

# The Life of St. Gemma Galgani

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St. Gemma Galgani (1878-1903) was a mystic, stigmatist, visionary, ecstatic, victim soul, discerner of spirits, seer of hidden things, prophetess, spouse of Christ, zealot for souls and devotee of the Poor Souls in Purgatory. She died at only 25. Her mother was also saintly, and it is beautiful to see how she helped cultivate this lily of purity. See how Gemma made great sacrifices painful to human nature from her tenderest years. Inspiring and edifying!  
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The Venerable Father Germanus Ruoppolo, C.P., was a Passionist priest and author of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Born in 1850 at Naples, he was noted for his service as St. Gemma Galgani's spiritual director, a practice which he began in 1900. He was also a highly-esteemed theologian, practicing great piety, and authored many works on such subjects as philosophy, theology and mathematics. After St. Galgani's death, he took it upon himself to compose *The Life of St. Gemma Galgani*, which was published in 1914 with the Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur. Father Germanus died on the eleventh of December, 1909.

#### Other Books

*For the Life of the World*. In his previous book, *Breakfast on the Beach*, Rev. Dr. Johannes W. H. van der Bijl retold the gospel narrative through the eyes of Simon Peter, inviting us to experience Jesus's life and ministry anew. Now, in *For the Life of the World*, van der Bijl continues the story, following the disciples on their journey as they become disciple-makers and fulfil the Great Commission, expanding the kingdom of God into every corner of the earth. This book weaves together New Testament accounts from Acts and the Epistles with early church writings and tradition to give us a glimpse into the life of Peter in the aftermath of Jesus's death, resurrection, and ascension. Once again, van der Bijl reminds us that the disciples were not storybook saints but flesh and blood men and women of faith, whose calling to obedience, transformation, and multiplication is no different than our own. This refreshing narrative approach provides an accessible introduction to the New Testament for seekers and new believers, while also providing church leaders and lifelong Christians the opportunity to re-encounter the transformative power of Jesus's ministry and the calling to replicate it in our own lives and times.

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