help you see Jesus more in your daily life?

I can seek out more opportunities to attend Mass.

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First Name: Mrs. Rebecca Last Name: Grant

Devotion: Pray a nine-day novena Date Completed: 9/30/23

Why did you choose this devotional?

I chose to pray the Surrender Novena because I've been feeling overwhelmed, stressed, and anxious

As you reflect on the devotional, how was Jesus present?

Check all the ways you encountered (e.g., saw, felt, heard) Jesus in this devotional:

With your Physical Senses Which sense(s)? _____
Please describe how your physical sense(s) enabled you to encounter Jesus.

Through Scripture Which verse(s)? Psalms 37:5,7,8
Please describe how Scripture led you to encounter Jesus.

Praying this novena reminded me of God's promises to act in Psalm 37.
Because the words of the novena lined up with truth in Scripture,
I could trust Jesus' words and promises in the novena.

In a Person/People Who? _____
Please describe how this person/people led you to encounter Jesus.

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- In the Poor, Imprisoned, Sick, & Dying Which group did you serve? _____
Please describe how this group of people in need led you to encounter Jesus.

- In an Ordained Priest Which priest? Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo
Please describe how this priest led you to encounter Jesus.

Through his deep faith and his writings, I encountered Jesus' desires
for me to grow in His love.

- In the Sacraments Which Sacrament(s)? _____
Please describe how the Sacrament(s) led you to encounter Jesus.

How can this devotional help you see Jesus more in your daily life?

When challenges come up during the day, I pause and say the words of the
novena: O Jesus, I surrender myself to You; take care of everything!
