

Christ the King

November 24th

Advent begins Dec 1-24th

Behind the parish church of San Giacomo (St. James) in Medjugorje, there is a beautiful tree-lined avenue which has been given the name of Via Domini.

Along this avenue are found panels with luminous mysteries of the Holy Rosary, which ends in a large space arranged for a place of silent prayer. In the center there is a large bronze sculpture depicting the Risen Christ, made in 1998 by the Slovenian sculptor Andrija Ajdič and loaned by him to the Church of Medjugorje.

It was placed on Easter day of 1998. The author of the bronze work, at first declared himself a bit 'disappointed in the choice of place, perhaps he expected to be located on the square in front of the church, or anyway closer to the Sanctuary. He thought, probably, that it would have been neglected by the pilgrims, but it was not so, in fact, in a few hours, it is necessary to make a long line, just to get closer to the statue.



The phenomenon of slowly, oozing, timid droplets of a water substance from the sculpture began and continues. Recently the prof. Giulio Fanti, professor of mechanical and thermal measurements at the University of Padua, a Shroud scholar, after observing the event said: "The liquid that escapes from the sculpture is 99 percent water, and contains traces of calcium, copper, iron, potassium, magnesium, sodium, sulfur and zinc. About half of the structure is hollow inside, and since the bronze shows various micro cracks, it is reasonable to think that the dripping is the result of condensation linked to the exchange of air. But the phenomenon also clearly presents very singular elements because, calculations in hand, from the statue comes out a liter of water a day, about 33 times the amount that we would expect from the normal condensation. Unexplained, even considering an air humidity rate of 100 percent. Moreover, it has been noted that some drops of this liquid, left to dry on a slide, present a particular crystallization, very different from that obtained from normal water".
<https://mysticpost.com/2018/08/medjugorje-the-unveiled-mysteries-of-the-statue-of-the-risen-christ/>



The Risen Christ is called, but in truth the intent of the sculptor was to merge the Crucifix with the Risen together, and in fact, by observing the sculpture we notice that Jesus is not crucified, and yet he is posed like a cross, and he is Resurrected, because he is standing, with the body imprint left on the ground.

Regarding his sculpture, Ajdič said: "This sculptural representation shows two different mysteries: in fact, my Jesus is raised and symbolizes at the same time Jesus on the cross, which remained on earth, and the Risen One, because he stands without a cross. I came to this idea quite by chance. While modeling something with clay, I was holding a crucifix that suddenly fell into the clay. I quickly removed the crucifix and I suddenly noticed the figure of Jesus that was imprinted in the clay".

With his great arms open to humanity, the great sculpture Risen Jesus recalls and welcomes every pilgrim and offers shelter and comfort to him. The sculptor wrapped the sides of Jesus with a piece of newspaper on which the Psalm 138 is printed.

* [Psalm 138] A thanksgiving to God, who came to the rescue of the psalmist. Divine rescue was not the result of the psalmist's virtues but of God's loving fidelity (Ps 138:1-3). The act is not a private transaction but a public act that stirs the surrounding nations to praise God's greatness and care for the people (Ps 138:4-5). The psalmist, having experienced salvation, trusts that God will always be there in moments of danger (Ps 138:7-8). <http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/138>



Christmas greetings to all our dear families, friends, benefactors and apostles of Our Lady Queen of Peace ... from Perla, MIC co-Founder

God mightily bless you! Another year gone by and Our Blessed Mothers presence through MEDJUGORJE is still with us in this most special and extraordinary way!

On this December 25, 2019 as we celebrate the Birth of her Son "Baby Jesus" ... May Our Blessed Mother Queen of Peace, Queen of the World, protect us with her mantle as she told us in her September 25th message "... Little children, you are also called to witness by living love with which, day by day, God wraps you with my presence ..."

We cannot receive a more precious gift than His Peace! It is my Christmas and New Year 2020 prayer that we allow ourselves to be penetrated with the Holy Spirit with faith, hope and most important be transformed into the love of her Son Jesus through her presence with us!

Hvaljen Isus i Maria ... Praise be Jesus and Mary

