

# Our Lady Mary Rosa Mystica



## THE HOUR OF GRACE

History of the Apparitions:

The Virgin appeared to Pierina Gilli, born on August 3, 1911, who worked as a nure, like Rosa Mystica. The apparitions are separated in two stages:

- 1- The first in MONTICHIARI, ITALY.
- 2- Later, in the countryside near FONTANELLE (small fountain).

During the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Apparitions in Montichiari, the Blessed Mother of God reveals herself to Pierina as the Immaculate Conception, and requests that in the Solemnity of December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we celebrate the HOUR OF GRACE from 12:00 – 1:00 pm.

The following are the details of the Apparitions:

### **Fifth Apparition on 22nd November, 1947**

Pierina asked: "What do we have to do to fulfill your demands for prayer and penance?" Our Lady replied full of tenderness: "*Prayer*". After a short, silent pause, She explained: "*Penance means to accept every day all the little crosses and the duties too, in the spirit of penance.*" Thereupon She promised solemnly: "*On the 8th December, at noon, I shall appear again here in the Basilica. IT WILL BE THE HOUR OF GRACE.*"

Pierina asked: "Please explain to me the meaning of Hour of Grace".

*"This Hour of Grace will produce great and numerous conversions. Hardened and cold hearts resembling this marble will be touched by divine Grace, and they will become faithful to Our Lord in loyal love."*

### **Sixth Apparition on 7th December, 1947**

Our Lady, the "Mystical Rose", wore a white cloak which was held by a boy at the right-hand side, and by a girl on the left-hand side. Our Lady said: "*I shall show my heart tomorrow of which the people know so little. In Fatima I asked that the devotion to my heart be spread.* - And with an ever-sweeter voice She went on: - *I wanted to bring my heart into Christian families in Bonate (near Bergamo, Italy) - and after a brief pause She added: - Here, in Montichiari, I wish to be venerated as the "ROSA MYSTICA" as already indicated so often, together with the devotion to my heart which must be specially practiced in religious institutes so that they may obtain more graces through my motherly heart."*

Our Lady then confided a secret to Pierina with the promise that She would tell her the time for the secret to be made public. Pierina also wanted to know who the children were. Our Lady replied:

*"Jacinta and Francisco; they will help you in your trials and suffering. They too, suffered. I wish from you the simplicity and goodness of these two children."*

Our Lady then spread out Her arms as a sign of Her protection, lifted Her eyes to Heaven and disappeared with the words: *"Praised be the Lord!"*

### **Seventh Apparition on 8th December, 1947**

On this great feast countless priests were present. It was only with a great deal of effort that Pierina was able to get into the Basilica. She knelt in the center of the church, just where the other apparitions had taken place. During the recitation of the Holy Rosary, Pierina called out: "O, Our Lady!" Great silence ensued! Our Lady appeared on a large white staircase, decorated with a white, red and yellow roses. She said with a smile: *"I am the Immaculate Conception."* - And descending several steps with great majesty She continued: - *"I am Mary, full of grace, Mother of My Divine Son Jesus Christ"*. - Descending even more, She said: - *"Through my coming to Montichiari, I wish to be known as the "ROSA MYSTICA"*

*"It is my wish that every year, on 8th December, at noon, the "HOUR OF GRACE FOR THE WORLD" be celebrated. Many divine and bodily graces will be received through this devotion."*

*"Our Lord, my Divine Son Jesus, will send His overflowing mercy if good people will pray continuously for their sinful brothers."*

*"One should very soon notify the Holy Father of the Church, Pope Pius XII, that it is my wish that the **HOUR OF GRACE FOR THE WORLD** be made known and spread throughout the world. If anyone is unable to visit his church, yet will pray at noon at home, he will also receive graces through me. Whoever prays on these tiles and weeps tears of penance, will find a secure heavenly ladder and receive protection and grace through my motherly heart."*

Then Our Lady showed Pierina her heart and said: - *"Look at this heart which loves mankind so very much, but most people only shower offenses upon it. If the good and the bad unite in prayer, they will obtain mercy and peace through this heart. The Lord is still protecting the good and is holding back a great punishment because of my intercession."* - Our Lady smiled

again and went on: - *"Soon one will recognize the greatness of this Hour of Grace."*

When Pierina saw that Our Lady was going to depart, she said: "Dear Lady, I thank you! Bless my homeland Italy and the whole world, but especially the Holy Father, the priests, the religious, and the sinners." Our Lady replied: *"I have already prepared a flood of graces for all the children who listen to my words and keep them in their hearts."*

She assured Pierina that she would return at a suitable time when the Secret entrusted to her, would be made public through the Ecclesiastical authority. Our Lady then said 'good-bye'. Pierina withdrew to a convent where, hidden from the world, she served in the kitchen and where she waited in silence for the hour which, as promised, came after 19 years, on White Sunday (Sunday after Easter), 17th April, 1966, in Fontanelle, a settlement of only a few houses spread around and situated about 2-3 km outside Montichiari. Our Blessed Lady kept her promise.