

The True Abbess

Our Lady appeared to Mother Mariana as Queen Mother, holding her Infant King, bearing a scepter with a ring on her finger, symbols of abbatial authority. She directed that her statue be placed above the abbess’



chair, reminding the sisters who was their true abbess. In 2017, the current abbess, Mother Angela Maria Flores Romero, established the English title as “Our Lady of Buen Suceso of the Presentation,” retaining the original Spanish words and emphasizing the mystery *The Presentation*. Mary’s role as Queen Mother, with full authority, was confirmed when she presented her Child in the temple. Mother Angela wrote of Our Lady’s complete offering of herself: “Christ the Redeemer offering Himself; the Co-Redemptrix (the Virgin Mother of God) offering Christ ... *This is the greatest sacrifice to ever take place in the temple.*”

A Victim Soul for the 20th Century

Mary revealed to Mother Mariana the grave apostasies that would take place 400 years in the future. Mother Mariana saw Christ crucified with three swords over His head, and this inscription: “I will punish heresy, blasphemy, and impurity.” She heard the voice of the Eternal Father: “these punishments are for the 20th Century,” and then Most Holy Virgin spoke: “My daughter, will you sacrifice yourself for this people?”

Crimes against Children and the Eucharist

On January 21, 1610, Our Lady prophesied that “in the late 19th and shortly after the middle of the 20th centuries [the 1960s] ... there will be a total corruption of customs, for Satan will reign almost completely by means of the Masonic Sects. They will focus principally on the children in order to sustain this general corruption. Woe to the children of these times! How deeply I grieve to manifest to you the many enormous sacrileges—both public as well as secret—that will occur from profanation of the Holy Eucharist.”

The Sanctuary Lamp Extinguished

In the last apparition, Feb 2, 1634, Mother Mariana was praying before the Blessed Sacrament when the Sanctuary lamp went out, leaving her in darkness, indicating the demise of the Church in the 20th Century. A worldwide campaign against the virtue of chastity would ruin youth. “There will be almost no virgin souls in the world,” Our Lady said. “Evil will invade childhood innocence. In this way, vocations to the priesthood will be lost.”

“My Immaculate Heart will Triumph”

Our Lady, however, spoke words of hope. She predicted that “the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception would be proclaimed during a time when the Church will be strongly attacked, and my Vicar will find himself a prisoner” (Pius IX, who declared the Dogma, died ‘a prisoner in the Vatican’ in 1878). She predicted the Dogma of the Assumption (1950) and said, “I will preserve this Church, so beloved by Me, until the consummation of time. It will be strongly attacked, but never conquered. For, if men are lacking, from Heaven will I send legions of Angels for its conservation, defense and triumph.”

Our Lady of Good Success Historical Facts and Essential Messages of Our Lady in 1610



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Welcome to Our Lady’s Shrine here in San Francisco. In this pamphlet, prepared by our pastor, Fr. Joseph Illo, you will learn the basic facts and message of this apparition. You are encouraged to spend some time in quiet prayer and perhaps go to confession. Please keep a reverent silence in the Church, especially when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

Star of the Sea Church

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What: Apparitions to a Franciscan Sister

Where: Quito, Ecuador

When: 1594-1634

To Whom: Mother Mariana de Jesús

The messages of Our Lady in Quito 400 years ago were little known until recently, for they were meant for the 20th century. Some Marian apparitions become known only when they are needed. The first apparition of Our Lady seems to have been to St. James around the year 40 AD, known as



Shrine of Our Lady of the Pillar, Zaragoza, Spain

“Our Lady of the Pillar.” Jesus’ mother “bilocated” to Spain, while she was living in Ephesus, to encourage the Apostle James. Our Lady has “bilocated” from her home in heaven many times since her Assumption, but many apparitions are little known. In 2017, I came across “Our Lady of Laus” while in France, where Mary appeared to a young shepherdess in 1664. She asked that a Eucharistic adoration chapel be built, *with a house for priests to hear confessions*. The apparitions at Laus are becoming more known today because we have lost faith in the Eucharist and rarely go to confession. In 1634, Our Lady of Good Success foretold the great apostasies of the 20th century, to help us today.

¿ “Buen Suceso” = “Good Success” ?

Before we get to the apparitions of “Our Lady of Good Success” to Mother Mariana de Jesús Torres, we need a little background about this particular title of Our Lady. First, *suceso* in Spanish does not mean “success” as we understand it in English; it means “occurrence” or “event,” as in *¿qué sucedió?* = “what happened?” The title could be better translated into English as “Our Lady of the Good Event,” and the “event” referred to is Jesus’ *Presentation in the Temple*, which we celebrate on February 2 (also the feast day of Our Lady of Good Success). But where did this unusual title of Our Lady come from?

“Good Events” on a Pilgrimage

According to a tradition, about the year 1567 two friars were on pilgrimage from Madrid to Rome, seeking approval for their reform movement within the Franciscan Order (the *Minims* or “littlest ones”). A sudden storm in the mountains forced them to seek refuge in a cave. They found the inside brilliantly lit and adorned with flowers around a smallish statue of Our Lady holding Jesus. The brothers waited out the storm, and then took the statue with them to Rome. Pope Paul V was disarmed by the humble friars, their story, and their charming statue. *Truly God has blessed your pilgrimage, he said. He has made of your journey a good event indeed!* The Pope granted approval to the new Order and named their statue *Buen Suceso*. The brothers brought their statue back to Madrid, placed it in their hospital church, and named it *Nuestra Señora del Buen Suceso*. There they served the sick under Our Lady’s maternal protection. Our Lady would appear in Ecuador 30 years later under this same title to warn of apostasies that would decimate the church in our own times.

Apparitions in Quito, 1594-1634

From 1570, devotion to Our Lady of the Good Event of the Purification spread through Spain and its colonies. In 1580, a Franciscan convent was established in Quito, in which Mother Mariana de Jesús Torres served as abbess for seven terms. From 1594 to 1634, Our Lady visited and spoke with her under the title of *Buen Suceso*. In 1611, the local bishop declared that these apparitions and messages were authentic.



The Statue

Our Lady had been asking Mother Mariana to have a statue made that would portray the revelations she was receiving. Our Lady herself named the artist: Francisco Castillo, not only an exceptional sculptor but also a holy man of God. Nevertheless, Our Lady had made it clear that she herself would see to the completion of the statue. On January 16, 1611, the sisters brought the unfinished statue into the choir loft to pray for its completion. Later that night, seeing a brilliance from the loft, they witnessed the archangels Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel, with St. Francis. They bowed to the Holy Trinity, saluted Our Lady, and then finished the work. The statue became animated, and Our Lady sang the Magnificat as a light more powerful than the sun shone around her. This consolation prepared Mother Mariana to offer herself as expiation for the apostasies of Catholics in our time.