**SATURDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

# AVE, REGINA CAELORUM

Once, we wrote: The antiphon to Mary, on which we will reflect in the coming Saturdays, is *Ave, Regina caelorum*. In its entirety, it reads as follows: *Ave, Regina caelorum, Ave, Domina Angelorum, Salve, radix, salve, porta ex qua mundo lux est orta. Gaude, Virgo gloriosa, super omnes speciosa, vale, o valde decora, et pro nobis Christum exora*. In Sacred Scripture, greetings often reveal the very essence of the person being addressed. Let us read the greeting of the Angel to the Virgin Mary: *In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man of the house of David, named Joseph. The virgin’s name was Mary. He came to her and said, ‘Rejoice, full of grace: the Lord is with you’* (Lk 1, 26–28). From this greeting, we come to know who the Virgin Mary truly is. She is full of grace. The Lord is with her. This is a truth. A certainty. It is not a wish, nor a prayer. It is the very essence of the Virgin Mary. At other times, the greeting reveals the essence of the one who offers it. Such is the case with the greeting of Jesus in the Upper Room after His glorious Resurrection.: *“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. (Jesus) said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." ”* (Jn 20,19-23). In this greeting Jesus reveals Himself to be the Giver of true peace. He also manifests Himself as the Giver of the Holy Spirit. He is also who bestows divine authority to his disciples. He gives them the authority to forgive sins. Thus acting, Jesus truly attests that He is made by the Father Lord of his grace and truth.

This is how the Church greets the Virgin Mary: Hail, Queen of Heaven. Who are the Heavens? The Heavens are the Heavenly Father, His Only Begotten Son incarnate, crucified and risen, the Holy Spirit, all the Angels, and all the souls of the saints and the blessed. The Heavens are simply God and His Kingdom of light, truth, grace, justice, holiness. Well then! Of this Kingdom, the Virgin Mary is proclaimed Queen. But be careful! The Virgin Mary is Queen more than any other queen on earth, and in a completely different way. She is the Queen who presides over the entire heavenly court, over all the ranks of Heaven, over all the Angels and Saints. Not only that, She is the Queen through whom all the grace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts. She is the Queen who truly reigns over Heaven and earth. From her hands, God causes the fountain of His blessing to flow, the rays of His eternal charity, the sources of His mercy, the fruits of His infinite pity for man to be redeemed, saved, justified, sanctified, uplifted, and led into eternal glory. This is the glory the Heavenly Father wanted for the Mother of His Divine Son. He made her His Queen. Heaven lacked a Queen, and He created Her—beautiful, wonderful, full of grace, shining with holiness, clothed with the sun, crowned with twelve stars, with the moon beneath her feet, the entire universe in her hands. We can apply to the Virgin Mary what the Psalm sings, but in an infinitely higher, divine, and transcendent way: *“All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia; from palaces adorned with ivory the music of the strings makes you glad. Daughters of kings are among your honored women; at your right hand is the royal bride in gold of Ophir. Listen, daughter, and pay careful attention: Forget your people and your father’s house. Let the king be enthralled by your beauty; honor him, for he is your lord. The city of Tyre will come with a gift, people of wealth will seek your favor. All glorious is the princess within her chamber; her gown is interwoven with gold. In embroidered garments she is led to the king; her virgin companions follow her— those brought to be with her. Led in with joy and gladness, they enter the palace of the king”.* (Psal 45 (44) 9-16). The mystery surrounding the Mother of Godi s great. She is Queen of Heaven today and in eternity. The Almighty has truly done great things for Her.

Now we add: This faith must be planted in every heart and nourished so that it may bear true fruits for the entire humankind. True faith is born from true faith. False faith makes false faith. Heretical faith produces heretical faith in hearts. Sick faith bears sick faith as its fruit. No one can give true faith if their own is deeply tainted with every falsehood, every error, every confusion. Why do we need to place our most pure faith in the Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven? Because the most pure faith in Christ Jesus will be born from the most pure faith in the Mother of God and our Mother. Whoever truly loves the Mother of God will love Christ the Lord in the most pure truth with her help. Mother and Son are one single faith, one single love, one single light. If we fall from the light of Mary, we will fall from the light of Christ Jesus. If we live with hypocritical faith, masked faith, adulterated faith, stained faith in Christ Jesus, we will also live with hypocritical faith, masked faith, adulterated faith, stained faith in the Virgin Mary. No one can live with most pure faith in Mary unless they live with most pure faith in Christ Jesus. No one can live with most pure faith in Christ Jesus unless they live with most pure faith in the Virgin Mary. Because today the faith in Christ Jesus in so many Christians is false, the faith in our Mother is false, too. She came about fifty years ago to tell us that the world had forgotten the Word of the Son. People were living with false faith not only in Christ Jesus but also in the Virgin Mary. They are one single faith. Whoever lives with false faith in Christ Jesus will infallibly also live with false faith in the Virgin Mary. The world without the Gospel, the world without true faith rebelled and fought with violent hatred to destroy her coming among us, declaring it untrue. Once we also had sick faith in Christ and in His Mother. His Mother came into our lives with might and turned our sick faith into true faith, just as Jesus turned Saul of Tarsus’s sick faith into purest faith, making him an Apostle. Because of this transformation that radically changed our life—from a life without the Gospel to a life of the Gospel in the Gospel, a life of the Word in the Word—we can testify with absolute truth, witnessed by our own history, that She truly came, She truly descended, and She truly brought the Holy Spirit into our hearts just as she brought Him into the house of Zechariah. For this gift, we bless Her and exalt Her forever and ever. **25 May 2025**